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Second Sunday of Easter

24th April 2022



'Divine Mercy Sunday'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



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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: 23rd April – 1st May 2022

- Sat 23 Easter Saturday (C)**
12.30pm Memorial Mass for Clemence Douglas RIP
4.30pm Bishop Leo McCarty RIP
- Sun 24 Second Sunday of Easter (C)**
9.30am For the people of Ukraine
in that country & beyond
11.30am People of the Parish
- Mon 25 Feast of St Mark**
12.15pm Mrs. Patricia Haig and family
- Tue 26 Solemnity of St George**
12.15pm Special Intention - Finn
- Wed 27 Easter Feria**
12.15pm Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
- Thurs 28 Easter Feria**
12.15pm Ints of Mgr. McHugh
- Friday 29 Feast of St Catherine of Siena**
'Day of prayer for Europe'
12.15pm Bridie Madden
- Sat 30 Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter**
4.30pm Angela Eke RIP
- Sun 1 Third Sunday of Easter**
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Mattie Collins

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 5:27-32. 40-41; Ps 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14;
John 21:1-14

www.godwhospeaks.uk

Seating Arrangements: Please respect our stewards and volunteers who will continue to guide people to their seats. While we might attempt to provide some social distancing, the growing numbers at weekend Masses will not make this possible all the time.

Face coverings remain for all.

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

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS

AND OTHER EVENTS 

An Evening of Worship & Prayer at St Chad's Cathedral with Sarah Kroger – 12th May 7pm - 8.30pm. No charge.
For more information, please visit <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/evening-at-st-chads.html>

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April:

For health care workers

We pray for health workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Fr Laurence Crowe, Fr. Ted Simpson SCJ, Ned Redmond, Mary Pope, Angela Eke, Jonathan Burnip 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, Chris & Allison Saint, and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs.: Patrick Quilty, Benjamin Cox, Wilfred Davenport, Desmond Donnelly, Peter Dennison, Peter Cooney and Peter Heath. Deacon James Fantham. Also: Joyce Durcan, Peter Grimley, Sheila Williams, M Donagh, Thomas Regan, Jerry Diggins, Kathleen Mulraney, Elizabeth Harvey, Catherine Meacham and Patrick Clancy.

Easter Offerings: Thank you for your Easter Offerings, cards and gifts.

Restoration of the Stations of the Cross: 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

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.



Offertory collections – February 2022

Week up to 6 th Feb	£689.20
Week up to 13 th Feb	£497.40
Week up to 20 th Feb	£356.49
Week up to 27 th Feb	£1152.78

Thursday Live Organ Recitals - A warm welcome to the next recital, on **Thursday 5th May** at 1.15pm. Cathedral Assistant Director of Music **Nigel Morris** plays works by Mendelssohn, Bridge, Vierne, Rogg, Umbreit and Zwart. Programme lasts 40 minutes. **Admission is free with retiring collection.**

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. Cost will be £30. 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

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

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.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion – Now that Mass attendance has returned to something like normal, we shall cease saying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion at Mass each day. For those who join on the livestream, the prayers are given just below the Livestream Box and will be available for you to say during Holy Communion

Summer Events at St Chad's Cathedral –
Sunday 5th June at 11.30am. Pentecost Sunday Mass at which we shall also commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Saturday 18th June at 12 noon. Solemn Mass and Consecration of the Altar in St Chad's Cathedral.
Sunday 19th June – Corpus Christi Masses & Procession
Friday 24th to Sunday 26th June – Flower Festival.
Sunday 24th July at 3pm – An Ecumenical Celebration to mark the beginning of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Midlands

Time To Reflect & Monthly Scripture booklet assist you with insights into matters of faith & the Bible.

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 to see the current needs.
I was a stranger and you made me welcome!
You can earn easy money for St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham by designating it as your chosen charity when you order anything at Smile Amazon. Thank you.

The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision – The latest development in the Synod Process is the Synthesis that has been produced following a reading of all of the submissions from around the Archdiocese of Birmingham. This document can be found at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk or on our Cathedral website.

Quo Vadis Zoom Gatherings on Discernment for University Students – Please see the posters in the Cathedral today and please take a copy if you are interested and would like to share this initiative with other students. www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis.

Vacancy - Director of Education Services, Archdiocese of Birmingham.
Salary: Competitive to attract the best
The closing date for applications is Monday 9th May at 9:00am.
Interviews: **w/c Monday 16th May 2022**
Please send your completed application to admin@satiseducation.co.uk For Further Information: www.joinarchdioceseofbirmingham.co.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



Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



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



FOR DETAILS OF ALL HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

The normal programme for Masses is:

Monday to Friday 12.15pm

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 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.