



St Chad

St Chad and All Saints
St Peter and The English Martyrs
The Sunday Parish Newsletter



St Peter

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Sunday 19 January 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Confessions: St Peter's on Fridays after 6:30pm Mass ■ St Chad's on Saturdays after 6:30pm Mass
(Saturday Evening Masses are Vigil Masses)

Table with 7 columns: Day, Date, Time, Mass Details, Location. Rows include Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th.

When requesting a Mass Intention, could you please specify your preferred church. Thank You.

Thursday 30 January 2025: Funeral Service - Malcolm Turner RIP at 12:45pm at St Peter's - then at 2:10pm Gornal Wood Crematorium (DY3 2RL)

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

May they rest in peace in Our Lord's Loving Arms

We also remember our dearly departed loved ones whose anniversaries occur around this time and pray together in charity for all those who have gone before us, all their loved ones who now suffer their loss, and offer our prayers for those who are left to grieve

May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Please see also our website page "In Memoriam" dedicated to the remembrance of all our dearly departed parishioners and all our past clergy

- Abraham Chalko, Agatha Willis, Alan Brookes, Albert Wynn, Andrew Flavell, Andy Blunt, Angela Brooks, Ann Allsopp, Ann Jones, Ann Marie Reynolds, Anne-Marie Helly, Anthony Bowen, Anthony Walters, Armando Mazzone, Arthur Hickman, Astrid Presley, Audrey McDonnell, Baby John O'Brien, Barbara Morris, Benny Hegarty, Bernard Abbiss, Bernard Ashworth, Bernard Oakley, Bernard Ward, Bert Wyresdale, Betty Fox, Betty Frank, Brian Harvey, Catherine Cockings, Cathleen Hopkins, Cecilia Davidson, Cecilia Rollason, Colin Starkey, Corinne Hipkins, Derek Millard, Derek Rafferty, Doreen Coohill, Eamon Gill, Eileen Caddick, Eileen Gilbride, Eileen Mitchell, Eileen Sexton, Elaine Calbourne, Ellen Liah White, Elsie Holden, Evelyn Parker, Evelyn Turton, Florence Cox, Florence Rollason, Fr David Lloyd, Fr George Tarrant, Frank Doherty, Frank Fox, Frank McHugh, Fred Birch, Fred Edwards, Fred Wilks, Garifalia Spiteri, Geoffrey Caddick, George O'Sullivan, Gil Tinsley, Gilbert Fellows, Gilbert Nicholls, Giuseppe Saladino, Gladys Beardsmore, Glenis Slater, Graham Carter, Graham Edwards, Guiseppina Miitello, Harrold Cox, Harry Jones, Hedwick Granger, Henrietta Kalogroulis, Iris Giles, Jack Williams, James Brennan, Janet Purvey, Jean Green, Jill Roberts, Jimmy Corcoran, Joan Farrington, Joan Percival, Joan Rowley, John Bartlam, John Dilworth, John Fletcher, John Hradsky, John Morrow, John O'Neil, John Price, John Westwood, Joyce Boyle, Joyce Hradsky, Kate Blakemore, Kathleen Birch, Kenneth Marsden, Larissa Fellows, Lawrence Quinton, Leo Shannaghan, Linda Saunders, Linda Skelding, Luisa Blackwell, Lydia Shepherd, Lynda Milligan, M C Stephen, Maddy Gregg, Margaret Brookes, Marian Wright, Martin Coohill, Mary Bentley, Mary Burns, Mary Kelley, Mary Nicholls, Mary Sheppard, Mary Spiteri, Mary Walters, Matthew O'Toole, Maureen Millard, Michael Abbiss, Michael Bowen, Michael Clark, Michael Grainger, Michael Hytch, Michael McDermott, Michael Oakley, Michael Weaver, Nigel Sommerfield, Olive Perry, Pat Hodgson, Patricia Loosmore, Patricia Rivers, Patrick Killmartin, Patrick Perry, Paul Hancox, Pauline Morrow, Pauline Stanton, Pauline Stanton, Peter Blackwell, Peter Davis, Peter Wood, Ronald Rowe, Rosemary Sheran, Sally Hickman, Sheila Millward, Shirley Stanley, Simeon McAnoy, Susan Cox, Teresa Fox, Terrence Wall, Tom McEntee, Tom Reilly, Tommy Caffrey, Tony Walters, Trevor Cooksey, Trudi Quinton, Ursula McGuigan, Veronica Boyle, Vivian Reilly, William Cody, William French, William Green, William Lane, William Shepherd, Winifred McHugh, Winnie Allen

