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First Sunday in Lent Year C

6th March 2022

'Day for prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

First Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live on bread alone, but every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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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: 5th March – 13th March 2022

Sat 5 Vigil for First Sunday of Lent (C)
'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

4.30pm In Thanksgiving

Sun 6 First Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Kitty Woodgate
11.30am People of the Parish
3.00pm Rite of Election

Mon 7 Lent Feria

12.15pm Nora English

Tue 8 Lent Feria

12.15pm Mia O'Shea RIP

Wed 9 Lent Feria

12.15pm Harry Windle RIP

Thurs 10 Lent Feria

12.15pm Alan Mangan RIP

Friday 11 Lent Feria

8.00am Judy Corkley
12.15pm Joan Moore RIP

Sat 12 Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent (C)

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

4.30pm Terry Allford RIP

Sun 13 Second Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am May Rice RIP

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C):

Genesis 15:5-12; Ps 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1;

Luke 9:28-36

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

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.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS

AND OTHER EVENTS 

**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, Teresa Torri, Sheila Moss, Jaime Carreon, Oscar Lavilla, and victims of COVID, natural disaster and conflicts. We pray for peace in the world during these days.

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

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop David Cashman. Mgr. Daniel Kelly. Canon Raymond Walsh. Frs.: Vaughan Lloyd, Anthony Sims, Michael Crumpton, William Madden, Patrick Maguire and Andrew Brennan. Deacon Thomas Ashcroft. Also: Mary Conroy, Alan Thorne, Christina Chiang, Kitty O'Neil and John Thomas.

Volunteer for CAFOD – This weekend we have an appeal on behalf of CAFOD. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with birmingham@cafod.org.uk
Tel: 07919 045658.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to support CAFOD's work through the Lent Family Fast Day (11th March) and by supporting the CAFOD *Walk Against Hunger* in which a number of our parishioners are participating and you can sponsor them or join them!

Second Collection – This Sunday will be for **Cathedral Maintenance**. Thank you.

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.



Lent at the Cathedral:

Extra Morning Mass on Fridays at 8am

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?

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

The strength of Archbishop Bernard's call to ordinary Catholics to be part of the Vision for the future of our Archdiocese depends on the reflection of each person on the Vision and what it means in their life.

Please visit the Vision pages in the coming days as resources have been added to lead you through the Season of Lent. Now is the time to think what you will do for Lent this year.

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

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.

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



Sacred Heart Parish and School, Aston –Weekend Masses there are Saturday 12.30pm and Sunday 10am. You are most welcome to visit another beautiful church!

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.

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

Liturgy & Scripture Booklet for the month of March 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. 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 for the weekly newsletter.

I was a stranger and you made me welcome!

Think about all of your possessions and all the people you hold dear. Imagine leaving them all behind in hope of a better life that might not be what you hoped for.

Diocesan Ministry for Young People – For details of all that is happening for young people in our Archdiocese, www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or @thekenelmyt

St Chad's Catholic Primary School - Congratulations to the children of St Chad's School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David Evans in the Cathedral on the Feast of St Chad last week.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 14th 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. For further Information contact Fr Phillip Griffin – 01384 395308 or email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

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.