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Fourth Sunday of Easter

'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'

Good Shepherd Sunday

8th May 2022

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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: 7th May – 15th May 2022

Sat 7 4.30pm	Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish
Sun 8 9.30am 11.30am 1.15pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter For Vocations to the Priesthood Roque Rodrigues RIP (Anniv) Baptism of Leo & Francesca Horkan
Mon 9 10.00am 12.15pm	Easter Feria Funeral Mass for Ned Redmond RIP Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)
Tue 10 12.15pm	Easter Feria Fr Patrick Cocklin RIP (Anniv)
Wed 11 12.15pm	Easter Feria Ints of Fr Tony Rohan
Thurs 12 12.15pm 7.00pm	Easter Feria Ints of Sarah Kroger and Dom Quaglia <i>Sarah Kroger Evening in the Cathedral</i>
Friday 13 12.15pm	Easter Feria John Farrell RIP
Sat 14 4.30pm	Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter Margaret Pakes RIP
Sun 15 9.30am 11.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish Ints of Sarah Waldron & Steve Bobbitt (forthcoming marriage)

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35 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.

Teaching Vacancy – Class Teacher at St Chad's Primary school. Please contact the school directly.

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

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER EVENTS 

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, Ned Redmond, Mary Pope, Angela Eke, 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: Mgr. Tony Duffy. Canon Francis Woodward. Frs.: Francis Carr, Walter Joret, and Patrick Cocklin. Deacon James Duffy. Also: Mick Green, Jarleth Cummins, Peter Monahan, Martin Gillespie, Cliff Blakemore, Teresa Doherty, Fulgencio Dionela, Harry Boyd, Davide Pulisciano, Shane MacMahon, Dave Ellis, Patrick Jackson, Gerard Barry and Bill Calland.

Second Collection – this week is for the **Clergy Training Fund of the Archdiocese.**

www.vocations.org.uk

There will be a second collection on 14th/15th May as part of the **Diocesan Response to Ukraine.**

National Sports Sunday – 15th May 2022. Maybe of greater interest re Commonwealth Games: <https://sportschaplaincy.org.uk/nationalsportssunday/resources/>

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.



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

Walsingham Pilgrimage 14th May 2022 – Pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady. Cost will be £30 for the day's coach trip. 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
Last call now. We will require payment before the day for your booking.

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.

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

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

– 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.

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.

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.



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.