



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent Year C

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**'Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'**

**We pray for God's blessing on all Mothers today!**

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

### Communion Antiphon:

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



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**We are pleased to inform you all Masses at the Cathedral will be live streamed. Please visit our website for details.**

All Ceremonies are open to the public, unless otherwise stated. Please check the Cathedral website homepage for changes and if in doubt refresh the page to see most up to date notices.

**MANY COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.**

**Mass Times: 26<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

- Sat 26 Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
**‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’**  
4.30pm People of the Parish
- Sun 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
**Celebrant: Fr Christ Marshall**  
9.30am Mickey Flaherty RIP  
11.30am Angela Eke RIP  
1.30pm Baptism – Molly Loughran-Smith
- Mon 28 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Deceased Barlow & Hazelwood Families
- Tue 29 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Louise Tehan RIP
- Wed 30 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Intentions of Canon Jonathan Veasey
- Thurs 31 Lent Feria**  
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
- Friday 1 Lent Feria**  
8.00am Special Intention  
12.15pm Baby Evie Parker (Anniv.)
- Sat 2 Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
**‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’**  
4.30pm Tom Roche RIP
- Sun 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)**  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Erland Peiris RIP  
5.00pm Harp & Choir Concert

***The God Who Speaks*** – Next Sunday’s Readings:  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C):**  
**Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**The Birmingham Clean Air Zone:** Please check whether you need to pay this charge when coming to St Chad’s : [www.brumbreathes.co.uk](http://www.brumbreathes.co.uk)

**Lent at the Cathedral:**  
**Friday – Extra 8.00am Mass**  
**Stations of the Cross** will take place in the Cathedral at 11.30am each Friday during Lent.  
**Friday Confession Times:** Every Friday during Lent, Confessions will be heard **after** Mass only.  
What are you doing to make Lent different?

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March:  
For a Christian response to bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Mgr. John Heslin, Fr. Gabby Maguire, Fr. David Lloyd, Fr Laurence Crowe, Angela Eke, Teresa Torri, Sheila Moss, and victims of COVID, natural disaster and conflicts especially in Ukraine.

**Those who are ill:** Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Ray Norris, Harpal, Baby George, Finn and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mgrs: Henry Davis, John Welch & Daniel Leonard. Canon: Brian Withers; Frs.: John McManus, Thomas Cockburn, Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan & Philip O’Reilly. Also: Neil Chapman, William Smith, Carole Beauchamp, Agatha Maher, Louise Tehan, Barbara Saint, Mary Lennon, Eileen Keily, Paddy Butler, Thomas Bates & Hugh O’Connor.

**Day Retreat – Meeting Jesus at the Well**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 10am – 3pm Selly Park**  
Conference Centre, Selly Park Road, B29 7LL  
Early Booking charge £7. Limited Numbers.  
Cost includes drinks, soup and bread lunch.  
Please register via:  
[oconnorannam@gmail.com](mailto:oconnorannam@gmail.com)

**Walsingham Pilgrimage 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Mass of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles. Mass will be at 1pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation, followed by procession to the Priory Grounds for prayer at the site of the Holy House.  
If you would like to take part in this pilgrimage as a day trip to East Anglia, please send an email to: [stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

**New Ways of Giving and Supporting your Cathedral:** It couldn’t be simpler. Just point your smartphone camera at the code below, wherever you are, and it will take you to a giving page.



**Seating Arrangements:** People can now choose to sit socially distanced everywhere to the left of the main aisle or closer together on the right of the main aisle. The stewards/volunteers will continue to guide people to their seats. Face coverings remain for all.

**Sacred Heart Parish Aston** –Weekend Masses there are Saturday 12.30pm and Sunday 10am. You are most welcome.

**THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER**

**EVENTS**

### Holy Week Ceremonies at St Chad's Cathedral:

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please note the following dates and times for the days of Holy Week and pray for those adults who will receive Sacraments that week:

Holy Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> April) Mass at 7.30pm

Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) Liturgy at 3pm

Holy Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> April) Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April) Masses 9.30 & 11.30.

**Responding to Archbishop Bernard's vision for the Archdiocese - [Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#).**

#### Diocesan Vision Prayer –

Spirit of God,

descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,

the Spirit of hope to inspire me,

the Spirit of love to surround me and

the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,

I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.

Strengthen and defend me,

so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always

to be a channel of grace

in all I say and do

and invite others into relationship with you.

Amen

#### Restoration of the Stations of the Cross:

Thank you to those who have been able to donate – whatever amount. It is hoped that donations will be secured to restore all 14 Stations. Each Station will cost approximately £4000 to be treated. If you are able to support this project, please contact Fr Tim at:

[dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

**Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer** – This promises to be an important year for this project and you are asked to support it together with Christians around our country and beyond. How can you support it?

- 1) Financially – see website below
- 2) By Prayer
- 3) By sending in real answers to prayer that you have experienced in your life.

[www.thewall.org.uk](http://www.thewall.org.uk).

**The CCTV System operates 24 hours a day. This is in place for the safety of people, protection of property and crime prevention. Inquiries: 0121 230 6216 / 0121 230 6211**



### Summer Events at St Chad's Cathedral –

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.* Pentecost Sunday Mass at which we shall also commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.* Solemn Mass and Consecration of the Altar in St Chad's Cathedral.

