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Sixth Sunday of Easter

22nd May 2022

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Entrance Antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Newsletter available online – <http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/newsletter>

You can read our privacy policy at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>

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.

SOME COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.

Mass Times: 21st May – 29th May 2022

Sat 21 4.30pm	Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter Arthur John Wallis
Sun 22 9.30am 11.30am 2.00pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish Frank Fleming RIP Lourdes <i>Blessing of Hands</i> Mass
Mon 23 *1.00pm	Easter Feria Fr Hudson's Care Good Shepherd Mass <i>This Mass is open to the public</i>
Tue 24 12.15pm	Easter Feria Scott Bibb RIP
Wed 25 12.15pm	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable Thomas, Mary & Liam Flaherty RIP
Thurs 26 12.15pm 6.00pm	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Mrs. Torri RIP (Mass with singing) Patrick Lowes RIP (Mass with Choir)
Friday 27 12.15pm	Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury Hugh Murphy
Sat 28 4.30pm	Vigil for Seventh Sunday of Easter People of the Parish
Sun 29 9.30am 11.30am	Seventh Sunday of Easter 'World Communication Day' Finola Moore RIP Nora Mayor RIP

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 96; Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26 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.

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

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May:

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Fr Laurence Crowe, Fr. Ted Simpson SCJ, Bobby (Bhupinder) Bansal, Ned Redmond, Mary Pope, Paul Costello and victims of COVID, natural disaster and conflicts, especially in Ukraine.

Those who are ill: Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, 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: Mgr. Wilfrid Moore. Canon John Hughes. Frs.: Thomas Foynes, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Ward and Dermott Corcoran. Also: Florence Duffy, Frank Fleming, Virgilio Abordo, Patrick Lowes, Wilfredo De Joya Major, Katie Davis, Dan Murphy, Margaret Green, Bert Hannon and Eileen McGlachen.

Second Collection There will be a second collection next weekend for **Society of African Missions Appeal** as well as an appeal talk at all Masses.

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.



A Celebration of St Chad on the Feast of the Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral – Saturday 18th June 2022

A day of celebration and history organised collaboratively by St Chad's Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Birmingham History and Archives Commission Mass at 12.00noon (open to all and free) which will include the Rite of Dedication of the Altar. The continuing event, for which **Advanced booking is required**, will begin at 1.00pm with light refreshments and an opportunity to visit a special historical exhibition in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Tickets for the afternoon lectures and refreshments are £15.00.

Bookings can be made at www.historyandarchivescommission.eventbrite.com or by speaking to a member of the Cathedral Staff.

May is the Month of Mary: Why not try to pray the rosary (a little more) this month.

Fix the Food System - The paradox of abundance Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this ‘the paradox of abundance.’ Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information.

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 –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.

The Time To Reflect Column for Eastertide on our website is reflections from our new Catholics. Enjoy.

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
Sunday 24th July at 3pm – An Ecumenical Celebration to mark the beginning of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Midlands.

St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival: It is with regret that due to illness among the organising team, we will not be holding the Flower Festival at St Chad's Cathedral this year. We look forward to holding it again next year. The St Chad's Cathedral Association is always keen to hear of new and creative ideas for fundraising for the Cathedral. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 – The third and final Zoom gathering of this series is this Thursday (26th May). Please see more and join the session to learn more about holiness in youth! www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis

Marriage Care – Volunteers Needed! Catholic Marriage Care are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples, Centre Coordinators to lead and support centres teams, in various locations across England and Wales, and Trustees to join our board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



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



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.)

Confessions are now being heard once again in the Confessionals.

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 as the end of the congregational procession 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. Please come to Mass if you wish to and feel safe to.

For the purposes of Safety for all concerned, the Cathedral directive is that everybody coming to Mass in the Cathedral wear a face covering which you bring yourself. We accept that this is not required in all churches, but it remains our standard here and if you choose to come here, we respectfully ask you to abide by this standard.

If you do not have recognisable lanyard that says you are medically exempt, then please do not be offended if you are asked more than once to wear a face covering.

Our stewards and volunteers are simply doing what has been asked of them to keep this standard of safety in the Cathedral. Please be respectful of their role.

If you feel that what we are asking is unreasonable, then you are welcome to choose a church that is more in keeping with your own wishes. We ask that you do not seek to change what we have established here for good reason and which is reviewed regularly.

Toilet facilities – the Cathedral toilets to the right of the Sanctuary are now available again. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO OTHER ACCESS TO THE SACRISTY.

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

It is important that people continue to observe social distancing in terms of not gathering in large groups either inside or outside the Cathedral.

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 in the Cathedral.

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

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.

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

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May God bless you.