



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1; Weekday Reading Cycle 2; Week 13 of the Year**

**Entrance Antiphon** All peoples, clap your hands, Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Responsorial Psalm** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my souls, and all within me, his holy name.



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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: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Sat 1 Vigil for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.30am Bea Doran RIP  
11.30am Bishop Pargeter (B'day)

**Mon 3 Feast of St Thomas**  
12.15pm Anthony Asomugha

**Tue 4 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12noon Mid-day Prayer  
12.15pm Mass with the Cathedral Chapter

**Wed 5 Memorial of St Modwen**  
12.15pm Janet Waterhouse RIP (Anniv.)

**Thurs 6 Memorial of St Maria, Goretti**  
12.15pm Mercedes Abordo RIP (Anniv.)  
1.15pm Monthly Organ Recital

**Friday 7 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis

**Sat 8 Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
4.30pm Bernard Tehan RIP (Anniv.)

**Sun 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 'Sea Sunday'**  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Josephine O'Brien 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.



**Meet & Greet:** The next Meet & Greet will take the place on the first Sunday of August. Let's build community! Please note there will be **NO** MEET & Greet this Sunday as we had it last Sunday on account of the 'Weekend of Faith & Culture'.

**The God Who Speaks** – Next Sunday's Readings:  
**Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8: 9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**Bishop Stephen Wright** – our Auxiliary Bishop with responsibility for Staffordshire and the Black Country has been appointed Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. We pray for Bishop Stephen as he takes up his new appointment in July. It is good for us to pray for his mission, which will be in the footsteps of St Chad! In addition to this responsibility, Bishop Stephen has recently been appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Catholic overseas charity, CAFOD.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life** – We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Canon John Gunn, Frs. Anthony Davies and Bernard Garratt, Deacon John Higgins, Mike Boyes, Tony Stanley, Victims of the Nottingham attacks and refugees dying at sea.

**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.: Patrick Corrigan & Louis McRaye; Canon Francis Dudley; Frs.: William O'Malley, Michael Cullinan, Leo Joppe, Leo Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney & Bernard Maddox. Deacon: Anthony Bateman. Also: Jim Ormsby, Janet Waterhouse, Michael Moyes, Bernard Tehan, James Malynn, Patrick Forde, Mercedes Abordo, Matthew Ashe and Matthew O'Donnell Jnr.

**St Chad's School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – the current primary school celebrates this milestone with a Mass celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. We are keen to let past pupils and staff of the school know about this anniversary and to come and give thanks for the part our school has played in their life. We shall create a display of past photos of the school. If you have any that could be copied and used, please let the school know.

**Second Collection – This weekend** there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence. Next weekend will be for the Apostleship of the Sea.

**A Weekend Celebration of Faith and Culture at St Chad's Cathedral** – Thank you so much! –

Well, what a weekend that was, last weekend. Where to begin in thanking parishioners, St Chad's Primary School community, the Gambian Christian Association, the Daughters of Divine Love Religious Sisters, our Cathedral Guides and Staff and so many volunteers who made the weekend such a success.

The food was amazing and plentiful. The national dress and cultural costume was colourful and vibrant and made clear what we already know: we are a very international community here at the Cathedral and we have many blessings through that.

The Cathedral and the Grimshaw Room were the two locations for the weekend. The joyful prayer at the 3 Masses, enhanced by Hail Marys in so many languages and the friendship and fellowship accompanied by music and even an outbreak of dancing in the Grimshaw Room made this a weekend not to forget...and to be repeated!

### **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](http://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, WS12 1DB takes place today (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July).**

**1pm** – Please make your own way. It is not so far away. Opportunity to bring a packed lunch, to pray the rosary and go to confession before Mass (with anointing of the sick) at 4pm. Outdoor. Please bring your own chair. Everybody welcome. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

**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](mailto:annets103@hotmail.co.uk) who can arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

**Ordination to the Priesthood** of Deacon Godlove at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**St Chad's Sanctuary** – our parish charity. [www.stchadssanctuary.com](http://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.

**Please keep those who are not always given a name in your prayers. Small signs of welcome and hospitality to the stranger are part of our Christian calling.**

**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 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 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**. For more information please visit: [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).

**We currently have need for a handy person.**

**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](http://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 Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. 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.

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**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.

**Fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Society:** to be held at the Heart Social Club at Sacred Heart, Grange Road, Aston on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-5pm DJ music. Games and Face Painting for the Kids. Music from Wild Irish from 5pm to 9pm. All welcome to support this good cause.

**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!

**Monthly Organ Recitals:** Please note that the next recital is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023** at 1:15pm. Please see the website [www.thursdaylive.org](http://www.thursdaylive.org). Or visit the YouTube Channel for Thursday Live.

**Diocesan Pilgrimages in the near future:**

Outdoor Mass for the Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

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

Thank you to those who were able to be part of the recent Zoom series on aspects of being a welcoming Church: dementia, homelessness, disability and the needs of asylum seekers and refugees. There is to be a follow up in-person event at St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September this year to continue looking at these important themes of being a missionary and a welcoming Church.

**The next stage of the Synod Process:** – You have been invited to be part of the Synod Process, by Pope Francis, since 2021. It began with parish level discussion, then to diocesan, national and continental (for us, European) level. And every continent submitted its work. Remember, we are a universal Church. It would be very surprising if every part of the world expressed the same concerns and areas of interest.

**Now**, those who have been tasked with collating all of this information, including a high profile Religious Sister, Sr Natalie Becquart, have produced what is known as the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document for the meeting of bishops and lay advisers that will take place in Rome this October and next October, to take forward this process of discernment, of listening to the Holy Spirit, and listening to each other in discovering the Lord's ways for the Church. This document is available on the homepage of our Cathedral website.

**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](mailto: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.**