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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

26th May 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 4;
Ordinary Time Week 8

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Weekday Cycle 2 readings

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



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Mass Times: 25th May – 2nd June 2024

- Sat 25 Vigil for Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)**
4.30pm Nancy Boyed RIP
- Sun 26 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)**
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Mary McGuigan RIP
- Mon 27 Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury
'Bank Holiday'**
10.00am Ciaran Bergin (Sick)
- Tues 28 Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm James Madden RIP
- Wed 29 Solemnity of the Dedication of St Chad's**
12.15pm Kissy Burain (B'Day)
- Thurs 30 Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Norlita Gesmundo RIP
- Friday 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
12.15pm Intentions of Kate Lyons (Exams)
- Sat 1 Vigil for Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)**
4.30pm For end of conflicts in Sudan & South Sudan
- Sun 2 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (B)**
9.30am Intentions of David Richards & Family
Followed by Meet & Greet
11.30am People of the Parish
2.00pm Corpus Christi Procession from St Michael's, Moor Street

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First Sunday of the Month Meet & Greet:

The next meet and greet will be on Sunday 2nd June at 10.30am after the 9.30am Mass. 11.30am people – come before Mass!

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 115; Hebrews 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 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.

May is the Month of Mary and it is also a Month of Prayer for Vocations in the Cathedral and South Birmingham Deanery. Please pray the Rosary for this special intention during this month.

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,

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

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 Socci, Anne Symonds, residents of Beverley House and our parishioners, family and friends who are sick.

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgrs. Wilfrid Moore; Canon John Gunn; Frs.: Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Ward, Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, William O'Brien and John Lane. Deacon William Parker. Also, Margaret Green, Bert Hannon, Eileen McGlacken, Pam Rigby, Tom Hussey, Kathleen Kinsella and Ann Ducey.

Cathedral Collections: Last Weekend

Main: **£412.79**

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.

Then everybody is invited for refreshments in the Grimshaw Room.

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:

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. 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
A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal in England and Wales www.dojustice.co.uk

Pentecost Vigil of Prayer followed by Social Gathering – thank you very much to those who came to this event which celebrated the Birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thank you especially to the young adults who led us in music and testimony and to those who cooked wonderful food which was enjoyed by all!

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. All welcome.

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 2nd June - from St Michael's, Moor Street beginning with Mass at 1pm and walking through the city centre to St. Chad's Cathedral - Archbishop Bernard to celebrate the Mass and lead the Procession. All welcome. This is a great act of witness to our faith, and happens in countries around the world.

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 Base - 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.

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