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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

'Day for the Unemployed' & 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick'

11th February 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2;

Week 6 of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



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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: 10th February – 18th February 2024

Sat 10 Vigil for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
4.30pm Lourdes Hospitalite Mass (Bp D Evans)

Sun 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Margaret Garvey RIP
11.30am Mary Ann Wallis

Mon 12 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15am Cornelius Callanan (Get well)

Tues 13 Feria in Ordinary Time
12.15pm Barbara McDermott-Rowe RIP

Wed 14 Ash Wednesday
12.15pm People of the Parish
6.00pm Ints of our Bishops & Priests

Thurs 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
12.15pm Dai Davies RIP (1 year Anniversary)

Friday 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday
10.00am Funeral Mass for Brendan Fleming RIP
12.15pm John Gibbons RIP

Sat 17 Vigil for First Sunday of Lent (B)
4.30pm Martin Ryan

Sun 18 First Sunday of Lent (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Bernadette Maughan RIP
3.00pm *Rite of Election Diocesan Service*

Second Collection:

Sunday 11th February there will be a second collection for LIFE Charity.

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 Bookshop will be open next Sunday (18th February) as it will be opening for the many visitors we expect at the Cathedral during that day. The next meet and greet will be on Sunday 3rd March at 10.30am

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-32; Mark 1:12-15
www.godwhospeaks.uk

Stations of the Cross – will take place in the Cathedral after the Mass at 12.15pm on Fridays during the season of Lent.

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.

Appeal Panel Volunteers: The Governors of Catholic schools are responsible for convening appeals hearings if requested by a parent or carer who is refused admission to their school. The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service recruits and trains individuals to sit on appeals for Catholic schools within the Diocese and is currently inviting applications from individuals who would like to volunteer for this service. Contact: Mrs Rebecca Tonks for further information. Email: r.tonks@bdes.org.uk. Additional Information is also available on notice boards in the Cathedral.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February:

For Terminally Ill -We pray that those with terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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, Brendan Fleming & Marie Chatten.

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, and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick at home or in hospital.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. Joseph Healey. Frs.: John Paul O'Sullivan, William Connick, James McGloin, William Conefrey, Joseph McEvelly, Timothy Healy, Terrence McDonnell, and Francis Jordan. Deacon: Hugh Robinson. Also: Catherine Mullen, Ann Stapleton, Regina Halpin, Betty Murphy, Theresa Fuller, Ann Dundon, Pat Short, Joseph Joyce, Nancy Kennedy, Kenneth Peiris, Mario P Wong.

Walk with me booklets and calendars are now available at the back of the Cathedral.

Cathedral Collections last week:

Main collection: £191.32

Gift Aid: £155.00

2nd collection (SVP): £459.66

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.

Season of Lent – begins on Ash Wednesday, which is this Wednesday (14th February). 2 Masses here.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 24th March. Please consider marking these dates (and the rest of Holy Week) in your diary now.

Rite of Election – An important ceremony takes place here in the Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent (18th February at 3pm) when people from across the Archdiocese will be presented to the Archbishop as part of their final weeks of preparation leading to adult baptism / Confirmation / Reception into the Catholic Church at Easter.

Let us pray for all those on this journey of faith.

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

Remember St Chad's Cathedral in your Will: As a parishioner or as a visitor to our beautiful Cathedral Church, a building of prayer and history, we ask you consider leaving a legacy to St Chad's Cathedral when you are making your will. We are grateful for all generous donations at any time. This is a particular way of investing in the future. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church, Aston –

Birmingham Irish Heritage Group – Meets on the first Monday of every month at Sacred Heart, Club, Aston. Next meeting: **Mon 4th March**. 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.

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

PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust

Find out more at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>

PACT – An Appeal for Children's Books PACT is looking to support the families of prisoners at HMP Swinfen Hall (Lichfield) to provide books for children during their visits to the prison. If you have books in good condition that you no longer need for your children – of any age – please bring them along. We will collect them. With thanks for all the donations received to date. Please continue to send them in. The Deadline is 18th February 2024.

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. **Thank you for your generous response to the recent pulpit appeal for the SVP recently. The local group looks forward to your offers of support.**

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 7th March 2024** at 1:15pm.

Please see the website www.thursdaylive.org. 2024 promises to be a special year for the recitals!

Thank you very much to David Saint, Nigel Morris, John Pryer and Paul Carr for a most memorable and uplifting recital this past week, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the main organ here at St Chad's.

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.



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

Catholic Church in England & Wales www.cbcew.org.uk
Vatican (Current & Papal Archive) www.vatican.va
The Synod Process Website: <https://www.synod.va/en/resources/official-documents.html>

Solemnity of St Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and our Cathedral and Primary School

Saturday 2nd March. The Feast Day Mass this year is at 10am and coincides with the Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the children of St Chad's School. Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard. All Welcome.

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 recently. 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.

New Canons of St Chad's Cathedral – We pray for four priests of the Archdiocese who have recently been appointed as Canons of the Cathedral: Mgr Mark Crisp, Parish Priest of Blessed Carlo Acutis, Wolverhampton and Fr Raymond Corbett, Diocesan Chancellor and Catholic Chaplain to Aston University have been appointed Chapter Canons, the group of priests who form part of the College of Consultors to the Archbishop, as required by the Church's Canon Law. Two priests have been appointed Honorary Canons: Fr Gary Buckby, Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Rose of Lima, Weoley Castle and St Peter, Bartley Green and currently the Dean of the Cathedral and South Birmingham Deanery; and Fr Douglas Lamb, Parish Priest of St Ambrose, Kidderminster.

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 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 4.00pm

(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.