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Solemnity of Pentecost

'Day of Prayer for the Church'

28th May 2023

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4; Weekday Reading Cycle 2; Week 8 of the Year

- Entrance Antiphon** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.
- Responsorial Psalm** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



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We are pleased to inform you all Masses at the Cathedral will be live streamed. Please check the Cathedral website homepage for changes and most up to date notices. The Cathedral is open from 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday, 11am until after the 4.30pm Mass and Confessions on Saturdays and from 9am until after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

Mass Times: 27th May – 4th June 2023

Sat 27 4.30pm	Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost People of the Parish
Sun 28 9.30am 11.30am	Solemnity of Pentecost Lorenzo Browne RIP Anne Stapleton (B'day)
Mon 29 <u>10am</u>	Feria in Ordinary Time Carmelito Nuns of Ware
Tue 30 12.15pm	Feria in Ordinary Time Christine Sharkey RIP
Wed 31 12.15pm	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention
Thurs 1 12.15pm 1.15pm	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest Stanislaw Piskorz RIP <i>Organ Recital</i>
Friday 2	Feria in Ordinary Time PLEASE NOTE THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE CLOSED TODAY DUE TO ELECTRICAL WORKS
Sat 3 12noon 4.30pm	Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions Memorial Mass for John Minister RIP Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity People of the Parish
Sun 4 9.30am 11.30am	Trinity Sunday (A) Barbara & Philip Donnellan RIP (Anniv.) <i>Followed by Meet & Greet in the Grimshaw Room</i> Lena Walshe RIP

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.



First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet: The next Meet & Greet will be on Sunday 4th June 2023 in the Grimshaw Room, where there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass. The bookshop will be open on that day.

Diocesan Pilgrimages in the near future:

Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May each year: Birmingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Hednesford Pilgrimage – see separate notice.
Outdoor Mass for the Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster. Sunday 3rd September.

Columban Missionaries, Solihull are seeking a Part Time Finance Assistant. Hours of work: 15 hours per week. Flexible working arrangements will be considered. Details about the position and to apply, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk **Deadline for applications: Midnight on Friday 9th June 2023**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June: For the abolition of torture – We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Cathedral Prayers Lists

Recently Deceased: Bishops David McGough & Christopher Budd, Canon Garry Byrne, Fr Anthony Davies, Deacon John Higgins, Derek Walker, Paul McGough, John Minister, William Chew, Jane Nethercott, May Veasey, Monica Hynes.

Those who are ill: Lankesh Ratnajothy, Belarmino Antao, Peter Waldron, Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, Ray Norris, Harpal, Baby George, Finn, Baby Alice, Chris Saint, Joan Socci, Marie Chatten, and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick at home or in hospital.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgrs. Wilfrid Doran. Canon: Harry Bouchier. Frs.: Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Dessain, William O'Brien, John Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, & John Crean. Deacon: William Parker. Also: Pam Rigby, Tom Hussey, Kathleen Kinsella, Ann Ducey, Robert Green, and Kathleen Nolan.

A Weekend Celebration of Faith and Culture at St Chad's Cathedral – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June 2023.

A special weekend for those who already come to Mass at St Chad's. We are looking to invite parishioners to enjoy the food of different cultures after the Saturday 4.30 Mass and the Sunday 11.30 Mass; Tours of the Cathedral; music from different cultures across the weekend; We are looking for parishioners to lead the Hail Mary in their own language on that weekend. Please offer your services! Please take a pink flyer this weekend and consider returning it immediately or next Sunday please.

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 11th June.

A wonderful celebration of faith: a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Michael's Church, Moor Street to the Cathedral. Mass at 1pm and the procession begins at 2pm. Arrives approx. 3pm.

Welcome to Fr Peter Walters representing the charity 'Let the Children Live', helping the most destitute street children in South America. This charity also has a presence in Walsingham.

www.Letthechildrenlive.org

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9; Dan 3; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; John 3:16-18
www.godwhospeaks.uk

Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

Congratulations to the young people and adults who took the next stage on their journey of faith at the Easter Vigil. This is a moment of joy and encouragement for us all and an incentive for every Catholic to take faith more seriously, to read in a way that supports our faith and to live our faith joyfully. A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith.

Please speak to Fr Tim or email your request.

If you want to feed your faith in a time of your choosing, look at the website www.sycamore.fm

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

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, South Staffs,

takes place on Sunday 2nd July. 1pm -

Refreshments available

• 2.15 - 3.45pm - Confessions

• 2.15 - 3pm - Private Devotions in the Grotto

• 3pm - Rosary with local schools

• 4pm - Mass with Anointing - Chief Celebrant and Preacher Bishop Stephen Wright.

The Basilican Magazine The new edition of the Cathedral's Basilican Magazine is now on sale. The cost of the Magazine is £5, which all goes towards supporting the Cathedral. It is on sale in St Paul's Bookshop or please contact Anne Symonds at annets103@hotmail.co.uk who can arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

Second Collection: Today (27th/28th May), there will be an appeal and a 2nd collection for: Let the Children Live.

