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Safeguarding: *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Margaret Harrold**. She can be contacted at: sg.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul (Year B)

30th June 2024

Divine Office: Psalter Week 1;
Ordinary Time Week 13

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
Weekday Cycle 2 readings

Entrance Antiphon: There are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Responsorial Psalm: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



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: 29th June – 7th July 2024

Sat 29 **Vigil for Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul**
4.30pm Barbara & Philip Donnellan RIP

Sun 30 **Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul**
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Peter Gore – RIP (Anniv.)

Mon 1 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Intentions of Fr. Leonard

Tues 2 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.00pm Midday Prayer and Chapter Mass
5.00pm Reception of Body – Alice Milton RIP

Wed 3 **Feast of St Thomas**
12.15pm Funeral Mass – Alice Milton RIP

Thurs 4 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Janet Waterhouse RIP (Anniversary)
1.15pm *Monthly Organ Recital*

Friday 5 **Feria in Ordinary Time**
12.15pm Hannah Shaw (B'day)

Sat 6 **Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
12noon Baptism of Freddie Hall
4.30pm For end to conflicts in Sudan & South Sudan

Sun 7 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.30am People of the parish
11.30am Mary Ann Wallis

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 will be open on Sunday 7th July. Further information on Meet and Greet in due course.

The God Who Speaks: Next Sunday's Readings:
Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122;
St Paul's 2nd Letter to Corinthians 12:7-10;
Mark 6:1-6 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.

You may wish may to gather at Sacred Heart Social Club, Grange Road in Aston to join the livestream of the Ordination of Bishops on 16th July with others. The parishioners of Sacred Heart, Aston, welcome you to join them for this initiative if you would prefer to share the experience with others rather than at home.

Ordination of Bishops – Tuesday 16th July at noon
Please note that, due to restrictions on space, it will not be possible for there to be an open invitation for this special day. It will be livestreamed on the Cathedral website and you are asked to join the livestream on the day and to pray for the two priests being ordained bishop, and for the Mission of our Archdiocese.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: For the pastoral care of the sick – We pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Prayers for Recently Deceased:, Sr Carmel Wragg, Eileen Dalton, Anthony Robinson, Christopher Ifeacho, Damian Joseph Lowes, Belarmino Antao, Alice Milton and Marie Assin.

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

Prayers for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr: Patrick Corrigan. Canon Francis Dudley. Frs.: John Darley, William O'Malley, Michael Cullinan, Leonard Joppe, and Vincent Armishaw. Also, Angela Gadsby, Ros Fitter, Maria Perea, Michael O'Leary, Luan Leigh, Brendan McKelvey, Peter Gore, Jim Ormsby, Janet Waterhouse, Michael Moyes, Mrs O'Neill, Bernard Tehan, James Malynn, Patrick Forde, Mercedes Advincola Abordo, Matthew Ashe, Matthew O'Donnell Jnr & Mary Wallis.

Cathedral Collections: Last Weekend
Main: **£496.00**

Second Collection This weekend there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimages 2024
Hednesford, South Staffordshire – Outdoor Mass and Anointing of the Sick. 7th July at 4pm.

Alice Milton RIP – Alice was a parishioner of ours who sadly passed away at the end of May at the age of 104. Her funeral details here at the Cathedral are as follows; Tuesday 2nd July 5pm – Reception of body. Wednesday 3rd July 12.15pm – Funeral Mass.

Weekend of Faith and Culture – thank you to the school community of St Chad's Catholic Primary School – our Parish School – and to the Gambian Christian Association Choir and our Cathedral Choir for last weekend and to all who led the Our Father.

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage - Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on **Sunday 1 September**. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions from 1.45pm – 2.30pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available. email stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk by **Monday 26 August at the latest** so that a parking place can be reserved for your coach. *It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch.*

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford on **Sunday 7th July 2024**. For those who have booked a place – **the coach departs from St Chad's Cathedral at 12.15pm.**

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 pray for his at this important time.

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: **1st July** 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. 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.

Our Parish SVP Conference always welcomes those who cannot help in terms of time but would like to support their work on our behalf, financially.

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. **NEEDED URGENTLY: Tinned tomatoes, Longlife Milk, Pasta, Tinned Fish, Tinned vegetables, Rice, Kidney Beans and Chickpeas, Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Tea, Soup, Cereals.** They can be brought to the Cathedral and we will get them across for you.

Harvington Hall History Festival – As well as the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs of the Midlands of England, Harvington Hall is an extraordinary place of historical interest, on our doorstep.

This year marks the second year of the History Festival. Why not follow this link and see about going to some of the fascinating talks, and combining it with a picnic lunch, a great bookshop to visit and a tour of the Hall itself.

Among the talks this year, of note to us here at the Cathedral, is one by Paul Hodgetts, son of Michael Hodgetts, who has recently re-published his father's book on Priest Hides from Penal Times in England: *Secret Hiding Places* with beautiful and rich photos. Do consider a visit to the Hall this Summer.

<https://harvingtonhall.digitickets.co.uk/category/53517>

<https://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk/>

Monthly Organ Recitals: Please note that the next monthly recital is on **Thursday 4th July 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. Next time: Friday 12th July. See Kenelm Youth Trust on Instagram Follow the work of KYT on www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Please switch off mobile phones when in Church.

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



A New Lectionary for use at Mass from this Autumn: www.newlectionary.org
A Vision for Spiritual and Civic Renewal in England and Wales www.dojustice.co.uk
From Maintenance to Mission in the Life of the Church <https://divinerenovation.org/>

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. **Our Deanery Clergy continue to work on proposals to put before our parishioners.**

Diocesan Events at St Chad's Cathedral

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

Saturday 20th July – Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. David Bench, who is in formation for the Priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome. We pray for Deacon David as he prepares for Ordination this summer.

New Dean of St Chad's Cathedral and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary, Aston. We are delighted that Archbishop Bernard Longley has appointed Canon Brian McGinley, currently Parish Priest of the parishes of St George and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Worcester, as the New Dean of our Cathedral and Parish Priest of Aston. Canon Brian is an experienced priest of the Archdiocese who will bring many wonderful qualities to his ministry here in Birmingham. Among them, preaching and a love of the Church's liturgy; work with schools, ecumenism (an active desire to work with fellow Christians) and a deep humanity which is evident in his ministry. We pray for Canon Brian as he prepares to leave Worcester. He will begin here on the last weekend of August.

Holy Year of Jubilee 2025 – Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a Holy Year. Remember the Jubilee Year 2000? Or 1975? Or 1950? There is a significance of opening the Jubilee Door at the main basilicas of Rome. But the Jubilee is kept in every place, and our country will be no exception. The Scriptural concept of Jubilee is one of freeing others from debt, a new start. To find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025, please visit the website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> and maybe download the App. Might you consider going on pilgrimage in 2025 and do you need to start saving up now? Maybe it is just a time to think about taking some small steps in your own journey of faith: returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation if it has been too long etc.

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)