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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th September 2022

Celebrating the Season of Creation (1st Sept to 4th Oct)

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3; Weekday Readings Cycle 2

- Entrance Antiphon** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
- Responsorial Psalm** O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord. Because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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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: 4th September – 11th September 2022

Sat 3 Vigil for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4.30pm Special Intention

Sun 4 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.30am Bernard Barnett RIP
Followed by Meet & Greet
11.30am Baby Isaac Mendonca RIP

Mon 5 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Edgardo Encarnacion RIP

Tue 6 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Anne Crump RIP

Wed 7 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Fr Tony Taylor RIP (Anniversary)

Thurs 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12.15pm Ints of Maria & Sean Robinson

Friday 9 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Maureen Keenan RIP

Sat 10 Vigil for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1.00pm Wedding of Luke Hall & Julie Wallace
4.30pm Special Intention - Finn

Sun 11 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Education Sunday
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am For peace in our world

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14; Ps 50; St Paul 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
www.godwhospeaks.uk

First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet: Please join us on Sunday 4th September in the Grimshaw Room, where there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30 Mass.

St Paul's Bookshop: Please note that the book shop will not be open this **Sunday 4th September 2022** but will be open the first Sunday in October.

Visiting Choir On Sunday 4th September (11.30am) we will welcome the Choir of St Wulstan's, Wolstanton.

THIS CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAMS MASS AND OTHER EVENTS 

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.



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: Fr Dermot Fenlon, Agnes Byrne, Bernard Barnett, Lucia Lazaro, Maurice Walshe, Alison Saint, John Mara, Betty Tomkins 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, 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: Mgr: Thomas Fallon. Frs.: Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James Holland, Anthony Taylor, Arthur McCrystal, David Hutt, Tony Taylor & Dominic Round. Deacon David McCarroll. Also: Mary Breen, Jane Conway, Dona Kirton, Edward Gillespie, Susan Picano, Francis Hill, John O'Brien, Joe Dineen, Jimmy Mullen, Kate Shorthouse, Jamie Ferguson and the victims of 9/11.

Second Collection: This Sunday we have a special collection for Pakistan which is being channelled through CAFOD and the DEC..
Next Sunday there will be a second collection for The Catholic Education Service.

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 7th October and will leave here after a special 6pm Mass on Saturday 8th October. Full details to follow. **Please note that on Saturday 8th 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.

Caretaker vacancy at St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SL
For further details or an application pack please telephone school or download from the website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk See noticeboard.

Diocesan Justice & Peace Zoom Series – 3 evening sessions on the topics: Tax Justice, Asylum Seekers & Refugees, Cost of Living.
[Calendar - Birmingham Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission \(birminghamjandp.org.uk\)](http://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk)

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

Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

Have you had a chance to look at one of the following: Catholic Voices, Sycamore or the Catechism of the Catholic Church?

Have you considered a religious book as part of your summer reading?

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

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 Chad's Sanctuary – our parish charity.

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 24th 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 15th October at 2pm. **Please spread the word** to anybody around Birmingham and beyond who has connections with Sacred Heart.

Just Stop Oil - Climate Change:

What are our responsibilities at such a time?

How should we respond as Christians?

How can we protect everything we hold sacred?

Come and hear how we can avoid this catastrophe.

Our Responsibilities as Christians at This Time

Tuesday 20th September at 7.00pm

Hodge Hill Church

242 Coleshill Road, Birmingham, B36 8BG

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3JE9NHv> or scan below



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 Tuesday 12th October at 7pm. I am asking for a really 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

(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 6th 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.