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Corpus Christi Masses & Procession*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Flower Festival.*

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm – An Ecumenical Celebration to mark the beginning of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Midlands*

**Time To Reflect** – The **Cathedral Corner** focuses on the Season of Lent.

**Liturgy & Scripture Booklet** for Lent is also available on the Cathedral Website.

#### St Chad's Sanctuary – our parish charity.

Thank you for the generosity you have shown recently by bringing items for the Sanctuary and by donating financially to its work. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated, especially most by those you might never meet, but whose lives are changed for the better by our love of neighbour: [www.stchadssanctuary.com](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com). Donations for the Sanctuary can be given in here at the Cathedral at any time and will be passed on.

Click on the Sanctuary button on our Cathedral website homepage to see the current needs.

*I was a stranger and you made me welcome!*

The displacement of people from their homeland is very much in our awareness at present. May God accompany those who flee in danger but also with hope.

#### An Evening of Worship & Prayer at St Chad's Cathedral with Sarah Kroger – 12<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - 8.30pm.

There is no charge for this event. For more information, please visit [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision** – As parishes, schools, organisations and individuals across the Archdiocese have now submitted their responses, a new phase of the Diocesan process begins. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick is coordinating a project of gathering and reading the responses and is sharing that task widely to get the most out of the opportunity.

From a parish perspective, it has been really interesting to read some of the feedback and it is intended that we can look in more detail at what people have said so that we can respond in due course and incorporate changes.

**The Basilican Magazine** The new edition of the Cathedral's Basilican Magazine is now on sale. The cost of the Magazine is £5, which all goes towards supporting the Cathedral. It is on sale in St Paul's Bookshop or please contact Anne Symonds at [annets103@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) who can arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

**Please don't leave your belongings unattended at any time.**

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



**An Induction Loop System** is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.



**The programme for Masses is:**

**Monday to Friday 12.15pm (Extra 8am Mass on Fridays during Lent)**

**Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – Confessions after Mass**

**Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am**

**The Cathedral will be open on weekdays from 11.00am and close at 2.00pm (Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available from 11.30am – 12noon.)**

*Weekend Masses will be as follows:*

*Saturday 4.30pm; Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am. Please note these changes.*

***The Cathedral will be open half an hour before each weekend Mass and will close soon after the conclusion of Mass.***

**Holy Communion – Due to the prevailing risk, the norm for receiving Communion remains on the hand. For those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come to the altar when the rest of the congregation has received communion, as the Minister of Holy Communion will need to sanitise his/her hands after every person receiving on the tongue.**

The Bishops of England and Wales wish to make it clear that there remains no obligation for your attendance at Mass on Sunday. Therefore, you are most welcome at Mass on any day of the week.

We shall not operate any booking system. Please come to Mass if you wish to and feel safe to. We apologise in advance if you come to the Cathedral and we have already reached capacity. However, we hope that the number of Masses across the week will enable anybody who wishes to come, to be present at least once a week as everybody who wishes can hope to make a safe return to the celebration of Mass.

**FOLLOWING THE RECENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SAFETY FOR ALL CONCERNED WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT ALL THOSE COMING IN TO THE CATHEDRAL MUST WEAR SOME FORM OF FACE COVERING WHICH YOU BRING YOURSELF AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

**At present, we must inform you that the following conditions remain in place at the Cathedral:**

**Toilet facilities – please speak to a Steward who will direct you to the toilets in the Reception area and return with you to the Cathedral.**

**Holy Water will be available in the side vestibules or if you require some for home, please speak to a Steward.**

**No gathering for conversation before or after Mass**

**Votive candle lighting is available**

**Mass Cards – During our opening hours the Stewards will assist with the signing of Mass cards in the Cathedral.**

**You are asked to cooperate fully with the staff and stewards who will show you to a designated seat in the Cathedral.**

The capacity for seating in this new arrangement in the Cathedral is **50 individual seats**.

The safety of those who come as well as the safety of our staff is our highest priority at this time.

**Please do not come to the Cathedral if you present any symptoms of the coronavirus or are living in a house with anybody who presents symptoms.**

Every person entering the Cathedral is asked to take personal responsibility for respecting social distancing and the wellbeing of others as well as themselves. Please cooperate with the test & trace procedures when coming to the Cathedral. **NHS Test and Trace** is a key part of the country's ongoing COVID-19 response. If we can rapidly detect people who have recently come into close contact with a new COVID-19 case, we can take swift action to minimise transmission of the virus. **The NHS COVID-19 app** has a feature that allows users to quickly and easily 'check in' to your venue by scanning the code. The information stays on the user's phone. In England, you do not have to ask people who choose to 'check in' using the official NHS QR code to provide their contact details. If there is an outbreak associated with a venue, a message will be sent to the relevant app users with the necessary public health advice. By displaying an official NHS QR poster, you will help NHS Test and Trace to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the virus. This will help to avoid the reintroduction of lockdown measures and support the country to return to, and maintain, a more normal way of life. You can read further information on [how NHS Test and Trace works](#).

For any enquiries about any of the above information, please contact:

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May God bless you.