



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

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## Twenty-Seventh in Ordinary Time (A)

### 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Prisoners Sunday

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 3; Weekday Reading Cycle 1; Week 27 of the Year**

**Entrance Antiphon** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks 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: 7<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### **Sat 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

12.00noon Altar Servers Guild Mass

*Celebrant: Bishop David Evans*

#### **Vigil for Twenty - Seventh Sunday in**

#### **Ordinary Time**

4.30pm Colum Conway RIP

#### **Sun 8 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **‘Prisons Week’**

9.30am Philip James Wallis

11.30am Murphy, Colley & McClements Family

*Celebrant: Bishop David Evans*

#### **Mon 9 Feast of St John Henry Newman**

12.15am Intentions of John Henry Bowen

#### **Tues 10 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Ruth Ramsey RIP

#### **Wed 11 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Kathleen & Ken Roberts RIP

#### **Thurs 12 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm Intentions of Andrea Dunton

#### **Friday 13 Feria in Ordinary Time**

12.15pm James Duffy RIP

#### **Sat 14 Vigil for Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm Ints of the Church Music Society

#### **Sun 15 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am Michael & Eileen Drugan

11.30am Justin Veerasamy RIP

**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 5<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

**Monthly Organ Recitals:** Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at 1:15pm. Please see the website [www.thursdaylive.org](http://www.thursdaylive.org)

**Basilican Magazine** – the NEW edition of our Cathedral Magazine is now available from the bookshop. It contains articles about our Weekend of Faith and Culture, on the Installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle of Bishop Stephen Wright, on the wonderful organ that offers us beautiful music in the Cathedral. Price £5

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October:**

**For the Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### **Cathedral Prayers Lists**

**Recently Deceased:** Frs. Edwin Cownley, Keith Enston and Paul Chavasse. Also Paz Gamao Amper, Anthony Robinson, Colum Conway, Elaine Harper, Debbie Perks, Jim Whiston, Mary Ryan and Rebecca Clary.

**Those who are ill:** Fr. Michael Ho, Lankesh Ratnajoathy, 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. Cyril Fay; Frs.: John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Power, Terence Whatmore & Seamus Gilroy. Deacons.: Patrick Selwood & Louis Kelly. Also: James Quirke, Kathleen Murphy, K Karunawathie, Senon O'Halleron, William Hone, Matthew Dunne, Barry Holmes and Patrick O'Neill.

### **Second Collections in the coming weeks:**

Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> October – Appeal on behalf of the Charity **PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust)**

Sunday - 15<sup>th</sup> October – (Second Collection for CAFOD following **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.). Please take a CAFOD envelope home with you.

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary.** Do you have a rosary? Do you use it often?

Why not buy one this month, or ask for one if somebody asks you what you would like for a gift?

<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

Offer this prayer for different intentions.

**The Synod of Bishops** has begun in Rome. As never before, you will know that this process began with every parish and Diocese in the world being asked by Pope Francis to engage and to think about our Church and what it means to us. Bishops, Priests, Religious men and women and lay people will form part of this 3-week meeting. We are asked to continue to pray for God's guidance on the Church especially through the Synod process.

**The God Who Speaks:** Next Sunday's Readings:

**Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22;**

**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14**

(Mt 22:1-10) [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

### **End of British Summer Time:**

**The clocks go back one hour on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 2 in the morning.**

### 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 need people to serve refreshments on Saturday evening and after the Masses on Sunday.

We welcome offers of homemade cakes for the weekend. As #GBBO has started again, not showstoppers – just fairy cakes please!

**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 **The next gathering is Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

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 6<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.

**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 use the **pink sheet** that was given out recently – also on our Cathedral Corner on the website – to reflect before the Visitation weekend.

**Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Holy 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. 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)

**National SVP 1833 Young Adults Retreat** - Hebron Hall Christian Centre Cross Common Road Dinas Powys CF64 4YB. **24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Come and join us for a weekend of meeting others who are passionate about making a difference in their local communities. It will be a weekend of prayer and reflection with times of volunteering and action, including a visit to St Vincent's, Ely Bridge. (25 minute train/car journey from Cardiff) Cost: £50. To find out more and to book, email: [youngvincentians@svp.org.uk](mailto:youngvincentians@svp.org.uk)

**PACT Appeal (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October) –**

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: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk). Jesus himself challenged his listeners when he said: I was in prison and you visited me. Prison ministry and all associate issues are complex and can be uncomfortable for us. Please consider those who have done nothing wrong but are affected by imprisonment.

**The Season of Creation** - “Let Justice and Peace Flow” was 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 complete the Season of Creation this year with a second ‘part’ of his groundbreaking 2015 letter ‘Laudato Si’ on Care of the Earth, Our Common Home. The new document published this past week is called **Laudate Deum** (Praise God) and continues to call for urgent action to protect and care for the earth.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Stephen Wright** – on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon there will be a special Mass here at St Chad’s to welcome Bishop Stephen back to the Archdiocese since his installation as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. There is an open invitation to this Mass. You are most welcome.

**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.**

(Sacrament of Reconciliation available after the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday)

**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.**