



St Chad's Newsletter

17th December 2021

"At St. Chad's, we grow in the light of Christ, to share his love and reflect the gospel values."

It has been a slightly different week to the one we had planned. After news that the Omicron Variant is now spreading so quickly, we made the decision, as much as possible, not to meet as a school. We went back to our old friend 'TEAMS'. Let's hope that things improve over Christmas. If there are any changes on our return to school, which is on Tuesday 4th January, we will let you know as soon as possible through Class Dojo.

Myself, the staff and all the Governors, wish you all the happiest of Christmases. May the Lord bless you and all your families.

4th Sunday of Advent

BBC

Don't forget to tune into Midnight Mass, which is on BBC1, live from St Chad's Cathedral. Please do tune in to watch and celebrate mass with our school community. You may even see some familiar faces!

Yesterday, I posted the link to the whole school nativity on Class Dojo. The link will only last for 20 more days. If you wish to keep a copy, then please download it.

It really is a joyous watch.

Download link

<https://lightyearproductions.wetransfer.com/downloads/de57cde8c6c55f200f61fc33cbeg2ef720211212120238/15369334882de022881d61da5900497f20211212120238/1e2175>

Well done to all the children and staff for retelling the story of Jesus' birth. It really was a perfect way to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

St Chad's Cathedral

Saturday Vigil returns to 4.30pm

Sunday Masses will be at the new times of 9.30am and 11.30am

(live streamed and Cathedral open)

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday: 12.15pm
(live streamed and Cathedral open)

Food Bank

The first food bank of 2022, will be Friday 7th January - 9:30am-10:30am.

Virtue Certificates

YR Ousman - Faith-filled & Hopeful - By listening carefully during mass.

Y1 Snatana Rose - Learned & Wise - For asking questions in lessons.

Y2 Romano - Curious & Active - For always offering to help others and being generous with his time.

Y3 Calvin - Grateful & Generous - For being generous with his time and helping other people.

Y4 Ryzard - Grateful & Generous - For always sharing his equipment in the class.

Y5 Brandon - Compassionate & Loving - For always looking out for others and including everyone.

Y6 The Whole Class - Intentional & Prophetic - For supporting Reception children when they come to mass.

Y6 Zekiel - Attentive & Discerning - For following Jesus' example in all his decisions.

- 04/01/22 Return to school—Spring Term
- 14/02/22 Vocations Week
- 18/02/22 Break up for Half-Term
- 28/02/22 Back to School
- 01/03/22 INSET—SCHOOL CLOSED
- 03/03/22 Y6 CONFIRMATIONS—Bishop David
- 03/03/22 World Book Day
- 14/04/22 Break up for Easter (1 week)
- 25/04/22 Back to School—Summer Term
- 20/05/22 Half-term holiday (2 weeks)
- 06/06/22 Return to School
- 20/07/22 Break up for the summer holidays

Our stars of the week had the best seats in the house at assembly this week! Truly being followers of Jesus.

Congratulations to: Kingsly YR, Arsema Y1, Michaela Y2, Amelia Y3, Deandre Y4, Ruth Y5 and Abigail Y6



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MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR

(Sun 19th December - Cathedral Carol Service at 5pm)

Thurs 23 **Advent FERIA**
12.15pm For the Christians in the Holy Land (**Live Stream Only**)

Fri 24 **Advent FERIA**
12.15pm Michael Hake RIP (**Live Stream Only**)

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

The Solemn Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Midnight – *Mass to be broadcast on BBC1 TV*

11.45pm People of our Parish (**Not Open to the Public**)

Sat 25 **Christmas Day**
8.00am Mgr. Thomas Gavin RIP (Anniv)
9.30am For those homeless this Christmas
11.30am For Refugees

Sun 26 **The Feast of the Holy Family**
9.30am Steve Bowen's intentions
11.30am Brian & Maura Fitzpatrick (Wedding Anniv)

Mon 27 **Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**
10.00am (Bank Holiday) Ints of those who live alone (**Live Stream Only**)

Tue 28 **Feast of the Holy Innocents**
10.00am (Bank Holiday) Ints of Expectant Mothers (**Live Stream Only**)

Wed 29 **Feast of St Thomas Becket**
10.00am Ints of all Pastoral Clergy (**Live Stream Only**)

Thur 30 **Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
10.00am Wilfrid Flackett (**Live Stream Only**)

Fri 31 **Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
10.00am Ints of Fr. Andrey Pukhaev (**Live Stream Only**)

‘OMNIA PRO CHRISTO’

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2022

The Month of January

Sat 1 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
12.00noon In Thanksgiving (**Open to public**)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 4.30PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Sun 2	Second Sunday after the Nativity 9.30am Mary Cotterill RIP (Open to public) 11.30am People of the Parish (Open to public)
Mon 3	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus 10.00am (Bank Holiday) Sharon Enright RIP (Live Stream Only)
Tue 4	Christmas Feria 12.15pm Theresa Torri
Wed 5	Christmas Feria 12.15pm Mrs. S Gill
Thur 6	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 9.30am Livestream Only Mass for Schools 12.15pm For the Mission of Catholic Schools (Open to the Public) 6.00pm People of the Parish (Mass with the Cathedral Choir - Open)
Fri 7	Christmas Feria 12.15pm Ints of Eastern Catholic Churches
Sat 8	Christmas Feria 10.00am Sr. Marie Inglis
	Vigil of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 4.30pm (Vigil) Mary Waldron
Sun 9	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 9.00am Bridie & Hugh Hone 11.00am People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE:

• The next Newsletter will be printed for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Weekend of 8 / 9 January); so please keep this sheet for reference. All Mass times and up to date details can be found on our website.

• **Mass at Midnight**, BBC1 TV – Not an open Mass

• **Cathedral Opening Times:** for security purposes, and to permit our staff and volunteers a much deserved break; please note the following:

For Christmas Week up to Monday January 3rd Masses will be Live Stream only (and at **10am each day**) with the exception of Saturday 1st January (12 noon only) and Sunday 2nd January (9.30 and 11.30)

• **Thank you** to all of our parishioners for your perseverance and generosity throughout these extremely difficult times. We are indebted to our staff, wardens and volunteers for the generosity of their time which enabled us to open our Cathedral for Private Prayer and Public Masses in as COVID safe a manner as was possible. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

On behalf of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, the Clergy, Religious and Lay Staff who serve the cathedral,

***We wish you all the peace and joy
of the Christmas Season,
and every prayer and blessing for the New Year!***