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Farewell from Fr Philip

As many of you will know by now, I am due to leave the Cathedral in September to take up the role of Parish Priest at Saint Julie, Eccleston and English Martyrs, Haydock.

This appointment by the Archbishop has come as quite a surprise as I was not expecting to be moved, certainly not this year, and I wasn't expecting to be appointed as parish priest so soon as I am a little over two years ordained. But when the Archbishop makes a decision, through obedience to him, we carry out his wishes.

I have been assistant priest here at the Cathedral since September 2018. On my arrival the Cathedral was in the throws of preparing for Adoremus the National Eucharistic Congress. This gave me a taste of what was to come, and a realisation that serving at the Cathedral was not going to be like any ordinary parish. But what a time to arrive.

I also had the great pleasure to work along-side Monsignor Peter Cookson, and it was a pleasure. He was very welcoming when I arrived and always willing to pass on words of wisdom from his many years of ministry and service, as well as his rather dry sense of humour. I am blessed to have known him and worked with him even for such a short time. As well as Monsignor Cookson there is also Canon O'Brien, Cathedral Dean. Having already served Fr. Tony as an altar boy many years ago it was a pleasure to have been able to serve with him again as his assistant priest. Again, he has been a great support and guide during my time at the Cathedral and I thank him for all his help. And Fr. Stephen who again welcomed me and has supported me throughout my time here.

I wish I could thank everyone who has supported me individually, but I've been limited to 500 words! Suffice to say, all the staff here at the Cathedral have been a great help and support from day one. From the security and maintenance teams who have gone above and beyond on many occasions to help me, and all at the Cathedral, making our lives easier and safer.

The team of sacristans who did all they could to help along the way. A particular word of thanks to Alison and Chris, the former and current head sacristans who again, have gone above and beyond to make my life easier. To the team of altar servers who have seamlessly made me look as though I know what I'm doing, Julian, Chris and the team are a credit to this Cathedral, and I cannot thank them all enough.

Our Choir, under the leadership of Dr. McElroy, always a joy to hear them sing and raise the roof of this magnificent building in worship of the Lord. I will miss all of this. It is something special and unique to Cathedral life. Finally, to all who work in Cathedral House, Claire and the team have made my time at the Cathedral all that bit easier and I truly thank them all.

Well I've gone over 500 words, but then brevity was never my strongest attribute as my homilies often proved! I thank you all for making me feel welcome from day one, and for the continued support you as the parishioners have shown me. I keep you all in my prayers as I move on and I ask for your continued prayers. Until we see each other again, may God bless you all.

Fr. Philip

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 9 August 2020

Sunday 9 August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 10 August ST Lawrence

12noon Mass

Tuesday 11 August St Clare

12noon Mass

Wednesday 12 August

12noon Mass

Thursday 13 August

12noon Mass

Friday 14 August St Maximillian Kolbe

12noon Mass

Saturday 15 August

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

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony
O'Brien Dean
Fr Philip Carr
Fr Stephen Lee
Fr Chris McCoy

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
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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 FORMATION UPDATE

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- What sort of church do we want? A church of compassion.
- More articles and video clips in 'Life During Lockdown'.

All can be accessed/downloaded at

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

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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for Pope Francis and all who serve our communities in leadership in the many storms which threaten our world at this time may they stay strong in the knowledge of God's faithful presence, whatever the prevailing conditions.

We pray for those fleeing war-torn countries seeking places of sanctuary in Europe, and especially those risking hazardous sea-crossings may

they be welcomed and offered practical means of discerning the best next steps for themselves and their families.

We pray for the old, the frail and the vulnerable members of these same countries who have no choice but to remain in the midst of the devastation caused by war.

We pray for young people whose final school days have been affected by the coronavirus and who now look to find employment in a challenging economic climate that they will find practical and effective support from within their community.

We pray for all those who are close to death and those who have recently died may they know the eternal love of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember in your prayers the children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday in the Cathedral.

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen.

Gerard O'Donnell, Lilly Feeney, Maisie Smith, Anthony Heller, Jack Heller, Georgina McMahon, Jessica McMahon

and Nicholas Kaduk.

WEDDING

Please remember in your prayers this week Kellie Hanley and Jake Bond who will be married in the Cathedral this Saturday. We pray that God will be with them as they begin this new chapter of their lives together.

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Celebrates his Feast Day on Friday of this week. Maximilian Kolbe's act of volunteering to die for another in Auschwitz is justly well-known. But his rise to heroic holiness was not a sudden thing: had there been no concentration camps he would still have been an extraordinarily holy man. He was a member of the Order of Friars Minor, Conventual and his life was built on a vigorous devotion to our Blessed Lady and a determination to use every modern means to win the world for Christ.

CATHOLIC PIC

The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/30qf13r>. Please share this link with your parishioners and church community by sharing via an email with your parish newsletter or on Facebook, Twitter or via WhatsApp. Please get in touch with me direct by email kim.obrien@cmmmedia.com with any questions you may have, or you can phone Barbara about distribution on 0151 733 5492 or 07714 814662.




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