



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### '*Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*'

*Celebrating the Season of Creation (1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct)*

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4; Weekday Readings Cycle 2

**Entrance Antiphon** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

**Responsorial Psalm** Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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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 most up to date notices. SOME COVID CONDITIONS REMAIN.**

**Mass Times: 17<sup>th</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sat 17 Vigil for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm Betty Tomkins RIP

**Sun 18 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*  
9.30am Michael Campbell RIP  
11.30am Requiem for HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP

**Mon 19 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
**No Mass** **The Cathedral will remain closed on this day.**

**Tue 20 Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon**  
12.15pm Intentions of Dylan Robinson

**Wed 21 Feast of St Matthew**  
12.15pm Ivy K RIP

**Thurs 22 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Vera Freeman RIP

**Friday 23 Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina**  
12.15pm Ann Jones RIP

**Sat 24 Vigil for the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
12 noon SVP Diocesan Festival Mass – all welcome  
4.30pm Sean Regan RIP (Anniv.)

**Sun 25 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Intentions of the Moloney family

***The God Who Speaks*** – Next Sunday’s Readings:  
**Amos 6:1, 4-7; Ps 145; St Paul 6:11-16; Luke 16:9-51**  
[www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**This Sunday**, we welcome the Girls Choir from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to sing at the 11.30am Mass, a Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II.

**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.



**Pause for Hope** service of prayer and music, for all those affected by cancer, will be held in St. Dunstan’s Church High Street Kings Heath on Sunday 16 October at 3.00pm. Contact Deacon David Fairbotham for more information. 0121 242 5641 or [dcn.david.fairbotham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.david.fairbotham@rcaob.org.uk)

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** – today replaces Home Mission Sunday & takes its name from a key document of Pope Francis ‘The Joy of the Gospel’. More information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for September : For the abolition of the death penalty** – We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Queen Elizabeth II, Fr Paul Devaney, Agnes Byrne, Bernard Barnett, Lucia Lazaro, Maurice Walshe, Alison Saint, John Mara, Betty Tomkins, Linus McCleary and victims of COVID, natural disaster and conflicts, especially in Ukraine and Pakistan.

**Those who are ill:** Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, Ray Norris, Harpal, Baby George, Finn, Baby Alice, Chris Saint, Joan Socci, Marie Chatten, Mary Levell and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick at home or in hospital.

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Canons.: Albert Adams, Leo Twiney & David Mellor. Frs.: John Lopes, Alan Holtham, Peter Lees, John Steward, John Hanrahan, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd & John Bale. Also: Jimmy Mullen, Kate Shorthouse, Jamie Ferguson, James Harvey, Kathleen Redmond, Frankie Boyle, John Scanlon, Kathy Gannon, Patrick McLoughlin, Imagen Evans, Sean Regan, Elizabeth Byrne, Patsy Gavnor & Geraldine McHugh.

**Second Collection: This Sunday** there will be a second collection for Catholic Evangelisation. **Next Sunday** the second collection is for Fr Hudson’s Care. [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**The Relics of St Bernadette – Visiting the UK** – In our Diocese, here at St Chad’s Cathedral, then Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford, then Immaculate Conception Church, Bicester. The relics will be welcomed into St Chad’s at 6.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and will leave here after a special 6pm Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Full details to follow. **Please note that on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October there will be Masses at 12 noon & 6pm. (No 4.30pm Mass).**

If you would like to help as a steward during the visit of the relics to St Chad’s, please let Fr Tim know asap.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September has been designated as a bank holiday. **The Cathedral will remain closed** so that people may watch the funeral service of our late Queen.

**Vacancy, Head of Safeguarding** - The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking a Head of Safeguarding. The post holder will manage the operations of the safeguarding team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church’s safeguarding policies and procedures. To find out more, please go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

### Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

We are looking to begin a series of talks on the Catholic Faith again this October, with our friends in the neighbouring parish of St Catherine's, Bristol Street.

Now is the time to consider the steps of faith that might be for you:

Any adult who would like to explore the Catholic Faith with a view to becoming a Catholic.

Children who are not at Catholic schools and who would like Sacramental Preparation.

Please speak to Fr Tim or email your request.

**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](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. Come to Meet & Greet (First Sunday of the Month)

**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.

Please consider St Chad's Sanctuary and its important and life-changing work when you are making a will or wish to make a charitable donations in lieu of gifts for a birthday or anniversary.

**SVP – Society of St Vincent de Paul.** September is the month of the Feast of this great saint.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an SVP Festival Day bringing together people who work for the SVP in parishes across our Archdiocese and beyond.

Everybody is welcome.

If you know of anybody who lives within range of the Cathedral and is housebound or who is in particular need that you think the SVP Conference in our parish might be able to assist, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Tim and to let him know. The SVP is ready to help and it is often your knowledge of the need that can make it happen.

This month's **Cathedral Corner – Time to Reflect** is all about the work of the SVP. Do read on...

**Sacred Heart Church in Aston** (Fr Tim's other church) celebrates its Centenary this year. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate Mass there on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. **Please spread the word** to anybody around Birmingham and beyond who has connections with Sacred Heart.

### CAFOD Harvest Fast Appeal & Second Collection.

The seasonal Fast Day to support the Church's work overseas takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Next weekend (24/25 September) we shall listen to an appeal at all Masses to support the collection.

So as not to clash with the weekend of the visit of the relics of St Bernadette, we shall hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for CAFOD on the weekend of 13 / 14 October.

To learn more about CAFOD's amazing work in some of the most challenging circumstances around the world, about what a food crisis means in different contexts, for prayer resources and to deepen your knowledge of the needs of the wider world visit [www.Cafod.org.uk](http://www.Cafod.org.uk)

**EYFS Teacher Vacancy at St Chad's Catholic Primary School.** For further details about this opportunity at our parish primary school, please contact the school on 0121 464 6554. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

**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 Deanery (Catholic area) in which the Cathedral is situated has grown!** As well as including most of the Catholic parishes of central Birmingham, our Deanery has now joined with South Birmingham Deanery and has encompassed parishes as wide-ranging as Oldbury, Warley, Halesowen, Redditch, Studley and Bromsgrove. As a Visitation of all of the parishes begins, there will be an Opening Liturgy to which **everybody** is invited: at The Oratory Church, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. I am asking for a good attendance from our parish.

**Father Hudson's Care Annual Parish Collection 2022** - On 24-25 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support many of whom will be badly affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Please give generously to this worthy cause. For further information about the extensive work of Fr Hudson's Care on our behalf visit: [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**(Revised Opening Times)**

**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 9.30am and close at 3.30pm** (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 11.00am and close after Mass at 4.30pm on Saturdays and open at 9.00am and close after Mass at 11.30am on Sundays.**

**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.

**As at all times since the beginning of the pandemic and listening to the view of our parishioners, we have reviewed the practice of face coverings. As of September 2022, we invite you to follow the recommendation that a face covering in crowded spaces is still something that can help in preventing the spread of infection.**

**Also, while people often express a view on what wearing a face covering means for them, it is reasonable in the setting of a church to say that you are also asked to consider the needs of your neighbour.**

**Many people who come to church are vulnerable and many may live with illnesses that are not visible. Although everybody has a responsibility for their own health and protecting it, and while Covid is something that we need to learn to live with, let us continue to be vigilant and not put others at risk.**

**Toilet facilities – the Cathedral toilets to the right of the Sanctuary are now available again during Mass. 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.**

**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.