In Loving Memory

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

We pray to the merciful heart of Jesus and ask for the intercession of Our Lady; St Chad; St Peter; The English Martyrs; and all The Saints to help all our sick, housebound and their carers, all those who suffer, and everyone in hospital.

Bernard Mason, Beryl Gayzer, Bill Wire, Brian Brennan, Brian and Rosemary Ingram, Cameron, Clare Mason, Colin Small, David White, Dominic Ward, Geoffrey Worthington, Harmony Riley, Hilda Davis, Irene Clarke, Janet Wynn, Jisha Philip, Joe Spiteri, June Hendy, Karen Palk, Kerry Blunt, Liz Ward, Mary Ward, Maurice Langford, Maureen Fletcher, Michael Doherty, Pat Hurst, Patricia Hytch, Patrick Caddick, Paula Rice, Sharon Jones, Sean Hunt, Sean Walters, Steven Richards, Sue Smith, Theresa Mason, Verity Shepherd, Wendy Grimmer.

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalite warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, on Saturday 8th February 2025 at 4:30pm at St Chad Cathedral, Birmingham.



NOTICES FOR BOTH ST CHAD AND ST PETER

Father Paul Personal Appointments

To discuss a personal matter with Father Paul please telephone our Parish Administrator and arrange a mutually convenient time.
Enquiries from both churches → please contact Eileen Dorrian on parish office telephone: 01902 882215 - Thank you.

To avoid cheques being returned by the bank please read here:	St Chad → Please use the payee details style shown here: "For RC Archdiocese of B'ham, Sedgley Parish Regd as a Chrt'y" St Peter → Please use the payee details style shown here: "RC Archdiocese Of B'ham Parish Of Lower Gomal Registered Charity"
1: Second Collections:	Thank you for your continued generosity in donating towards the many appeals being made.
2: Newsletter Printing:	If there are any events, news, or any other activities at St Chad's and St Peter's, which parishioners at either or both churches would like to share by publicising them in our weekly newsletter, please send these to us <i>before Fridays</i> if you wish to have them included in our next edition.
3: Parish Website Updates:	To stay up-to-date, and you have internet access, please visit our website - www.rcsedgley.com - during the week for any special updates.
4: Gift Aid Appeal:	If you are a UK taxpayer and wish your weekly offertories to be gift aided - at no cost to you - so that each parish can claim 25% extra on your donation, please contact: (St.Chad) Paul Abbiss OR (St.Peter) Nick Ford - see yellow section below for telephones.
5: St Vincent de Paul Society:	The SVP needs volunteers with spare time to visit the elderly. Please contact Vivian Clarke - see yellow section below for telephone.

NOTICES FOR ST CHAD

1: Church Grounds Maintenance:	The groundforce team have suspended activities for the winter. There will be no regular Saturday morning meetings until mid-late February.
2: Second Collections:	11/12 Jan: Last week's second collection for property maintenance totalled £111.78. 18/19 Jan: This week's second collection will also be for property maintenance for the coming year. 25/26 Jan: Next week's second collection is still to be confirmed

NOTICES FOR ST PETER

1: Food Bank:	Please, we are asking for donations for our food bank at St Peter's as a matter of great urgency to help all those who are currently in need and in financial difficulties. Thank you very much in advance for your kind generosity.
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PARISH CONTACTS	ST CHAD AND ALL SAINTS	ST PETER AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Addresses of our parish churches	2 Catholic Lane, Sedgley, West Midlands, DY3 3UE	Temple Street, Lower Gomal, West Midlands, DY3 2PE
Parish Treasurers and Gift Aid	Paul Abbiss (07743 782312)	Nick Ford (07851 681603)
Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)	Vivian Clarke (01902 897768)	Jo Tinsley (01384 256673)
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Newsletter Team	Sophia Simpson or any other church warden	Patrick Caddick

