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Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C

3rd April 2022

'Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



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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: 2nd April – 10th April 2022

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 (Anniv)

5.00pm Harp & Choir Concert

Mon 4 Lent Feria

12.15pm Mrs. Milly McGowan RIP

Tue 5 Lent Feria

12.15pm Sue Harrison

Wed 6 Lent Feria

12.15pm Nazanin Nazari RIP

Thurs 7 Lent Feria

12.15pm Sr Paula Costello (Birthday)

Friday 8 Lent Feria

8.00am Sr. Clement Akujobi

12.15pm Mary Flaherty RIP

Sat 9 Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)
‘Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments’

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 10 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

9.30am Gary Collins RIP

11.30am John & Wendy Fitzpatrick-Ellis

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday’s Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 21; Philippians 2:6-11;

Luke 22:14- 23:56

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

Lent at the Cathedral: final week for this -

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.

How has God worked in your life this Lent ?

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER

EVENTS



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, Angela Eke, Teresa Torri, 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: Bishop Anthony Emery. William Swift. Frs.: Lawrence King, Michael Glynn, Timothy Burke, Kevin Preston and Eamon Clarke. Also: Erland Peiris, Bridie Keavney, Terence Roche, John McAuliffe, Bill Sheeran, Hector Alphonse, Mary Flaherty, Thomas Daly and Alice Sheehan.

ACTA – Birmingham Archdiocese Climate Online Meeting ‘Change and Action’ Friday 8th April 2022 – 3.15pm. Speaker: Dr Carlos Zepeda, Deputy Director Laudato Si Institute, Oxford. To receive a Zoom link then reply using the email: actabhm@gmail.com. The meeting will open from 1.45pm to allow people to meet and greet.

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.

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

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.

Holy Week Ceremonies at St Chad's Cathedral:

Palm Sunday Masses as normal.
Holy Thursday (14th April) Mass at 7.30pm
Good Friday Walk of Witness through the City Centre begins at 10am at The Church @ Carrs Lane
Good Friday (15th April) Liturgy at 3pm
Holy Saturday (16th April) Vigil at 8pm
Easter Sunday (17th April) Masses 9.30 & 11.30.
Easter Monday Men's Mass at **10.00am**.

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

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



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 – 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. 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 – 12th May 7pm - 8.30pm.
There is no charge for this event. For more information, please visit 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 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 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.