

Mark 4:26-34



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Year B SUNDAY
13 June 2021

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13 June 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish.
Sunday 9.00am Angeli Gerangco Thanksgiving birthday.
11.00am Leo and Rechell wedding anniversary.
6.30pm Romeo Amaral and Afonso Teodorus RIP

Weekday Masses: Cycle of the weekday ; Breviary Week 3

Mon 14 9.15am Joao Pedro Soares RIP **Feria**
Tues 15 9.15am Adea and Hans Dinglasan **Feria**
Wed 16 9.15am Simon James Hawkins RIP **Feria**
Thurs 17 No Mass **Feria**
Fri 18 9.15am Anish James and Family thanksgiving. **Dedication of Cathedral; Feast**
Sat 19 10.00am **Feria**
12.00noon Baptism
1.00pm Marriage.

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20 June 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley
Sunday 9.00am Olivia Thurban RIP
11.00am Henrique Mota RIP
6.30pm Janet Eaglesfield RIP

Pope Francis teaches at the weekly audience:

"Pope: Prayer, life, faith keep flame of Christian life alight"

On Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on "perseverance in prayer," and what it means to "pray constantly... a prayer that, little by little, adapts itself to the rhythm of breath and extends throughout the day." He reminded us that prayer is like the "sacred fire that was kept in the ancient temples: "so, there must be a sacred fire in us too, which burns continually and which nothing can extinguish ... it does not interrupt or contradict the duties of daily life, but gives them meaning and peace." But constant prayer is not easy. When we are caught up in the obligations of daily life, and find it difficult to think of God, the Pope said we should remember that although God cares for every aspect of Creation, He also remembers each one of us personally. "And so we too must always remember Him," says the Pope. Pope Francis emphasises the importance of "inner balance" between work and prayer. Prayer that is too abstract can lose touch with reality, while work can keep us grounded. The hands of the monk, which are joined in prayer, he said, are calloused from physical labour. In the relationship between faith, life, and prayer, "one keeps alight the flame of Christian life that God expects of each one of us." [Click here for details](#)

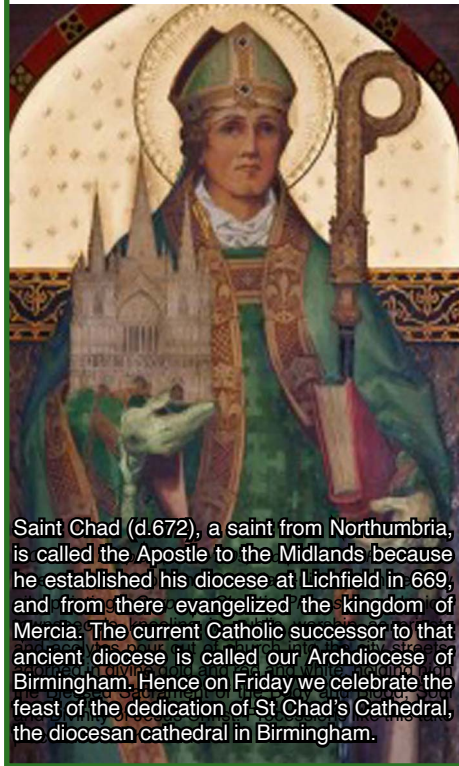


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Friday is Feast of the Dedication of Cathedral of St Chad



Saint Chad (d.672), a saint from Northumbria, is called the Apostle to the Midlands because he established his diocese at Lichfield in 669, and from there evangelized the kingdom of Mercia. The current Catholic successor to that ancient diocese is called our Archdiocese of Birmingham. Hence on Friday we celebrate the feast of the dedication of St Chad's Cathedral, the diocesan cathedral in Birmingham.

Sunday's Liturgical Colour : Green

The theological virtue of hope is symbolized by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolized by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. Liturgically, green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the orderly sequence of weeks through the year, a season in which we are being neither single-mindedly penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

All Polish Masses in Oxford will now be celebrated at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

A Syro-Malabar priest has been appointed to Oxford and Syro-Malabar Masses are celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

Now Available

The Revised New Jerusalem Bible has arrived. Please collect your copy now priced £30.

