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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2; Weekday Readings Cycle 2

- Entrance Antiphon** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.
- Responsorial Psalm** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



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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: 30<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

<b>Sat 30</b>	<b>Vigil for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)</b> 4.30pm D. Kelly
<b>Sun 31</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)</b> 9.30am People of the Parish 11.30am Patricia Berrington (Sick)
<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori</b> 12.15pm Dennis Menezes RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Tue 2</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> 12.15pm Michael Drugan
<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> 12.15pm Sean Freeman RIP
<b>Thurs 4</b>	<b>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney</b> 12.15pm For the Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham
<b>Friday 5</b>	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> 12.15pm Michael Cullinane (Sick)
<b>Sat 6</b>	<b>Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)</b> 4.30pm Deceased Members of the Rosario Family
<b>Sun 7</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)</b> 9.30am Margaret Flackett 10.30am SVP - Meet & Greet 11.30am People of the Parish

***The God Who Speaks*** – Next Sunday’s Readings: **Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps 32; Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12; Luke 12:32-48** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**St Chad’s Cathedral Choir** – is now on its summer break. We thank them for their ministry this year. In their absence, on some Sundays, we will be welcoming various parish choirs to lead our 11.30am Mass.

**First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet and Bookshop:** Please join us on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August for Meet & Greet in the Grimshaw, where there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30 Mass and before the 11.30am Mass in the Grimshaw Room. St Paul’s Bookshop welcomes you on the first Sunday of the Month.

**THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS**

**AND OTHER EVENTS** 

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

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for August :**

**For small businesses** – We pray for small businesses and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Dermott Donnelly, Eamon McKenna, Oscar Jealous, Lucia Lazaro, Fr George Grynowski, Mercedes Advincula Abordo, Maurice Walshe, Alison Saint, John Mara, 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 Saint, Joan Socci, Marie Chatten and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Canon Arthur Diamond; Frs.: Richard Lynch, David Ford, Cuthbert Brown, James Gough and Francis Gwinnett. Deacon John Leach. Also: Peter Adcock, Stanley Smith, Molly Jones, Dr. Dennis Menezes, Marie Rogers, Graham Detheridge, Martin Larkin, Richard Wilcox, Christine Pugh, Grace Medenilla, Enid Roche and Bob Noctor.

**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. Please remember us in your will.



**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall takes place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. A coach has been organised by St Francis Parish, Handsworth to take pilgrims to the event and the details are as follows: The fare this year and is likely to be £15.00 per person. If you would like to go on the Pilgrimage please contact **Mr John Berry on 07772 962 872 or by email: [cyberberry93@gmail.com](mailto:cyberberry93@gmail.com)** to book your seat (please note: if you book a seat on the coach and are unable to go for whatever reason, you are still required to pay the fare unless you give at least a weeks notice, as the transport has already been paid for. **The pickup points on the day are as follows:**

**11.30am: St Patricks Church, Dudley Road, B18 7QN.**

**11.45am: St Francis Church, Handsworth, B19 1EB.**

**12.00pm: St Chads Cathedral, St Chads Queensway, City Centre, B4 6EU.**

**12.15pm: Sacred Heart Church, Aston, B6 6EG.**

**The Commonwealth Games are coming to Birmingham:** The Games continue and Birmingham and the West Midlands continue to host the Commonwealth Games. Not only Birmingham, but many other parts of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: The West Midlands, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. We welcome all visitors to the Cathedral who are in Birmingham for the Games.

We pray for gatherings of friendship, fairness and fraternity.

Thank you to all who came to and took part in our service for the Games here last Sunday.

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**Responding to Archbishop Bernard's vision for the Archdiocese - [Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://www.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)

**Are you new to our Cathedral Parish?** If so, please stop and say hello to the priest at the end of Mass. Fr Tim, the parish priest, is assisted by visiting priests. We look forward to welcoming you and involving you in the life of our parish.

**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.



**St Joseph's Care Home:** Situated in the beautiful surroundings of rural Warwickshire, St Joseph's Care Home offers a range of personalised services including residential care, specialised dementia care and short-term respite care in a friendly welcoming environment. With a dedicated and compassionate staff team who are passionate about making residents safe and happy in an environment that is just how home feels. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered and would be interested in more information or to book a virtual tour then please quote SJ2 and contact Care Home Manager Shelley Perryman on 01675 434559, or email [shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:shelleyperryman@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**St Chad's Sanctuary –** our parish charity.

[www.stchadssanctuary.com](http://www.stchadssanctuary.com).

**An Urgent Appeal for Donations of Food.**

The work of St Chad's Sanctuary continues and the demands on its services is greater than ever.

Please bring tins of food / pasta / soap / shampoo. You can give them to our stewards at Mass.

Click on the Sanctuary button on our Cathedral website homepage to see the current needs.

The issue of asylum seekers and refugees is in the news often. It is not an easy subject. But the Christian response is very much to the needs of the face and the name of the individual involved. Please pray for them.

**The Synod Process & the Diocesan Vision –**

The National Synthesis and a response from the Bishops of England and Wales to it can be seen at:

[synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf](http://synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf) ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) or via that website.

**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).

In a society that does not always see the value of marriage and family life, let us pray for this intention each day.

**The Relics of St Bernadette – Visiting the UK –** In the autumn of this year, the relics of St Bernadette Soubirous will be visiting all of the Catholic Cathedrals of the UK and other venues. In our Diocese, it will be St Chad's Cathedral, then Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford, then Immaculate Conception Church, Bicester.

This will be on the weekend of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October and more details about the timetable for the visit will be given in due course.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette: Pray for us!

**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.