



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty-Fourth in Ordinary Time (A)

### '*Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) Day'

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 4; Weekday Reading Cycle 1; Week 24 of the Year**

**Entrance Antiphon** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



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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.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September:** Those living on the margins of society and inhumane conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Mass Times: 16<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

- Sat 16 Vigil for Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm Betty Tomkins RIP
- Sun 17 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*'Evangelii Gaudium Day'*  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Ken Mulpeter (Sick)
- Mon 18 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15am Fr Edwin Cownley RIP
- Tues 19 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Mrs. Estrelita Resuello RIP
- Wed 20 Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**  
12.15pm Fr Keith Enston RIP
- Thurs 21 Feast of St Matthew**  
12.15pm Mgr. Charlie Cavanagh (Diamond Anniv. of Ordination)
- Friday 22 Feria in Ordinary Time**  
12.15pm Wilfrido Comahig (Thanksgiving)
- Sat 23 Vigil for Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.30pm People of the Parish
- Sun 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*'Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest'*  
9.30am Maria & Christer Lacson (Thanksgiving)  
11.30am Sean Regan RIP (Anniv.)

**Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Frs. Edwin Cownley & Keith Enston, Also Anthony Robinson, Colum Conway, Elaine Harper, Debbie Perks, Jim Whiston, Mary Ryan. Victims of all tragedies at home and abroad and refugees.

**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:** Archbishop.: George Patrick Dwyer. Canons.: Peter McKenna, David Mellor, Albert Adams. Frs.: William Oddie, Alan Holtham, Peter Lees, John Steward, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, Peter Lloyd and John Bale. Also: James Harvey, Kathleen Redmond, Frankie Boyle, John Scanlon, Kathy Gannon, Patrick McLoughlin, Imogen Evans, Winifred Phelan, Elizabeth Byrne, Patsy Gaynor, Geraldine McHugh and Sean Regan.

**Second Collections in the coming weeks:**  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – *Evangelii Gaudium Day* (Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation)  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – (Second Collection for the Work of **Fr Hudson's Care**, Social Care Agency for the Archdiocese of Birmingham)  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Appeal on behalf of the Charity **Friends of the Holy Land** (and Second Collection) – this coincides with Meet & Greet.  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – (Second Collection for CAFOD following **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.). Also an appeal for **PACT**

**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. The Choir returns next Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Monthly Organ Recitals:** Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at 1:15pm. Please see the website [www.thursdaylive.org](http://www.thursdaylive.org)

**The God Who Speaks:** Next Sunday's Readings: **Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16**  
[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 in the Grimshaw Room on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, where there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass. The bookshop will be open this day. Let's build community! Come before the 11.30am Mass.

**Vacancy:** The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service [www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies) and the Archdiocese [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) websites. The closing date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

### Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. **We have begun a new series of sessions on the Catholic Faith on Thursday evenings at St Catherine's Church, Bristol Street, 7pm-8.30pm.** 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 with this simple but effective task of service.

**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**



**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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. 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.

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

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.

**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.

**Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 (Advent 2023 – Advent 2024)** 2024 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, which presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023** From Evangelii Gaudium Sunday onwards, the Office for Mission wants to encourage every Catholic to begin reflecting on their life of prayer: what we pray, how we pray, and why we pray. This is for two reasons: 1) To encourage us to deepen our own prayer life and love of God; 2) To help someone else to pray during the Year of Prayer.

The Office for Mission will be providing suggestions and resources to help you to do that, so that our Archdiocese can have as its focus, missionary prayer and accompaniment during 2024. Consider:

- What is my experience of prayer?
- How can I deepen my prayer life?
- Can I help or encourage someone else to pray?
- How can my parish grow in its love and devotion in prayer?

Visit the Year of Prayer web page for more information and ideas:

[www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024](http://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024)

**Friends of the Holy Land Appeal (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October) & PACT Appeal (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October) –**

The Friends of the Holy Land do as the name suggests, supporting especially Christians in the Holy Land, some of whom live in the most troubling conditions. Please read more at: [friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://friendsoftheholylan.org.uk).

PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is a charity that supports the often hidden needs experienced by the families of those in prison. Please read more at: [Prisonadvice.org.uk](http://Prisonadvice.org.uk)

**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>.

**The Pope has announced that on 4<sup>th</sup> October he will issue Part 2 of Laudato Si. (Part 1 was in 2015)**

**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 available from 11.30am – 12noon Monday to Friday.)

**The Cathedral will be open on Saturday at 11.00am and close after the Mass at 4.30pm.**

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**On Sunday, we open at 9.00am and close after the Mass at 11.30am.**

**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.**