Scripture Reflection

It is appropriate that as we re-commence the Sundays of the Year after the great Feasts, we have parables of seed and of growth. Only in Mark is there the parable of the seed growing secretly, a reminder that the growth of the Kingdom of God within us is not always visible. This image is complimented by the parable of the more visible mustard seed (Gospel: Mark 4:26-34). It is this latter image that is used in Ezekiel (First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24). Paul talks of our exile, while here on earth, from our true home with the Lord (Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 91/92:1).

Scripture Monday	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Ps 97; Matthew 5:38-42	Thursday	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Ps 110; Matthew 6:7-15
Readings Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Ps 145 Matthew 5:43-48	Friday	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 25; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Matt 16:13-19
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Ps 111; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Saturday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Ps 33; Matthew 6:24-34.

Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

God our Father,
you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass.
Help us to draw strength
from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist,
so that we deepen our love for you.
May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit
to mirror the words and actions
of your Son Jesus Christ
and become more clearly
your instruments of mercy to others.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish news

Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

Mission Statement

To support and mobilise all in the diocese to become true missionary disciples.

Vision Statement

We are called to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

This weekend we will hear Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter, introducing the Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass. [Click here for the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format.](#)



Prayer for Diocesan Vision - click here to pray with Archbishop Bernard.

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**

Archbishop Bernard Invites us to participate in a survey to discover what effect the pandemic has had on local Catholics, and how the Church has responded with the light of Christ to so many in difficult situations.

[Click here to take the Survey - Select Birmingham from the drop-down list of dioceses.](#)



Share your Experience

Dear The Justice and Peace Group...

Children preparing for confirmation told us how they try to live wisely and care for the environment. **Cassandra writes:**

A way to help keep the world a healthy place is to make sure we put our rubbish in the right bins. We can also use the 3 R's to keep the world a clean place. The 3 R's are: Reuse, Reduce and Recycle. By doing this, we are following what God wants us to do; God gave us this world and wants us to keep it as healthy as it can. We can try to reduce the use of cars and buses. We can try to walk as much as we can and reduce carbon footprint. When we buy food and use a plastic bag to carry the groceries, do we need to throw the bag away even though it is still in good conditions? No, we don't. In order to save the planet we must think about our actions and how they affect others and the world. Please think about the health of our Earth and make an action about it.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekara, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Joanne Kay, Mario Kim, Joan Knatt, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams. Dorren McDonald. Nalen Uddamalaya, Michael Kenworthy-Browne.

those who have died: Janet Eaglesfield, Sandra McAvoy, Teresa Maughan.

Those whose anniversary occurs this week: Mollie Collison.

[Click here to send names and dates for anniversary section.](#)

All those in the sick list must actively agree to their inclusion. The prayer list will be reviewed regularly - if names can now come off the list or if new names should be added please send an email to: corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral Council: We were preparing to re-form the PPC last March 2020 but then the series of lockdowns and restrictions began. Now we seem to be emerging from this period, it is time to go ahead with our plans. If you would be interested and willing to help discern the needs, priorities and mission of our parish by being on the new PPC, please contact Fr. Mervyn. It would be good if we could mirror the diversity of our parish on such a council. We need about 12 parishioners and there are four major meetings per annum.

School Governors: if anyone would be interested and willing to become a school governor - a crucial way to help in any school to further the education and well-being of the staff and students - would she/he please contact Fr. Mervyn.

NEW! Women in Scripture

A new podcast celebrates the lives and influence of women in scripture, some of the greatest women of all time.

Natalie Orefice, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation at the Archdiocese of Birmingham presents a monthly podcast with dynamic women from across the Diocese, each focussing on a different woman in the Bible.

It aims to ask and answer who they are and what they can teach us today. Each podcast will be accompanied by extra reading and resources for those who hunger for more. The podcast is part of the God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

First Podcast available Sunday 13 June; until then hear short introduction podcast.

[Click here for link](#)



The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank OPEN FOR FOOD DONATIONS Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.00am – 2.00pm

The Food bank is located behind St. Francis Church, Hollow Way, for anyone to deliver donations of non-perishable food/toiletries etc. directly. Thank you to all our supporters from The Community Emergency Food Bank.

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www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank

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