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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

6th August 2023

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2; Weekday Reading Cycle 1; Week 18 of the Year

Entrance Antiphon In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



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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: 5th August 2023 – 13th August 2023

Sat 5 Vigil for Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

4.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am Deceased of the Rosario Family

Followed by Meet & Greet

11.30am Ann & Billy O'Mara (Sick)

Mon 7 Feria in Ordinary Time

12.15pm Margaret Flackett

Tue 8 Memorial of St Dominic

12.15pm Arthur John Wallis

Wed 9 Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Day of Prayer for Europe

12.15pm Danny Higgs RIP

Thurs 10 Feast of St Lawrence

12.15pm David Parkes

1.00pm Organ Recital – Andrew Wyatt

Friday 11 Memorial of St Clare

12.15pm Eileen Drugan

Sat 12 Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.30pm Betty Tomkins RIP

Sun 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

9.30am Martha Bambe (Thanksgiving)

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! Come before the 11.30am Mass.

World Youth Day, Lisbon – Last week, several young priests of our Archdiocese are accompanied a group of about 80 young adults from across our Archdiocese at this major Catholic event for young people from across the world.

Pope Francis travelled to Lisbon last weekend to celebrate the main World Youth Day Mass.

World Youth Day happens every 3 years or so and is a source of vocations – both to Priesthood and Religious Life but it has also been an event from which young Catholic adults have met and eventually married!

World Youth Day never achieves much coverage in the mainstream media, but please look out for it on Social Media: @wyd_en; #lisboa2023; lisboa2023.org

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. John Darley and Bernard Garratt, Athanasius Amungwa, Mike Boyes, Debbie Perks, Julius Katz; Trevor Francis, George Alagiah. Victims of all tragedies at home and abroad and refugees dying at sea.

Those who are ill: Fr. Michael Ho, Lankesh Ratnajothy, 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: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion; Frs.: James Gough, Francis Gwinnett, Basil Lynch, Michael Day, Denis Manion, Thomas Dennison & Michael McGrath. Also: Richard Wilcox, Bob Noctor, Christine Pugh, Arthur Wallis, Maria Paszkowski, Jimmy Mullen, Jim Diamond, Jamie Ferguson, Kate Shorthouse, Philomena Sweeney, Greta O'Dowd, Robert Moore, Grace Medenilla & Enid Roche.

Ordinations this Summer: Congratulations to those who have been ordained Deacon recently: Deacon David Bench, in formation in Rome, and hopefully to be ordained a Priest in the coming year. Deacon Philip Bracken, a Permanent Deacon for our Archdiocese who was ordained in his home parish in Nuneaton last weekend. Deacon Ambrose Chou, in formation at St Mary's College, Oscott, for the Diocese of Portsmouth: one of the group of seminarians here at the Cathedral.

St Chad's Cathedral Choir: Our Cathedral Choir completed the academic year and will now take a break until the end of September when the main source of recruitment: the Birmingham Conservatoire and local universities begin again. So this is not a bad time to reflect on the importance of the choir in contributing to our life and worship here at the Cathedral and especially for the congregation who benefit from the musical excellence and inspiring singing week by week at the Sunday 11.30am Mass.

Maybe it does not occur to you that the choir is paid and so during these weeks where they are missed, we would welcome any donations towards the cost of the choir and in appreciation for their work.

The God Who Speaks – Next Sunday's Readings: **1 King; 19:9. 11-13 Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14:22-23** 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

Ordination to the Priesthood - Father Godlove Amungwa was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in Shrewsbury Cathedral. Thank you for your prayers for him and to those who represented our parish at his Ordination.

Fr Tim was able to be with Fr Godlove for his First Mass, before Fr Godlove goes to Cameroon to spend time with his family. We pray for him that he will be a good and faithful steward of the mysteries of God.

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

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

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, 25th August**, 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 4th 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.

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Prevention. Inquiries: 0121 230 6216 / 0121 230 6211



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Following the recent Weekend of Faith and Culture: It was clear on the recent Weekend of Faith and Culture that a good number of people wished to be more involved in the life of our parish and we would like to build on that. Some of the roles that keep any parish going are also needed here at St Chad's: Do you have any skills in flower-arranging? Do you have time to clean our beautiful Cathedral (which can also give you time to pray as you clean, in this historic building)? Have you considered the ministries of reader or altar server or Extraordinary Minister of the Distribution of Holy Communion? Please see Fr Tim. Sometimes people do not have time that they can give, but they wish to make a regular financial contribution, or a one-off donation, or you might consider remembering St Chad's Cathedral in your will?

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 7th September 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.

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 at 3pm.

March For Life UK – London, 2nd 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 / info@marchforlife.co.uk. Tel. 07773 501721.

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: – We are delighted to hear that Fr Jan Nowotnik, a Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and former Assistant Priest here at St Chad's Cathedral who works for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as Director of Mission, has been appointed by Pope Francis to take part in the Synod Process in Rome this October. Fr Jan was recently awarded a Doctorate on Synodality. **Now**, those who have been tasked with collating all of the 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.