St Chad's Sanctuary – our parish charity.

www.stchadssanctuary.com. The work of St Chad's Sanctuary continues and the demand on its services is greater than ever. We are so grateful for the food and clothes that Cathedral parishioners bring so generously week by week. One of the challenges that the Sanctuary faces is finances. Even where grant funding can be obtained it cannot be used to fund salaries.

If you could give £15 to fund a bag and some essentials by way of underwear, toiletries etc., that would be an amazing support to this worthy work. Thank you.

SVP – Society of St Vincent de Paul - You may have heard of the work of the SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) in the parish and in the wider Church. The SVP provides financial and material support and companionship to local people in various kinds of need. If you have any furniture or white goods that you can donate, or have a van to help transport furniture, or are able to help in any way, please let Fr Tim know. If you need the practical support of the SVP or if you know somebody who might, please text the dedicated mobile phone: **07598 139200**

Tabor House / Tabor Living – From its origins as a night shelter, Covid times made it home day and night. That requires a lot of volunteers doing a weekly shift (usually 6pm to 9pm on a weekday or a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday). The project has now relocated to St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street, Birmingham and there is currently a recruitment drive for new volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer, please speak to Fr Tim.

Visit the website at www.taborliving.co.uk

Please pray for this important corporal work of mercy in Birmingham City Centre.

Thank you to the parishioners who have shown an interest in this project and those who have registered as volunteers.

Sacred Heart Church, Aston – on the **last Friday of each month** there is Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Scripture Sharing. This is a joint initiative with the Kenelm Youth Trust, inviting young adults especially. **The next gathering is this Friday, 30th June.** 85 Prestbury Road, Aston, B6 6EG.

Birmingham Irish Heritage Group – Meets on the first Monday of every month at Sacred Heart, Club, Aston. Next meeting: **Mon 5th June.** All welcome. Sacred Heart Church is on the No.7 Bus Route from Birmingham.

Love the Stranger: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales presents a Catholic response to refugees and migrants. It is a 2023 document of the Department for International Affairs. Please take the time to read this document. [Love the Stranger - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk). Also on Cathedral website.

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.

Cathedral Flowers - We are now taking floral tribute requests for 2023. Please see the list at the back of the Cathedral. If you wish to have a floral tribute in remembrance of a loved one or for a special intention, please complete the booking form at the back of the Cathedral and hand over your donations to a member of staff or at Cathedral House Reception. **This year**, as with everything, the cost of flowers will be increasing and we expect this to be £140 - £150. To help with covering the cost, we have made a couple of changes. The Cathedral needs floral decoration on special event weeks and not necessarily all year. The dates can be found on the sponsorship form at the back of the Cathedral. In addition, now three sponsors can contribute to a week's cost. Your kind sponsorship will be noted in the weekly newsletter – Thank you!

CAFOD - Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next recital is on **Thursday 1st June 2023** at 1:15pm. Please see the website www.thursdaylive.org. Or visit the YouTube Channel for Thursday Live.

Fr Hudson's Care Respond to the Synod Process and our Diocesan Vision: Being a Welcoming Church

The Social Care agency of our Diocese is leading a series of monthly Zoom events on Monday evenings to look at issues such as: Dementia and the Elderly, Homelessness, Refugees and Asylum, Disability. Please consider being part of these monthly zooms. The final zoom (which is standalone) is on homelessness is on Monday 19th June at 7.30pm. For more information please register at: fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk.

Bible Alive 2023 – You are invited to take a free copy of this magazine. You were given an Eastertide edition of the magazine and hopefully found the daily reflections interesting, as they tie in with the Church's Mass readings for each day. Please note especially the article on the miracle of life and the power of prayer.

The Month of May – a month for Vocations. In our deanery (Cathedral and South Birmingham) the month of May is a special month of prayer for Vocations. Please pray each day especially for priestly vocations. Please consider making a regular contribution to the Clergy Training Fund or remember it in your will. Last Sunday, we heard the joyful witness of Sr Maris Stella (of the Daughters of Divine Love) speaking about her own vocation to Religious Life and particularly the influence of her mother on her growth in faith. A faith that was shared, not forced. People often use the term ‘forced’ about the faith in way that they don't talk about being forced to eat or to go to school in childhood and youth. Just sharing of life and values. Please continue to speak about vocations in your home. Please think about what would make somebody choose a Religious Vocation, rather than not talking about it in the hope that it might not happen. We need priests!

Digital ‘Tap and go’ devices - Your donations are very important to us and the upkeep of our Cathedral. If you are considering other forms of giving, you could use alternatives: **QR code** – available on this newsletter, or at the back of the Cathedral and on the Cathedral website; **Standing order** – For regular giving. Forms available at the back of the Cathedral or you can set up via your online banking service. **Gift Aid Envelopes** – available on request. Contact the parish Treasurer on pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk or one of the Cathedral stewards. **Cash** – Collection bags are now back in use during and after Masses.

The normal programme for Masses is:

Monday to Friday 12.15pm

Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil Mass for 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 at 11.00am and close after the Mass at 4.30pm on Saturdays and open at 9.00am and close after the 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.

Please don't leave your belongings unattended.