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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

28th April 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1;

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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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 – 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: 27th April – 5th May 2024

Sat 27 Easter Feria
11.00am Association for Latin Liturgy Mass
Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
4.30pm Phe Ro & Anna

Sun 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Con Allen RIP

Mon 29 Feast of St Catherine of Siena
'Day of Prayer for Europe'
12.15am Fr. Joseph Carron

Tues 30 Easter Feria
'Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse'
12.15pm For Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Wed 1 Memorial of St Joseph the Worker
12.15pm Special Intention

Thurs 2 Memorial of St Athanasius
12.15pm Kay Ahern RIP
1.15pm Monthly Organ Recital

Friday 3 Feast of Ss Philip and James
12.15pm Bernie Porter RIP

Sat 4 Feast of English Martyrs
12noon Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage
Vigil for Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
4.30pm Bernadette Redmond RIP (B'Day)

Sun 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Kay Sweeney

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First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet:

The next meet and greet will be on Sunday 5th May at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass. 11.30am people – come before Mass!

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 www.godwhospeaks.uk

This Tuesday – Annual Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Mass at 12.15pm and the presentation of a new study on the effects of abuse especially within the Church and our experience of learning to respond better as a Church.

Basilican Magazine of St Chad's Cathedral – the new edition of the Cathedral Magazine is now available from St Paul's Bookshop, priced £5. Excellent articles about the 30th anniversary recital for the Cathedral Organ; our Parish Visitation Weekend and the Installation of new Canons for the Cathedral.

Birmingham Children's Hospital Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 12th May at 2pm. St Chad's is privileged to host this service remembering children who have died in the past year. Please pray for the important work of the Children's Hospital.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May: For the formation of religious and seminarians – We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocation through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Prayers for Recently Deceased: Mgr George Hay, Mgr Philip Carroll, Bishop Elect Martin Chambers Eileen Dalton, Anthony Robinson, Patricia Green & Peter Ifeacho.

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, Chris Saint, Joan Soggi, Joseph Lowes, Anne Symonds, residents of Beverley House and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie; Frs.: Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, Thomas O'Connor, David Duggan and Michael Byrne. Deacon James Fantham. Also, Sheila Williams, Thomas Regan, Jerry Diggins, Kathleen Mulraney, Elizabeth Harvey, Catherine Meacham, Patrick Clancy, Sheila Scampton, Brendan Byrne & Kathleen Fields.

Second Collection: Next weekend's collection is for Catholic Communications.

Cathedral Collections: Last Weekend

Main: **£408.93**
Clergy Training Fund: **£403.39**

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimages 2024
Walsingham, Norfolk – National Shrine of Our Lady. Always the second Saturday in May.
Lourdes, France – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Spring Bank Holiday Half Term Week.
Hednesford, South Staffordshire – Outdoor Mass and Anointing of the Sick. First Sunday in July
Harvington Hall, Worcestershire – Outdoor Mass in honour of the English Martyrs – first Sunday in September.

Two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham – On Thursday of the past week, Pope Francis appointed Canon Richard Walker, Vicar General of the Archdiocese and Mgr Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Aston as Auxiliary Bishops of Birmingham. Please pray for them as they prepare for Ordination as Bishops and taking up their new responsibilities in the Archdiocese in the weeks ahead. They will join Bishop David Evans.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage – Saturday 4th 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>

Feeding your Faith (RCIA)

The fact that a number of people have become Catholics this Easter can prompt you or somebody you know to learn more. The next series of talks and discussions will begin in September. If you, or somebody you know would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, please introduce yourself after Sunday Mass.

If you want to feed your faith in a time of your choosing, look at the website www.sycamore.fm or search online for the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Our Seminarians from St Mary’s College, Oscott:

Please continue to pray for our students in formation: Peter, Jaison, Christopher, Chris and Deacon Ambrose who prepares for Ordination to Priesthood this summer.

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 every month at Sacred Heart, Club, Aston.
Next meeting: **3rd June** 7pm to 9pm. All welcome. Friends from all over the city come to the group, to celebrate and share Irish history and culture.

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

CAFOD - A Year of Encounter - With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

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. **We were delighted by the number of parishioners who came forward following the recent appeal, to become members of associates of the 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

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 6th June 2024** at 1:15pm. Please see the website 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 **24th May**. See Kenelm Youth Trust on Instagram or ask Fr Tim for more details!

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.

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



The Catholic Church and Social Action in the Midlands www.fatherhudsons.org.uk
Websites on the Priesthood and Vocations www.ukpriest.org; www.vocations.org.uk
The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>

Pentecost Vigil of Prayer followed by Social Gathering here for students and young adults. **Saturday 18th May at 6pm.** An invitation to our many young adults who attend Mass here from different countries and cultures. Please come with your friends. Fr Tim asks that students and young adults come together for this time of prayer and friendship.

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 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

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

Tuesday 30th April – Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. Mass at 12.15pm celebrated by Bp David Evans

Saturday 4th May – 12 noon Mass for Marriage.

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

Sunday 2nd June - Corpus Christi Procession from St Michael's, Moor Street after the Mass at 1pm to St. Chad's Cathedral - Archbishop Bernard to celebrate the Mass and lead the Procession.

Saturday 8th June – Annual Diocesan Day for Deacons of the Archdiocese. Mass at 11.30am

Weekend of Faith and Culture 2024 - Please make a note in your diary of **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June for our next Weekend of Faith and Culture**. We are celebrating the richness of different Catholic cultures represented in our Cathedral weekend congregations: language, music and food. Our Parish Primary School will lead the music at the Saturday 4.30pm Mass, and we look forward to another celebration of all that makes you proud of the faith in your country. Fr Tim welcomes all offers of involvement: to read a prayer in your language, to prepare food to share, to decorate the Cathedral. Most of all, for now, please don't be away that weekend, if possible! The choir will give a special concert on Sunday 23rd June at 3pm.

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.