



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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**Safeguarding:** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Harrold. She can be contacted at: [sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## Twenty-First in Ordinary Time (A)

27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 1; Weekday Reading Cycle 1; Week 21 of the Year**

**Entrance Antiphon** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm** Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from earth and wine to cheer the heart.



  
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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: 27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**Sat 26 Vigil Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Bl. Dominic Barberi)**

4.30pm Baby James Redmond (B'Day)

**Sun 27 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary**

9.30am Ints of Jesse Gbuuga & Emmanuella Ugela

11.30am Ints of Gabriella Cinotti & Jaypal Jhamat

1.15pm Baptism – Anna Bemand Castellanos

**Mon 28 Memorial of St Augustine of Hippo**

**10.00am** Ints of Ellen Bayla – Ints.

**Tues 29 Memorial of the Passion of**

**Saint John the Baptist**

12.15pm John Kelly RIP

**Wed 30 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Special Intention

**Thurs 31 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Bernadette Rafferty RIP

1.15pm Organ Recital – Anthony Pinel

**Friday 1 Feria in Ordinary Time**

11.30am Wedding of Gabriela Cinotti & Jaypal Jhamat

**NO 12.15pm Mass today**

**Sat 2 Vigil Twenty - Second Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

4.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 3 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary**

9.30am Angela & Martin Neil

11.30am Reg Davis RIP

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day** – We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Frs. Bernard Garratt & Keith Enston, Athanasius Amungwa, Debbie Perks, Julius Katz, Jim Whiston, Mary Ryan. Victims of all tragedies at home and abroad and refugees dying at

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

**For those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. Mgrs.: Richard Foster, Laurence Emery & James Crichton. Canons.: Laurence Hogarty & Joseph Nightingale. Frs.: James Downey, Isaac Savin, Francis Toole, Bernard O'Malley, Bernard Salt & Thomas O'Doherty. Deacons.: Peter Kilgallon, David McCarroll. Also: Patricia Wall, John Scott, Pat Flanagan, Ann Hoban, Tom Coyne, Dave Creswell, Johane Monaghan, Rose Dalton, John Kelly, Stanley Jessop, Eve MCarthy, Margaret Brown, Theresa Padian, and Hughie Keating.

**Visiting Choir** – On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will be welcoming the choir from St Wulstan's, Wolstanton, North Staffs, at the 11.30am Mass.

**Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi:** You are encouraged to pray for this intention at home, and to consider situations known to you that might benefit from the miraculous intervention this holy priest in Heaven.

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic,

so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, **Pray for Us.**

Saint John Henry Newman, **Pray for Us.**

Blessed Dominic Barberi, **Pray for Us.**

**The God Who Speaks** – Next Sunday's Readings: **Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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! Come before the 11.30am Mass.

**Monthly Organ Recitals:** Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August** at 1:15pm. Please see the website [www.thursdaylive.org](http://www.thursdaylive.org). Or visit the YouTube Channel for Thursday Live. **Summer 2023: Thursday Live Plus!** – a recital **every Thursday** at 1.15pm. 40 minutes. Admission free. Retiring collection.

**31 August:** Anthony Pinel, **7 September:** Claudia Grinnell.

**Supporting the work of the Cathedral Choir:** For those who benefit from the Cathedral Choir (especially our 11.30am Sunday Mass congregation), there is an option on our contactless devices to make a donation towards the annual cost of the choir.

### Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. **We shall begin a new series of sessions on the Catholic Faith at the beginning of September, on Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street.** Everybody is welcome but if you would like to know more, please introduce yourself after Sunday Mass. Also children for Sacramental Preparation. 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

**Parish Social Event welcoming Bishop David Evans as part of the Parish Visitation Weekend. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm in the Grimshaw Room.** Rather like the recent Weekend of Faith and Culture, this invitation is extended to all of our parishioners of all ages. As Pope Francis says: nobody is excluded.

We would love as many parishioners as possible to come along and be part of this important gathering and to enjoy friendship together.

