



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### 'World Communications Day'

*(Please see the information about this day on our website)*

### 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 3**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

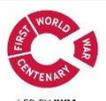
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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.**

**SOME COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.**

**Mass Times: 28<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Sat 28 Vigil for Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**‘World Communication Day’**  
9.30am Finola Moore RIP  
11.30am Nora Mayor RIP

**Mon 30 Easter Feria (in the Cathedral)**  
12.15pm Trodville Roache

**Tue 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12.15pm Timmy Hayes

**Wed 1 Memorial of St Justin**  
12.15pm Intentions of Mary Duffy

**Thurs 2 Easter feria**  
There will be **NO MASS** at the Cathedral today

**Friday 3 Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions**  
There will be **NO MASS** at the Cathedral today

**Sat 4 Vigil for Pentecost Sunday**  
4.30pm Intentions of Michael & Barbara Hodgetts

**Sun 5 Solemnity of Pentecost**  
9.30am Cornelius Cremin  
10.15am Meet & Greet in the Grimshaw Room  
11.30am People of the Parish

***The God Who Speaks*** – Next Sunday’s Readings:  
**Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Romans 8:8-17, John 14:15-16, 23-26** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet and Bookshop:** From our parish Synod responses, an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners has been identified. So once a month, beginning next Sunday, there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30 Mass and before the 11.30am Mass in the Grimshaw Room.

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

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

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for June : Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.  
[www.romefamily2022.com](http://www.romefamily2022.com) / #WMOF22

**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 Doran. Frs.: Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Dessain, William O’Brien, John Lane and Benedict Tarbuck. Deacon William Parker. Also: Pam Rigby, Tom Hussey, Kathleen Kinsella, Ann Ducey and Kathleen Nolan.

**Second Collection** There will be a second collection this weekend for **Society of African Missions Appeal** as well as an appeal talk given at all Masses, by Fr Henry Somah. Welcome, Fr Henry!

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.historyandarchivescommission.eventbrite.com) or by speaking to a member of the Cathedral Staff.

**St Chad’s Cathedral Flower Festival:** is sadly cancelled this year.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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 June will be a special focus on the World Meeting of Families in Rome and at Home!

**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.



**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. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard  
*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.* Solemn Mass and Dedication of the Altar in St Chad's Cathedral.  
*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June –* Corpus Christi Masses & Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Michael's Moor Street to St Chad's Cathedral. A wonderful witness! Open to all.  
*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm –* An Ecumenical Celebration to mark the beginning of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Midlands. (This will be by ticket only due to limited space and the need to welcome guests)  
*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm –* Ordination of Permanent Deacons.  
*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12 noon –* Ordination of Priests

**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!*

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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) or on our Cathedral website.

**World Meeting of Families in Rome (and at Home) – June 2022.** The last WMOF was held in Dublin in 2018. This year it takes place in Rome. Although many will not be travelling to Rome, you are encouraged to take a sheet home today and to pray for God's blessing on your family.

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**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.**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, at the end of their Spring 2022 Plenary Meeting in Cardiff, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales asked that people now return to the normal practice of Sunday Mass. It is recognised that to be present at Mass and to receive the Eucharist is completely different from joining on the livestream if you are able to be present in person. The full statement on returning to Mass at Pentecost is on the Cathedral website.

**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.