

Covid 19 - During this time, we work hard to provide a safe and welcoming environment where all can gather to worship. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to take responsibility for one another, which is why we ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. For those who are not ready to come back to Mass yet, we understand and want you to know we are here to help and support you. Please reach out to friends and people you know who would usually attend and let them know we are here for them. If they are struggling to get Mass for any reason please let us know and we will do what we can to help.

We will have an **All Souls' Mass of Commemoration on Monday 2nd November 7pm**. We will remember and commemorate our faithful departed, particularly those who died in the past year. Please either email the Parish with the name of a loved one or bring it to Mass and drop it in the basket and their name will be read aloud at the All Soul's Mass and the following Sunday Masses until the end of November. If you ask for a Mass Intention it will be at a later date in the year.

Other Events

One World Week 18-25 October: the Annual Intercultural Mass goes online this year as an Intercultural Celebration prepared by the Ethnic chaplaincies in the Diocese. It will be available on the Diocesan Website this coming week. Do make a point of setting time aside to pray for peace in the world with the many nations that now make up the Diocesan Family. There is lovely music, prayers, readings and greetings in the many languages of our Community. Blessings come from Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Mar Joseph of the Syro Malabar Rite and Bishop Eparch Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Eparchy.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2020: Sunday 1st November, 12noon, Celebrant Bishop David Evans. Livestream via St Chad's Cathedral website (<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>). Couples are encouraged to join the Mass at home which will include the Renewal of Commitment. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (1st or every 5th year up to 60 years and every year over 60). Please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with the following information to be included in the booklet: Full name of the couple, Anniversary being celebrated in 2020. You are also encouraged to email photos of your wedding day and a current one. Please include the parish you were married in as well as the name of current parish.

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October 2020		Twenty - Ninth Sunday		Year A
Mass Times	Sat 18th	4.00 p.m.	Family Mass	
	Sun 19th	9.30 a.m.	Twenty-Ninth Sunday – World Missions Day	People of the Parish
	Sat 22nd	4.00 p.m.	Family Mass	
	Sun 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Thirtieth Sunday	People of the Parish
Confessions		By request		

Welcome everyone

Please follow the directions of the stewards who will help you find a place and remember to wear a face covering.

Our thanks to all our stewards who enable the church to be open for Mass. For those of you unable to come to Mass today please be assured that you will be in the prayers of all of us as we offer Holy Mass today.

If you need a priest in an emergency, we will do all we can to get to you. Please contact Fr Mario on 07543 776851. Generally, a text message is best.

Second Collection:

Today	APF World Mission Sunday
Next Sunday	Johnson Association (Retired and Infirm Clergy)

Please remember to wear a face covering and take home all your belongings after Mass

Readings for Sunday Mass

Reading 1	Isa 45:1, 4-6	<i>I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.</i>
Psalm	Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 r.7	<i>Give the Lord glory and power.</i>
Reading 2	1 Thess 1:1-5	<i>We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 17:17	<i>Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.</i>
	Phil 2:15-16	<i>You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.</i>
Gospel	Matt 22:15-21	<i>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.</i>

Praying the Rosary. [Magnificat](#) and [Universalis](#) are useful resources.

Please pray for those of our Parish who are sick: Fr Dominic, Margaret and Majella McAtavey, Soraya Wilson, Beatrice Akamanyi, Alan and Tess Shepherd, Katie Guiden, George Gallagher, Margaret Murphy, Brian Reaney, Janet and Harry Fox, Sharon Simon, Dawn McGhie, Anne Murphy, Elizabeth Keene.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Joseph Magee, Ellen Woolley, Frederick (Fred) Stewart. May they Rest in Peace.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Cottrell, Patrick Addison, Melanie Powell, Richard McGhie Sr, Brenden Robb, Martin Doherty.

Mass Intentions: Please bring your mass intentions in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the intention details and the offering inside. Please note that people who have booked intentions for times when there is now no public Mass will have their intentions offered at a private Mass on that same day.

Please see the noticeboard in the Porch for more notices and announcements.

Votive Candles: Those who wish to have votive candles lit for special intentions please see one of the stewards.

Weekly Offerings: Thank you to all of you who are continuing to support our Parish. Offerings can be placed in the basket in church or posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Please put them in your gift aid envelope or we have available plain envelopes for those of you who do not gift aid.

Baptisms: Parents are welcome to get in touch to arrange baptisms. At the moment the rite will be shortened, and you are asked to only invite a maximum of six people. For those who had baptisms postponed during the lockdown please get in touch with us about rearranging the date.

Funeral Services: There is a limit of 30 at the moment for the service in church. The Ceremony will be short with minimal movement in church. The rules of the cemetery or crematorium must be followed as must the instruction of the Church Stewards.

Requiem Masses: Families are welcome to contact Fr. Mario if he did the funeral during lockdown to arrange a Requiem Mass in church for family and friends to attend. Under the ongoing restrictions there is a limit of 30 for the Mass in church.

The Sick of our Parish - If your name or the name of a friend or relative was on the parish list of prayers for the sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact the Parish Office. Data protection law obliges us to ensure that you or your friend or family member has consented to being on the list, as it can be seen by many, e.g. church notice board, website. We make great efforts to ensure our church abides by data protection and privacy law. Please also let us know if there is anyone who wants to be added to the list.

Stewards Needed – I know some of you have asked about Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We need more of you to volunteer as without Stewards we cannot open. We are just managing with the generous support of our existing Stewards, but we need to share the load. Can you help? If you are willing and able to help speak to Fr. Mario or one of our Stewards.

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