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Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

5th May 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 2;

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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: 4th May – 12th May 2024

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

Mon 6 Easter Feria
'Bank Holiday'
10.00am Thomas Corduibh RIP (Anniv.)

Tues 7 Easter Feria
12.15pm Chapter Mass

Wed 8 Easter Feria
12.15pm Roque Rodrigues RIP (Anniv.)

Thurs 9 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
'Holyday of Obligation'
12.15pm Teresa Ryan RIP
6.00pm People of the Parish

Friday 10 Easter Feria
12.15pm Elsie Head (Nee Wallis)

Sat 11 Easter Feria
10.00am 1st Holy Communion – St. Chad's Primary
1.00pm Convalidation – Vitus Chukwunyere & Felicity Chioma
Vigil for Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
4.30pm Sean Regan RIP

Sun 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
'World Communications Day'
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Laurence Walshe RIP
2.00pm Children's Hospital Memorial Service

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 this 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 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 102; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

www.godwhospeaks.uk

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.

Damian Joseph Lowes RIP – It is with great sadness we inform you of the death of Joe after a short period of illness. Joe was the beloved husband/father of Karla and Jacob Lowes. Joe's Funeral Mass will take place on **Friday 24th May at 11.30am** here at St. Chad's Cathedral.

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, 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: Bishop Joseph Gray; Canons Bernard Hurrill & Francis Woodward; Frs.: David Duggan, Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O'Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joret, Patrick Cocklin. Deacon James Duffy. Also, Kathleen Fields, John Hughes, Peter Grimley, Mick Green, Jarleth Cummins, Peter Monaghan, Martin Gillespie, Cliff Blakemore, Teresa Doherty, Fulgencio Dionela, Harry Boyd & Davide Pulisciano.

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

Cathedral Collections: Last Weekend

Main: **£346.71**

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimages 2024
Walsingham, Norfolk – National Shrine of Our Lady. Always the second Saturday in May.
Hednesford, South Staffordshire – Outdoor Mass and Anointing of the Sick. First Sunday in July.

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.

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.

Feasts of the Easter Season – As we move through this joyful season, this week, we celebrate the great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord this Thursday. It is a day when we are asked to make time to come to Mass. Please see whether you can attend Mass here or in your local parish. On Sunday 19th May, the Church celebrates the great Feast of Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles. Both happen during this month of Mary.

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!

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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
Catholic Social Action Network <https://www.csan.org.uk/>

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

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

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

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 - 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.