

ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL (AREA 6)

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Designed by Augustus Welby Pugin and substantially complete by 1841, St Chad's is one of the first four Catholic churches constructed after the Reformation. It was raised to cathedral status in 1852. St Chad's is a Grade II* listed building located next to St Chad's Queensway, in the "Gun Quarter" of the city. During the second world War the Cathedral was very nearly the victim of an incendiary bomb which fell through the roof of the south aisle. The bomb bounced off the floor and into the central heating pipes which burst. The leak was significant enough to extinguish the fire and save the building from further and possibly more extensive damage.

If you walk through the city to the Gun Quarter or you come through the city via the A38 you can't miss this wonderful example of Gothic Revival architecture.

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