- Please see Fr Paul first with your news and corrections for the newsletter or pass them to him via your church *Newsletter Team* (see "Parish Contacts" in the yellow section above)
- Some special text and notices are reprinted weekly for the benefit of new parishioners; parishioners who do not have Internet; or anyone who missed a recent Newsletter

ST MICHAEL PRAYER

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle, be our safeguard against wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O, Prince of the heavenly host, through the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS: JANUARY 2025

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

ST CHAD'S CHILDREN LITURGY AND REFLECTION CORNER

We have a fully supervised Children Liturgy and Reflection Corner at the back of our Church now. If you feel your young child or children will be more relaxed in our Liturgy Corner, please use the facility as you wish. We have toys, drawing materials and books for the children.

TOILET FACILITY FROM OCTOBER 2024

The Parish Hall toilet is no longer open for use during Sunday morning Mass. Instead, the original toilet in the courtyard behind the church has been repaired and is now available during Sunday Mass. Please ask the church wardens for directions and key to this facility.

Gift Aid Annual Report 2023-2024 for our Parish

Churches of the Parish:	St Chad's Church	St Peter's Church
Data submitted by our Parish Treasurers:	Paul Abbiss (07743 782312)	Nick Ford (07851 681603)
Received from Gift Aid scheme:	£3,836.71	£2,756.00
Received from standard Small Donations scheme:	£1,995.00	£1,995.00
Total annual receipts from HMRC Gift Aid scheme:	£5,831.71	£4,751.00
Note 1:	If you are a UK taxpayer and donate at Mass collections, please contact your treasurer at your church if you would like your donations to gain an extra 25% for our Parish when you 'sign up' for Gift Aid. The scheme is completely without any cost to yourself, and neither is there any commitment on you over how much you donate each week.	
Note 2:	All personal information supplied by parishioners is kept securely and its use is controlled under the Data Protection Act 2018 whose UK implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) must be followed under very strict rules called "data protection principles".	



St Chad's Church - Saturday 18 January - 6:30pm

St Chad's School Children Led Mass for Peace

*Carer required for a delightful, non-verbal child with complex needs, DY1 area, to support the family at home. After school in term time 3:00-6:00pm (flexible).
Every other Saturday 10:30-5:30pm (flexible). School holidays 10:30-5:30pm or 1:30-5:30pm (flexible).
If you think this could be you, or want further information, then please ask. Send CV to: info@ibs-ma.co.uk - or call Jordan on 01922 716290.*

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT ST CHAD'S CHURCH

SHORT February BOWLING CLUB Monday Afternoons 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Thank you to all the members for your support and to all who organize this very successful club.	WEDNESDAY CLUB BREAK We shall be closed for a break until next month and will reopen on <u>Wednesday 5 February 2025</u> .	SATURDAY NIGHT DANCING 7:30pm till late. Tickets £3 include Raffle. Ballroom, Sequence and Line Dancing. You are very welcome to come - and bring your own refreshments.
Please: Do not drive on or park any vehicle at the back of St Chad's Parish Hall. The Play Area slabs are of patio quality only and are not designed to be driven upon. Extra car parking is available on our neighbour's ASDA car park but please be aware there is a strict TWO-HOUR limit - even for Blue Badge holders.		

PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

COFFEE - TOAST - CAKES Every second Sunday of the month after Mass.	CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP Come and join our "Craft and Chat Group" every third Wednesday of the month after Mass. We include various hobbies like knitting, crochet, painting, drawing, embroidery and macramé. You can have a go or just join us for a chat and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19 February 2025.
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Reflections on today's Gospel: "... do whatever he tells you..."



Mary told the servants "do whatever he tells you"

"They have no wine."

With those words Mary speaks a truth about our lives, a truth that at some point we all experience. There comes a day when the wine gives out. The glass is empty. The party is over. On that day life seems empty. There is no vibrancy or vitality. Nothing is growing or fermenting within us. Our world is colourless and tasteless. The bouquet of life is absent and we are living less than fully alive.

Mary's words hold before us some serious questions and wonderings. When did the wine of our life run out? What relationships have run dry? What parts of us remain empty?

