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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year B)

2nd June 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1;
Ordinary Time Week 9

Solemnity of Corpus Christi
Weekday Cycle 2 readings

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: The cup of Salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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Mass Times: 1st June – 9th June 2024

Sat 1	Vigil for Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B) 4.30pm For end to conflicts in Sudan & South Sudan
Sun 2	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B) 9.30am Intentions of David Richards & Family <i>No Meet & Greet this month.</i> 11.30am People of the Parish 2.00pm <i>Corpus Christi Procession from St Michael's, Moor Street to St Chad's</i>
Mon 3	Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions 12.15pm Ints of Mgr Timothy Menezes
Tues 4	Feria in Ordinary Time 12 noon Midday Prayer & Chapter Mass
Wed 5	Memorial of St Boniface 12.15pm Robert Green RIP (Anniv)
Thurs 6	Feria in Ordinary Time 12.15pm Ints of Erin Lyons (Exams) 1.15pm <i>Thursday Live Organ Recital – All welcome</i>
Friday 7	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart 12.15pm Intentions of All Priests
Sat 8	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 11.30am Diocesan Mass for Deacons – Abp Bernard Vigil for Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 4.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 9.30am Catherine Dillon (nee Wallis) 11.30am Brendan Finnegan

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 – the bookshop is open today. But as the Grimshaw Room is currently out of use, **we are sorry that there cannot be Meet and Greet today.**

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 129; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35 www.godwhospeaks.uk

Two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham
Please pray for Canon Richard Walker and Monsignor Timothy Menezes who have been appointed as Bishops for service in our Diocese as they prepare for their Ordination in July.

Monsignor Canon Pat Browne – We pray for Monsignor Pat who this summer celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination as a Priest. May God continue to bless and guide him in his ministry, now in retirement in Ireland.

June is a month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast Day is this Friday and we wish a blessed Feast Day to Sacred Heart Parish and School in Aston.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June: For migrants fleeing their homes – We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Prayers for Recently Deceased: Eileen Dalton, Anthony Robinson, Christopher Ifecho, Damian Joseph Lowes and Belarmino Antao.

Prayers for those who are ill: John Pender, Patricia Halpin, Peter Waldron, Jane Goodyear, Frances Crockett, Ray Norris, Harpal, Baby George, Finn, Chris Saint, Joan Socci, Anne Symonds, residents of Beverley House.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop James Day; Mgr Bernard Robinson; Canon Harry Bouchier; Frs.: William O'Brien, John A Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, John Crean, Peter Gallagher, John McIver, John P Lane and Timothy Cronin. Deacon Peter Phelan. Also, Tom Hussey, Kathleen Kinsella, Ann Ducey, Robert Green, Kathleen Nolan, Mary Udris, Johnna McAlister, Thomas Walsh, Joan McCarthy, Margaret Scanlan, Catherine Dillon, Mary Thomas and Tony Williams.

Cathedral Collections: Last Weekend
Main: **£415.76** CAFOD: **£50.00**

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimages 2024
Hednesford, South Staffordshire – Outdoor Mass and Anointing of the Sick. 7th July at 3pm.
Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster – Outdoor Mass in Honour of the English Martyrs – 1st Sept

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 2nd June.
Each year, we have an opportunity to witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mass at 1pm will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Michael's Catholic Church, Moor Street (just off High Street, by the old Marks and Spencer). Everybody welcome. The procession then moves through the City Centre to St Chad's Cathedral.

It is amazing to see the interest that people show, respectfully, as the procession moves through the City Centre.

We would like all parishioners to consider joining this procession – something that would be familiar to many cultures around the world.

As the procession arrives at St Chad's Cathedral, there are some moments of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

This procession is open to everybody, so please come and bring your family and friends.

Weekend of Faith & Culture – 22nd / 23rd June

This will be the second year of this event, celebrating the many cultures present in our Cathedral family: please wear your cultural dress to Mass on the weekend. We are looking for people to lead an Our Father in their language, and we invite people to bake for Saturday evening or to cook for Sunday lunchtime. More details below.

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:

Deacon Ambrose Chou will be ordained priest at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday 13th July at 11am. Please sign up if you would like to go on a coach.

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 to 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. 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 Liturgy Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales www.liturgyoffice.org.uk
Day for Life – 16th June – This year's theme - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>
A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal in England and Wales www.dojustice.co.uk

General Election – We have a responsibility as Christians to vote and to defend Christian values in public life. We pray for all those who will seek election to parliament on 4th July. Take time to find out who your candidates are and, if you have a chance, to ask them questions before the election. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

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

Saturday 8th June – Annual Diocesan Day for Deacons of the Archdiocese. Mass at 11.30am. Celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. All welcome.

Saturday 13th July - Cameroonian Catholic Men's Association Mass at 1pm. Celebrated by Bishop David Evans. All welcome.

Weekend of Faith and Culture 2024 – Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd June. So far, the programme for the weekend looks like this: Saturday from 2pm – Tours of the Cathedral Crypt; 4.30pm Mass led by St Chad's Catholic Primary School followed by tea and cakes; Sunday 9.30am led by the Gambian Christian Association; 11.30am Mass led by the Cathedral Choir, followed by lunch and tours of the Cathedral Crypt. Then at 3pm, we shall be treated to a concert in the Cathedral by our Cathedral Choir. A weekend to look forward to. Please, please keep it free.

Vacancy: Caritas Development Lead Based at Coleshill, Warwickshire, Home Based and travel across the region, 30 Hours per week. Working days to be discussed with the successful candidate. Salary, SCP 33-35 £28,841. -£30,268 per annum. Visit www.fatherhudsons.org.uk for an application form or e-mail recruitment@fatherhudsons.org.uk quoting post reference number P1792 Closing Date Wednesday 5th June 2024 - Interviews Thursday 13th June 2024

Holy Name Catholic Primary School, Great Barr – 70th Anniversary of School Opening - To commemorate this milestone, on **Saturday 29th June**, there will be a special celebration of Mass at **12.30pm** in Holy Name church followed by an 'open house' where the school building will be open for past pupils, parents and staff to visit and take a look around. If you have any photographs, memorabilia or items of interest from school to share or lend to us to display as part of our celebration, then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office: **0121 357 3216** or email us: headteacher@holynamesandwell.sch.uk. Thank you – we are looking forward to seeing you!

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)