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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9th July 2023

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2; Weekday Reading Cycle 2; Week 14 of the Year

Entrance Antiphon Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



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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: 8th July 2023 – 16th July 2023

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

Mon 10 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Reddan Family RIP

Tue 11 Feast of St Benedict
'Day of Prayer for Europe'
12.15pm Ann Donovan (Sick)

Wed 12 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Thamas, Mary and Liam Flaherty

Thurs 13 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Bridie and Andy Dillon (Sick)

Friday 14 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Mai, Michael and Gerard Cusack RIP

Sat 15 Vigil for Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
4.30pm Special Intention

Sun 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
'Sea Sunday'
9.30am Marie Kearns RIP
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.



First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet: The next Meet & Greet will be on Sunday 6th August 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. Let's build community!

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings:
Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23 (Mt 13:1-9) 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. John Darley, Anthony Davies and Bernard Garratt, Deacon John Higgins, Mike Boyes, Tony Stanley, Victims of all tragedies at home and abroad 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: Canon Francis Grady; Frs.: Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetheron, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Anthony Burns, Brian Halton and Geoffrey Wamsley CO. Deacon: Anthony Bateman. Also: Patricia, Teresa Woulfe, Nicholas O'Toole and James Jones.

St Chad's School 50th Anniversary – the current primary school celebrates this milestone with a Mass celebrated by Bishop David Evans this Friday, 14th 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 the Apostleship of the Sea. www.stellamaris.org.uk

A Special Online Event hosted by CAFOD – Mr Sylvester Mutsigwa, Community Participation Officer for CAFOD Archdiocese of Birmingham writes:

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.
Thank you for your consistent support for the excellent work of CAFOD on our behalf throughout the year.

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

Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon

Godlove Amungwa – at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 23rd September. Deacon Godlove who has been with us on placement at the Cathedral this year, and took a central part in the ceremonies of Holy Week, will be ordained a priest in September. Transport will be going from Birmingham on that day and we invite expressions of interest for those who would like to go.

The Basilican Magazine The cost of the Cathedral 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. We also invite ideas for articles for the Basilican Magazine.

Weekly Diocesan E-newsletter – Please sign up to receive this at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

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.

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.

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

There will be an open event to visit Tabor Living and to know more about volunteering there. It takes place on Wednesday 12th July from 11am to 1pm. Everybody who can come is welcome. Please spread the word!

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, 28th 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 7th August**. 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



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PACT - the national Catholic charity providing support to prisoners and their families. PACT works in 11 prisons in the Archdiocese as well as in the community. Across England & Wales, an estimated 97,000 children will go to bed tonight without their mum or dad because they are in prison. You are warmly invited to the PACT Roadshow on Saturday 15th July, 10.30am to 1pm in the Grimshaw Room. Archbishop Longley will open the event. Come and meet PACT staff and volunteers working locally. Jesus challenges us with these words: 'I was in prison and you came to me.' We welcome all, including those with lived experience of the criminal justice system and ecumenical friends. It helps with planning if you register <https://tinyurl.com/yxsdec4b>. Find out more about the work of PACT at www.Prisonadvice.org.uk All welcome.

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next recital is on **Thursday 3rd August 2023** at 1:15pm. Please see the website www.thursdaylive.org. Or visit the YouTube Channel for Thursday Live.

Summer 2023: Thursday Live Plus! - From **3 August - 7 September** there will be a recital **every Thursday** at 1.15pm. 40 minutes. Admission free. Retiring collection.

3 August: Paul Carr, **10 August:** Andrew Wyatt, **17 August:** John Pryer, **24 August:** David Saint, **31 August:** Anthony Pinel, **7 September:** Claudia Grinnell.

Fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Society: to be held at the Heart Social Club at Sacred Heart, Grange Road, Aston on Sunday 9th 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.

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

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 16th 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 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.