



# Metropolitan Cathedral & Basilica of St Chad

## St Chad's Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6EU

Tel: Cathedral House 0121 230 6211

Email: [stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

Website: [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

Twitter: @StChadsBirm Facebook: St Chad's Cathedral Instagram: @stchads\_cathedral

Archdiocese Website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

Cathedral Dean – Mgr. Timothy Menezes - 0121 230 6209 Email: [dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dean.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

Priests who assist regularly at Cathedral Masses: Fr. Christopher Marshall, Canon Michael Leadbeater, Fr Leonard Cox, Fr Craig Szmidt, Fr Andrew Robinson.

Sister Thérèse O'Brien (Pastoral Assistant)

Chaplains to Birmingham Children's Hospital Fr. Gerry Lennon and Sister Florence Njoku

Canon Raymond Corbett (Universities): [r.corbett@aston.ac.uk](mailto:r.corbett@aston.ac.uk) Catholic Student Societies: [www.cathchaps.co.uk](http://www.cathchaps.co.uk)

Mrs. Margaret Harrold (Parish Safeguarding Representative) e-mail: [sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

Andrew De Valliere (Site Manager) 0121 230 6205 e-mail: [sm.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sm.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

Trish Brookes (Dean's P.A.) 0121 230 6211 e-mail: [trish.brookes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:trish.brookes@rcaob.org.uk)

Margaret Regan (Finance) 0121 230 6208 e-mail: [pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk)

Karleen Lowes (Education Visits Coordinator & Cathedral Parish Administrator) 0121 230 6215 e-mail: [karla.lowes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:karla.lowes@rcaob.org.uk)

Director of Music: Professor David Saint. [music.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:music.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk) 0121 230 6247

Assistant Director of Music: Nigel Morris; Organiste Honoraire: John Pryer;

St. Chad's Catholic Primary School: Mrs Martina Parker (Head Teacher) 0121 464 6554

Cathedral Bookshop (Society of St Paul) Lorenzo Torri (Manager) 0121 236 6336

Sister Margaret Walsh - Trustee (St. Chad's Sanctuary Mon / Wed / Fri. 10.30am-3.00pm)

Abigail Martin – St. Chad's Sanctuary Project Manager Tel: 0121 233 3127

**Safeguarding:** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Harrold. She can be contacted at: [sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

### 'Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments'

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**Divine Office:** Psalter Week 3;

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



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 – 4.00pm 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Sat 2 Solemnity of St Chad**  
 10.00am St Chad’s Primary School Confirmations-  
*Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley*  
 All Welcome for our Parish Feast Day  
**Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent (B)**  
 4.30pm Barney Donnellan – RIP (Anniv.)

**Sun 3 Third Sunday of Lent (B)**  
 9.30am People of the Parish  
*Followed by Meet & Greet*  
 11.30am Mary & Family (Thanksgiving)  
 1.15pm Baptism – Caleb Eshiesimua & Yvonne  
 De Juan Wong

**Mon 4 Lent Feria**  
 12.15pm Patrick Kensen Chiang RIP (Anniv.)

**Tues 5 Lent Feria**  
 12.15pm Chapter Mass

**Wed 6 Lent Feria**  
 12.15pm Raineri Family Turin

**Thurs 7 Lent Feria**  
 12.15pm Christina Chiang RIP (Anniv.)

**Friday 8 Lent Feria**  
 12.15pm Intentions of Fr Kelly  
*Followed by Stations of the Cross*

**Sat 9 Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)**  
 4.30pm Margaret Naylor – RIP

**Sun 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)**  
**‘Laetare Sunday’**  
 9.30am Nora English RIP  
 11.30am People of the Parish

**Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March:** For the new martyrs – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Prayers for Recently Deceased:**, Frs. Sandy Brown, Paul Lomas, Chris Greaney and John Lungley. Also Hugh Gunn, Anthony Robinson, 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:** Canon Anthony Allport. Frs.: Douglas Carter, John Pinkman, Robert Wright, Terence Luxon, Francis Johnson and Joseph Purcell. Deacon James Rowe. Also: Lily O’Connor, Patrick Kensen Chiang, Joey Carey, Dylan Booth, Noreen Hartnett, Winifred Rondo, Mary Conroy, Alan Thome and Christina Chiang.

**Walk with Me** booklets and calendars are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**Cathedral Collections last week:**

**Main collection:** £497.62  
**CAFOD – Lent Fast Day:** £859.14

**Born For This – a presentation of the Stations of the Cross, in Music and Drama** – is being presented by the Kenelm Youth Trust of our Archdiocese, and welcomes the involvement of young people, and for people to attend. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Thomas Aquinas School, Kings Norton. For more details: [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/born-for-this.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/born-for-this.html)

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 12noon -**

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary of marriage this year, please let us know and come along to celebrate God’s blessings in your life. This annual celebration is a witness to the power of God’s love in married life. The Mass is open to all and is a moment of thanksgiving for the story of each couple and God’s goodness to you. <https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass>

**Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please consider marking that Great Week in your diary now and come to the ceremonies of Holy Thursday (7.30pm), Good Friday (3pm) and Holy Saturday (8pm). Easter Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> March) morning Masses as Normal (9.30am and 11.30am)**

**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.

**Second Collection:** This weekend there will be a diocesan second collection for the Maintenance of our Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity towards our parish and the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

**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 and greet will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass.

**The God Who Speaks:** Next Sunday’s Readings: **2 Chronicle 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21** [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)  
 Next Sunday is also Mother’s Day. A day of gratitude.

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

**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](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://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 4<sup>th</sup> March.** 7pm to 9pm. All welcome. A special event previewing St Patrick’s Day this month: music, dancing and food.

**Weekly Diocesan E-newsletter** – Please sign up to receive this at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://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**

Find our more at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>  
Pact is deeply grateful to all of the supporters and parishes who donated to last year's campaign. Currently, the amount raised from parish collections up and down the country stands at an incredible £50,267 pounds. This will make a huge difference to the lives of those whom Pact support.

This season of Lent, a commentary on the Stations of the Cross prepared by the PACT charity will be used sometimes after the 12.15 Mass on Fridays.

**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](http://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](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. **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](mailto:teresa.kehoe@acnuk.org)

**Monthly Organ Recitals:** Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at 1:15pm. Please see the website [www.thursdaylive.org](http://www.thursdaylive.org). 2024 promises to be a special year for the recitals!

**Theology on Tap** – an opportunity for young adults to discuss matters of faith, in a social setting in Birmingham City Centre. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. See Kenelm Youth Trust on Instagram!

**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.

**Catholic Church in England & Wales** [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)  
**Websites on the Priesthood and Vocations** [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org); [www.vocations.org.uk](http://www.vocations.org.uk)  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A very happy Feast Day to all of our parishioners, visitors and friends, as we honour St Chad, Bishop, Pilgrim and Shepherd of the people in his care. May he intercede for us this weekend.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** - Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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 has provided 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)

**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.

#### **Diocesan Events at St Chad's Cathedral**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Chrism Mass at 11.30am. Priests of the Archdiocese renew their priestly promises and the oils for the Sacraments for the coming year are blessed by the Archbishop.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Easter Monday Mass at 10am. This has its origins in the men of the city witnessing to the Blessed Sacrament when it was questioned. A tradition for grandfathers, fathers and sons to come to Mass together. Everybody is welcome.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**- Blessing of Hands Mass at 2pm for pilgrims preparing to travel on the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage the following week

**Father Hudson's Care presents its 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Ball** – at St John's Hotel, Solihull on 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.