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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

'Sunday of the Word of God'

Octave of Christian Unity

21st January 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3;

Week 3 of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.




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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: 20th January – 28th January 2024

Sat 20 Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
4.30pm John McDonald RIP (Anniversary)

Sun 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Maria Tessaro RIP

Mon 22 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15am Constantine John O’Neill RIP

Tues 23 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Intentions of John & Willie Brennan

Wed 24 Memorial of Francis De Sales
12.15pm Vivienne Boylan RIP (Anniversary)

Thurs 25 Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
12.15pm Intentions of Keith Culliford

Friday 26 Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus
12.15pm Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)

Sat 27 Vigil for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
4.30pm James Durnien RIP

Sun 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Denis O’Mahony (Sick)
11.30am People of the Parish
1.15pm Baptism - Chimezie Okoro

Second Collection: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice. www.carj.org.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.



Catholic Church in England & Wales www.cbcew.org.uk
Independent Catholic News: www.indcatholicnews.com
Thinking Faith: www.thinkingfaith.org

First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet: The next Meet & Greet will be in the Grimshaw Room on Sunday 4th February where there will be tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass. The bookshop will be open on this day.

Bell Peal on **Saturday 20th January from 12.30pm – 4pm** on the 20th anniversary of John McDonald who was a prominent and well respected ringer at St Chad's and nationwide. He formed the St Chad's Society of Ringers in the early 1970s when ringing at St Chad's had largely stopped, and successfully encouraged ringers to its membership. John also held membership of the St. Martin's band and was elected Ringing Master and Master of our regional Guild. John's favourite ringing was triples ringing, especially Stedman at St Chad's.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the Catholic Church.

Prayers for Recently Deceased: Frs. Sandy Brown, Paul Lomas, Chris Greaney and John Lungley. Also Maria Tessaro, Hugh Gunn, Anthony Robinson, Elaine Harper, Debbie Perks, Rebecca Clary, Becca Emery and Mary Hughes (nee Taylor).

Prayers for those who are ill: Fr. Michael Ho, John Pender, Patricia Halpin, 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.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Pater Dao-Duc-Diem Canons.: Garrett Byrne, Bernard McKenna, Thomas Sylvester and Giles Goward. Frs.: Michael Walshe, George Jackson, John Tolkien, Joseph McKenna, David Lloyd, Charles Ross, John Garvey and Vincent Royles. Deacon Michael Ainsworth. Also: Carol Smith, Vivienne Boylan, Elsie Head, Josephine Davies, Beryl Messenger, James Dernien, Malcolm Armitt, Catherine Driscoll, Gerard Casey, Raga Fahmi, Nora Godfrey and Maggie Hannigan.

The Synod of Bishops – a Synthesis document has been produced following the month-long Synod Gathering in Rome. This is available on our Cathedral website and you are encouraged to read some of the main themes that have come through. This will give rise to further reflection until the next stage, another month-long gathering in Rome this October.

This Sunday – Sunday of the Word of God. Instituted by Pope Francis for 3rd Sunday of the Year, to rededicate ourselves to the reading of the Scriptures at Mass and in private prayer.

Christian Aid - Beacon of Hope St. Martin in the Bull Ring will be hosting Christian Aid's 'Beacon of Hope' from 15th-27th January. The stained-glass-style 'Beacon of Hope' will be on display outside the front of St. Martin's and will brightly beam five powerful messages of hope into our city centre. Each inspiring message covers themes from hunger and climate change to health and equality, and showcases the colourful artwork of a very talented Ugandan artist, Matt Kayem, an artist who works and lives in Kampala. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/beacon-hope>

We are very pleased to acknowledge the inclusion of our Cathedral in a book called *Another Fifty Churches to see before you Die* by Elena Curti, published by Gracewing and available in our bookshop now.

Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. **We continue our 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

Responding to Archbishop Bernard's vision for the Archdiocese - [Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#) (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

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). Also on Cathedral website.

Sacred Heart Church, Aston – Birmingham Irish Heritage Group – Meets on the first Monday of every month at Sacred Heart, Club, Aston. Next meeting: **Mon 5th February.** 7pm to 9pm. All welcome. Sacred Heart Church is on the No.7 Bus Route from Birmingham.