Each one of us could tell a story about the day the wine run out. It might be about the death of a loved one or the loss of a friendship or marriage. Some will speak about their search for love and acceptance. Some will describe their thirst for meaning and significance. Others will tell of their guilt, disappointments, or regrets. Many of the stories will be about fear of what is or what might be. Stories of failure and self-doubt abound. Some will describe a longing and desire for something they cannot name or describe. The storyline of unanswered prayers, doubts, or questions is known by most. They are not all stories from the past, however. Some of us are living those stories today.

Behind each of our stories is the hope and desire for a wedding of our life. We come to the wedding at Cana not simply as guests and spectators, but as participants, as a bride or groom, seeking union, intimacy, and wholeness.

Nevertheless, despite our best efforts, good intentions, and hard work, it seems that the wine of our life is always running out. No matter how often we refill it our glass remains empty. There is never enough wine.

As the day wears on we become increasingly aware that we cannot replenish the wine from our own resources.

That day seems like a disaster, an embarrassment, a failure. That must have been what it was like for the bride and groom at the wedding in Cana. "They have no wine," Mary tells Jesus. That is not a condemnation or judgment but simply an observation, a diagnosis.

This is not about the wine but about the people. It is a statement about the human condition. It is about you and me as much as it is about the wedding in Cana of Galilee. It is a spiritual condition. It is about our inner life, our way of being, more than the circumstances outside us.

Too often we live with the illusion of our own self-sufficiency. That illusion is shattered on the day the wine runs out and the jars of our life stand empty and dry. That day confronts us with a new truth as old as creation itself.

We are the recipients and not the creators of our life. We were never intended nor expected to live by the sufficiency of our own resources. Christ is the true vintner and chief steward of our lives.

Regardless of how it feels or what we think about it, the day the wine runs out is the beginning of a miracle. Christ does not simply refill our glasses. He transforms our lives, turning water into wine. It is, after all, the third day, the day of resurrection and new life. That which was colourless is now vibrant red. That which had no taste now tingles the tongue. That which had no fragrance now has a full bouquet. That which had no life is now fermenting, active, and alive.

On the third day our lives are filled to the brim with the good wine; intoxicating us with the life of God, inebriating us with the blood of Christ, and leaving us under the influence of the Holy Spirit. That's the miracle at Cana and it has never ceased happening. Every moment of every day Christ pours himself into the empty jars of our life. He is the good wine; extravagant, abundant, endless.

Every time that good wine is poured our lives are changed and transformed. We are brought "out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life". We cannot tell you how that happens because we do not know how it happens. We only know that it does happen. We have tasted the good wine and have experienced the miracle at Cana in our life and seen it in the lives of others.

We have experienced moments when death is turned into life, sorrow into joy, and despair into hope and we have seen that happen in the lives of others. Why does fear surprise us when transformed into courage and people do things they never thought possible. We have watched empty lives be filled back and we know of broken marriages that became vibrant and life-giving.

Those, and a thousand others like them, are the miracles of Cana. Those are moments Christ's glory is revealed and we are lit up, shining with the radiance of his glory. His glory becomes ours, two lives one glory.

"They have no wine," Mary said. But they will. The miracle always begins when the wine runs out.

Readings for our Masses are from The Revised 2024 Common Lectionary
for all Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at our Parish Churches

Sunday 19 January 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

(V : Father R : People R: Reader)

FIRST READING (all sit) (Isaiah 62:1-5)

R: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: The Word of the Lord **R** Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 96)

R Response: *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

R: O sing a new song to the LORD; sing to the LORD, all the earth. O sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R**

R: Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and power; ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name. **R**

R: Worship the LORD in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

R: Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

R: The Word of the Lord **R** Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all stand)

R: Alleluia, alleluia! God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 2:1-11)

V The Lord be with you **R** And with your spirit

V A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R Glory to you, O Lord.

V At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants:

"Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

V The Gospel of the Lord **R** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



HOMILY (all sit)

V Father

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PROFESSION OF FAITH (all stand)

See "ORDINARY OF THE MASS READINGS".

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

ORDINARY OF THE MASS READINGS

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask the blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, We bless you, We adore you, We glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (all stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:

(bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED (all stand)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him, all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen