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Solemnity of Dedication of the Cathedral

'Day for Life'

'Father's Day'

18th June 2023

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3; Weekday Reading Cycle 2; Week 11 of the Year

Entrance Antiphon Lord, hear my voice when I call to you. You are my help; do not cast me off, do not desert me, my Saviour God.

Responsorial Psalm We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



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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: 17th June 2023 – 25th June 2023

Sat 17 Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary
10.00am First Holy Communion – St. Chad’s Primary
1.00pm Wedding of Martin Hall & Suzanne Cogan

Vigil for Solemnity of Dedication of the Cathedral
4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 18 Solemnity of Dedication of the Cathedral
‘Father’s Day’

9.30am Rajeshwari Benedict RIP
11.30am Canon John Gunn RIP

Mon 19 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm The Ashe Family RIP

Tue 20 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Michael Ryan RIP

Wed 21 Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga
12.15pm Mary Ann Wallis

Thurs 22 Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More
12.15pm Christine Sharkey RIP

Friday 23 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Juliana Advincula RIP

Sat 24 Vigil for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
‘Weekend of Faith & Culture’
4.30pm In Thanksgiving for Our Parishioners

Sun 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
‘Weekend of Faith & Culture’
9.30am Catherine Dillon (Nee Wallis)
11.30am People of the Parish

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: next Sunday in the Grimshaw Room, after both Masses, as part of the weekend of Faith & Culture. This will take the place of the usual Meet and Greet on the first Sunday of July. Let’s build community!

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday’s Readings:
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33; Matthew 16:13-19
www.godwhospeaks.uk

A Prayer for All Fathers – on this Fathers Day, we pray for fathers and grandfathers. We thank God for your vocation and for the gift of life and faith that you pass on. On this Day for Life, we recognise the important part that fathers play in the nurturing of family life at every stage. We pray for fathers who are now with God. RIP.

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: Canon John Gunn, Fr Anthony Davies, Deacon John Higgins, Paul McGough, Tony Stanley, Victims of the Nottingham attacks.

Those who are ill: Lankesh Ratnajoathy, 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: Mgr.: Peter Stonier. Frs.: Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, Michael Doona, Eric Morgan, and Geoffrey Tucker. Also: Eamon Baker, Francis Moseley, Nigel O’Neill, Jean Lowe, Rita Mullally, Violet Cleeve, Jackie Hogan, Jerry Sheehy, John Mulkeen, Julianna Aguilar, and Michael Halpin.

St Chad’s School 50th Anniversary – the current primary school celebrates this milestone with a Mass celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Friday 14th July, in the afternoon. 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.

Second Collection: This weekend there will be an appeal and a second collection for **The Spiritan Society**.

A Weekend Celebration of Faith and Culture at St Chad’s Cathedral – NEXT WEEKEND – 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;

We are still looking for parishioners to lead the Hail Mary in their own language on that weekend. Please offer your services!

Another opportunity that will arise on this special weekend of Faith and Culture: tours of St Chad’s Cathedral. Discover more about the beauty of this building of faith with our Cathedral Tour Guides. On Saturday 24th (2pm to 4pm), please come along for an informal walk around the building and a chance to ask questions. On Sunday 25th, in between the Masses and after the 11.30am Mass, there will be groups taken around the Cathedral. Please take the chance to do this.

Please make every effort to come to Masses and associated events next weekend – in national and cultural dress. Let’s make it colourful!

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 - There is a coach leaving at 12.15pm from St Chad's Cathedral at a cost of £12 per person. To book a place on the coach, please see form at back of the Cathedral.

The Itinerary is displayed on the notice board at the rear of the Cathedral.

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.

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



Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Godlove at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 23rd September.

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 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

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 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 3rd 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.

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.

An Induction Loop System is provided. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

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!

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 6th July 2023** at 1:15pm. Please see the website 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 3rd 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

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.

Forthcoming Feasts – This weekend, we celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral. This is an important Feast. As we prepare for our Weekend of Faith and Culture, and recalling the joy of this Feast last year when the main altar we use for Mass was dedicated, and a relic of Blessed Dominic Barberi placed in the altar, it is always good to thank God for the rich heritage we have received, but to recognize our Cathedral as a living building of faith and hospitality. Tours of the Cathedral are part of next weekend. The readings for this weekend will remain those of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

Thursday 29th June is the wonderful Feast of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles. It is a Holyday of Obligation and Masses here at the Cathedral on that day will be at 12.15pm and 6pm. Please make this day holy.

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.