Weekly Diocesan E-newsletter – Please sign up to receive this at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. It gives you a good sense of what is happening around our Archdiocese and beyond. Make it part of your Catholic life to know what is happening.

PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust

January Rosary for Prisoners and their families:

Following your generous response for Christmas, you are asked to consider keeping this intention in your prayers by praying the Rosary once a week for prisoners & families. This charity supports those in prison and especially has a role of pastoral care towards the families of prisoners – sometimes victims of circumstance themselves. PACT also asks the question: is building more prisons and locking more people up really the best approach? Or education and family support and rehabilitation. Find out more at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>

SVP – Society of St Vincent de Paul - 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. We also need parishioners who are free during the daytime to be able to visit people in need or provide other practical support.

On the first weekend of February, there will be a special appeal given at all Cathedral Masses by our parish SVP.

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. **Often, businesses and companies choose an annual charity to focus efforts on. Could your workplace consider making St Chad's Sanctuary your annual charity? If so, the Sanctuary would welcome people for a tour and to speak more about its important work.**

Aid to the Church in Need Pilgrimage In the Footsteps of the English Northern Saints - 22-27 July 2024.

Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. This Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will include reflections on the persecuted Church of today and look into the history of the early church led by our pilgrim historian Suze Mathews who specialises in Anglo-Saxon history. Led by Fr Jeremy Howard, our pilgrimage chaplain, experience communal prayer of the Divine Office in beautiful surroundings, daily Mass and devotions.

Fr Tim plans to go on this pilgrimage and invites St Chad's parishioners to come and see places that St Chad himself would have known. Information available on noticeboards. For more information and to book a place, please contact Teresa Kehoe: teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org.uk

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 1st February 2024** at 1:15pm. Please see the website www.thursdaylive.org. 2024 promises to be a special year for the recitals! **Thursday 1st February is a special one hour programme by David Saint, Paul Carr, Nigel Morris and John Pryer celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Cathedral's Walker Organ.**

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.

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20. Psalm 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**
Mark 1:21-28 www.godwhospeaks.uk

A Day for Parish Singers: On Saturday 10th February, downstairs in the Grimshaw Room here in St Chad's Cathedral, there will be a day to learn new music and to reflect on the coming liturgical seasons of the Church's Year: Lent and Eastertide. The day is free of charge and open to everybody. There will be an opportunity to learn music for Lent and Eastertide and to hear some background on a new translation of the Lectionary that we use for Mass, expected by the end of this calendar year. 10am to 3.30pm.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal - Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

2024 – A Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Holy Year 2025 - 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

Letter on the Future of our Deanery – At all Masses across the Birmingham Cathedral and South Deanery (which stretches from Central Birmingham to Redditch and Bromsgrove), a letter from Bishop David Evans, our Auxiliary Bishop was read out last weekend. It pertains to the need to look with some urgency at the situation facing us as an Archdiocese, not in the distant future, but very soon. The reality of the number of priests, the health of priests and a sustainable model of parish life for the future is what is addressed. The letter is available to read among the News Items on our Cathedral website.

Pray24Brum – The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18th to 25 January. The significance of the date 25th January is that is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Christian Unity is often expressed through families made up of Christians of different denominations. Pray24Brum is now in its 10th year – the city centre Christian churches of Birmingham gathering to pray and to express prayer in different ways. This year it will be held at St Philip's Cathedral, Colmore Row on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January. Archbishop Bernard will lead prayers there at 1pm on the Saturday. But please try to visit St Philip's Cathedral at any point over the two days. Full programme on notice boards.

Father Hudson's Care presents its 116th Annual Fundraising Ball – at St John's Hotel, Solihull on 9th March 2024. Tickets available: for individuals or special rates for tables of 8, 10 or 12. Fr Hudson's Care is the Social Care Agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and so you can have a most enjoyable evening with friends and know that you are supporting the mission of the Church by serving its most vulnerable members. For further details, please contact: fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call 01675 434000. To find out more about the amazing spectrum of work carried out across the Archdiocese of Birmingham in the name of Fr Hudson's Care, and to see how you can become involved in this work of the Church, please see the website: www.fatherhudsons.org.uk

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.