**Parish Hospitality** – We welcome offers of help to provide tea and coffee after the parish Masses on the Visitation Weekend. Please speak to Fr Tim or to one of our stewards if you are able to help this simple but effective task of service.

**Weekly Diocesan E-newsletter** – Please sign up to receive this at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**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.

**Compassion towards those in difficulty is part of our Christian calling. Speaking about people as human beings rather than about 'boats' is also Christian.**

**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 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.**

**Also somebody who is competent in electrical testing (not necessarily PAT testing).**

**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. **Next Volunteer visiting opportunity: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Visit the website at [www.taborliving.co.uk](http://www.taborliving.co.uk)

Tabor Living is a project under the umbrella of all Social Outreach in our Archdiocese: Fr Hudson's Care. Find out more about the scope of Fr Hudson's Care at: [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**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, 29<sup>th</sup> September.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> September.** 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.

**Parish Visitation by Bishop David Evans on weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023** – It is one of the roles of the Diocesan Bishop to make a Pastoral Visitation of his Diocese over a period of time. In our Archdiocese it tends to be every 6-8 years for each parish. As part of the current Deanery Visitation across the Cathedral and South Birmingham Deanery, Bishop David Evans has asked to come to the Cathedral Parish this October. This is an opportunity to welcome the Bishop and to give him a sense of what our parish means to us at this point in its history. We can reflect with him on our perceived strengths and on the challenges we face. Bishop David will celebrate all of the Masses that weekend and we hope that as many people as possible will take the time to speak with him, especially where time allows after the Masses. Please see separate notice about the Saturday evening. Also a request for help with hospitality in the Grimshaw Room on that weekend.

**Free workshop will be taking place on Saturday 9 September from 10.00am until 3.00pm at St Chad's Cathedral.** Join Mahawa Keita for a special day of creativity – responding to recent LOUDfence initiatives at St Chad's Cathedral and Birmingham Cathedral. Mahawa will be using special ribbons; which were originally dedicated and placed on the railings at both cathedrals, as a sign of solidarity with those who have suffered abuse; to create a memorable piece of art. During the workshop you can play a part in creating elements of this larger piece in memory of abuse survivors – as well as promoting sustainable art in the local community. <https://birminghamcathedral.com/join-us-for-a-free-ribbon-craft-workshop-by-mahawa-keita/>

**March For Life UK – London, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Abortion Destroys the Freedom to Live** – You are invited to consider being part of this national event promoting the Sanctity of human life from its first beginnings. Morning Events: The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW, from 10.30am to 1pm. Mass at Westminster Cathedral 10.30am. The March begins at 1.30pm from the Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square (arriving approx.4.30pm). [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) / [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk). Tel. 07773 501721.

**Fr Hudson's Care Respond to the Synod Process and our Diocesan Vision: Being a Welcoming Church**  
There is to be an in-person event at St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September (10am to 3.30pm) to continue looking at these important themes of being a missionary and a welcoming Church. We welcome offers from parishioners to be part of this day, which is on our doorstep. You are asked to choose one of the following areas of interest on the day: Homelessness, Asylum Seekers, Older People, Disability.

**Harvington Diocesan Pilgrimage: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** A coach has been booked which will be picking pilgrims up from the Cathedral at 12 noon, leaving Harvington for the return journey at 6.00pm. £12 per person. To book, please see form at back of Cathedral. **The deadline for names is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

**The Season of Creation - "Let Justice and Peace Flow"** is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.  
Pope Francis first instituted the September 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, serving as a way to encourage the faithful around the world to pray for our common home. The annual day also marks the beginning of an ecumenical outreach bringing Christians to pray and work together in what is called the Season of Creation.  
How can we celebrate during this time?  
There is a comprehensive list of events and initiatives to support the Season of Creation on our Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/preparing-for-the-season-of-creation>.  
Pope Francis has written a message for the Season of Creation. There is also a summary of that letter.

**The normal programme for Masses is:**

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday) – Confessions after Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am &amp; 11.30am</b>

**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.**