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# Cathedral Record

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## Farewell for the summer

This would normally have been the time of the year for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Due to the current situation this has not been possible but instead a number of Dioceses, including our own, have launched a 'Lourdes at Home' week for those who were planning to go this year and for any others to take part in online. The Pilgrimage begins this week with the opening Mass being celebrated at the Cathedral by Bishop Tom Williams at 11am and streamed online. There is a schedule of Masses and other services daily throughout the week taking place in different churches throughout the Diocese. The only complication for accessing these is that different days are streamed on different sites. The details for the daily services can be found on the Liverpool Lourdes at Home Website.

The Cathedral choirs last sang in our Cathedral in March and since then have only been able to keep in touch with one another and have singing and theory lessons online. Also auditions for new choristers were conducted online this year. The choirs would normally have had an event at the end of the summer term to celebrate and give thanks for the past year and to say farewell to the boy and girl choristers who would be leaving the choir at this time. It was also an occasion to welcome new families joining the choir. This has not been possible this year. However, they were able to have an opportunity to say their farewells to one another over a zoom meeting last week. We have experienced a difficult few months of isolation recently and it looks likely that it will be some time before full choral music can return as an integral part of Cathedral life. We thank all those leaving the choirs this year for their service and the music department for continuing their work behind the scenes despite the restrictions

that they are facing regarding live singing at present.

This last week we have been in the midst of a noisy conflict zone here at Cathedral House. Over the last few years we have had a pair of kestrels move into the city for the summer months perching on the towers of both Cathedrals and nesting at the top of our building. We also have seagulls that bring up their young on the lower flat roofs of the chapels and who swoop down on passers by passing within twenty metres of them even if they are at a different level. The kestrels despise the seagulls and the seagulls neither like nor seem to be as frightened of the kestrels as other inland birds. Most mornings there is an aerial display with the setting of boundaries and warning shrills followed by incessant seagull screeching, followed by the occasional gatherings of the local seagull gang to fly over the Cathedral tower in a show of defiant disdain. Last week a young seagull was discovered dead in the Cathedral garden. It had been living there for some days and causing a nuisance - the only suspects were Fr Philip, who was being kept awake by the constant noise it made, or one of the kestrels. Fr Philip was quickly ruled out when certain bits were found around the garden. Since this incident it seems that war has been declared by the seagulls so beware if you are venturing past Cathedral house or onto the Cathedral Precinct the seagulls are on a high state of alert and itching for a fight! My sympathies are with the kestrels, an endangered species, who rather than being a nuisance are a joy to watch in flight. **Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean**

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 26 July 2020

**Sunday 26 July**  
**17th Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass  
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

**Monday 27 July**  
12noon Mass

**Tuesday 28 July**  
12noon Mass

**Wednesday 29 July**  
**St Martha**  
12noon Mass

**Thursday 30 July**  
12noon Mass

**Friday 31 July**  
**St Ignatius Loyola**  
12noon Mass

**Saturday 1 August**  
**St Alphonsus Liguori**  
4.00pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION (Confession)**  
**Monday - Friday:**  
Following the 12noon Mass  
**Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.**

**Saturday:** 3.00pm – 3.45pm

**Crypt**  
Crypt Chapel

**SS -**  
55 Seel St,  
Missionaries of  
Charity

**RLUH -**  
Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Victorine Tsika-Kabala (Thanksgiving), Sr Pat (Poor Clare Sister) Sick, Holy Souls, Hovis Israelyan, Mary and Joe McCaffrey, Sr Catherine Gibbon, Baby Comer, Mary Burke (RIP), Elza Arajúa (RIP)

## MICAH

Just a reminder also that donations in kind can still be dropped off any time at the constable's lodge at the Anglican Cathedral, outside Liverpool Parish Church, and also at St Vincent's from 10am on Tuesdays and at St Bride's from 10am on Thursdays. As in past weeks the things that they need the most are pasta and tinned fish.

<https://micahliverpool.com/latestnews/>

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones writes, 'As people begin to venture out more, the new "normal" is perhaps less unfamiliar. The key hooks by my front door have been requisitioned for masks and hand gel containers – new essentials to take out and about in addition to keys and mobile phones. With missals perhaps not being as easily available for Mass, another new normal could be trying Universalis instead, a smartphone/tablet app ([universalis.com](http://universalis.com)). Including the day's Mass readings combining with the order of Mass, daily office, Rosary, Lectio Divina for our own Archdiocese, and options for other dioceses (worldwide and in multiple languages), it is a worthwhile one off £10 cost. You

can adjust text size and brightness to suit the occasion and don't need an internet connection to use it in church. I am traveling south next week to visit my mother – the first time since lockdown – your prayers would be most welcome. Charles M Schultz: "In life, it's not where you go, it's who you travel with." Keep safe and well, God Bless, Helen.'

## PASTORAL FORMATION UPDATE

New resources now available include:

Reflection for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download). Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'

## LOURDES AT HOME

The live-streamed services can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/Liverpool-Lourdes-at-Home-2020-109541120834991>

## POLITE NOTICE

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT FINAL UPDATE OF THE YEAR

On Sunday our musicians gathered to mark our end of choir year by gathering on Zoom. We inducted 14 new choristers and said farewell to six retiring choristers. The gathering concluded with a message and blessing from Fr Tony. We also said our thanks and farewell to James Todd, our organ scholar for 2019-2020 who will be moving on to the highly prestigious Royal College of Music in London from September to study organ performance. Music will continue to be provided by organ & cantor over the Summer at the 9am & 11am Masses. It is not yet known when it will be safe for the choirs to return, but we hope that this will not be too far into the future!

## SYNOD 2020 TIMETABLE REVISED AND UUPDAYED JUNE 2020

**1 September 2020 Reflections during COVID-19 Pandemic close**

The online portal for receiving proposals in the light of the challenges of COVID-19 will remain open until this date.

**18 October 2020 Synod Sunday**

A leaflet will remind the people of the Archdiocese of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

## A Message from the Daughters of St Paul

Although our Pauline Books & Media Centre in Bold Street has been closed throughout the lockdown, our Management Team has kept in regular contact with our employees. In addition to

regular Zoom meetings we also have been reflecting on the way forward for the Pauline Centre. We are staying connected with our customers via social media and have gained new followers to our Facebook page. Daily Scripture readings offering some reflective insights and other interesting reflections are posted regularly. Our younger followers posted their art work of Rainbows of Hope, and their thank you messages for NHS and key workers cheered and kept us hopeful. The Trustees of Pauline Books & Media are well aware of the implications this lockdown has on us as a Charity. Although we aim to focus on our on-line presence, which is currently being redesigned, we are optimistic that our Centre in Liverpool will continue to be supported by you all. Now that some Churches have reopened for private prayer and some restrictions have been eased by the Government, we are discussing with our staff how we might have a phased reopening of the Centre, once the refurbishment is complete. We will keep you posted. In the meantime you can visit our website: [www.pauline-uk.org](http://www.pauline-uk.org) or telephone 017535 77629 to order online. Suppliers are gradually reopening and so we will be happy to help source whatever you may need. We are most appreciative of your on-going support for the ministry of the Daughters of St Paul in the Diocese over the past seventeen years. This support enables us in turn to support our committed and loyal staff. Sr Angela Grant.

Last week's collection: **£654.00**



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