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Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

'Divine Mercy Sunday'

7th April 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2;

Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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: 6th April – 14th April 2024

Sat 6 Easter Saturday, Solemnity
1.00pm Wedding of Mark Arnott-Job and Anita Kaur Mann
Vigil for Second Sunday of Easter (B)
4.30pm Intentions of Mrs. Gill & family

Sun 7 Second Sunday of Easter (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Michael Hake RIP

Mon 8 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
12.15am Mary Flaherty RIP (Anniv.)

Tues 9 Easter Feria
12.15pm Intentions of Cathedral & Archbishop's House clergy

Wed 10 Easter Feria
12.15pm Intentions of *Stella Maris* – Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard

Thurs 11 Memorial of St. Stanislaus
12.15pm Cathleen Regan RIP (Anniv.)

Friday 12 Easter Feria
12.15pm John Patrick Coogan RIP

Sat 13 Vigil for Third Sunday of Easter (B)
4.30pm Barry Nelson RIP

Sun 14 Third Sunday of Easter (B)
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Ty Duc Dang RIP

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First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet:

The next meet and greet will be on Sunday 7th April at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass. 11.30am people – come before Mass!

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5;
Luke 24:35-48 www.godwhospeaks.uk

Congratulations to our newly Baptized and Confirmed adults whom we welcomed into the family of the Church during our Easter Vigil celebrations. We pray that God will bless them and their families as their Journey of Faith continues in a new way...

Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) Mass in St Chad's Cathedral at 12.15 this Wednesday. Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard. Please pray for all seafarers and chaplains.

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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April: For the role of women – We pray that the dignity and immense value of women to be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Prayers for Recently Deceased: Mgr George Hay, Also Eileen Dalton, 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, Chris Saint, Joan Soggi, Joseph Lowes, residents of Beverley House and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick at home or in hospital.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Peter Jones. Frs.: Kevin Preston, Eamon Clarke, Kenneth Collins, Joseph Barr, Michael McManus and Deacon Jack Foxall. Also Hector Alphonse, Mary Flaherty, Thomas Daly, Alice Sheehan, Cathleen Regan, Desmond Teague and Bernard Spratt.

Easter Offerings: Thank you for your Easter Offerings for the clergy who serve the Cathedral.

Cathedral Collections last week:

Collections for Holy Places in the Holy Land will be listed in the newsletter of next week.

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.

A Word of Thanks for a wonderful Lent and Holy Week to our staff and volunteers for the Archbishop Bernard presided over the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, supported by the Cathedral clergy and the Staff and seminarians from St Mary's College, Oscott. The thanks of all to Professor David Saint, Director of Music, Nigel Morris, Assistant Director of Music, and our Cathedral Choir for such powerful and uplifting liturgies – breath-taking but prayerful! To readers and altar servers. Thanks also to the many who joined us on our ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

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.

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: **8th April** 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

PACT – Prison Advice and Care Trust

Find out 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.

PACT supports the families of prisoners but also raises issues around prison reform and the purposeful rehabilitation of offenders to enable them to be fruitful in life after release.

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 2nd May 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 12th April. 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
HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust (Lourdes Pilgrimage for those with special needs) www.hcpt.org.uk

The Annual Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in the south of France takes place during the Spring Bank Holiday school half term week. This year: Monday 27th May to Saturday 1st June. If you would like to know more about travelling to Lourdes, please contact Fr Tim

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

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.