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The Assumption

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady at our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Throughout most of Europe it is normally a day of festivals and processions but no doubt it will be a much quieter time of celebration this year. The title Assumption refers to the act of 'being taken up', and I much prefer the title 'Glorification of Our Lady' in reference to this feast. We celebrate that Mary, the Mother of the Lord, having completed the course of her earthly life was taken up body and soul into heaven. She is a model for all the church, that having acceded to God's will and nurtured and cared for her son and by sharing in his sufferings and triumph, she is the model for us all. Our calling too is to provide a home for the Word of God, to share in Lord's death and resurrection in the hope of a sharing in the peace and joy of Christ's Eternal Kingdom.

The 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme seems to have attracted a great many more people into the City centre restaurants and eateries on weekday evenings. It certainly seems to have worked for partaking restaurants for the short term but whether it will have any longer term effects is uncertain. It almost feels that we may need a come back to Mass campaign at some stage in the future, now that so many people have become used to the streaming of Mass which can be watched at home. We are continuing to stream the 11am Mass each Sunday for those who are not able to come out but it was never intended to replace live attendance at Mass long term for those who are able to physically attend when the conditions for gathering together can be resolved safely and there is capacity to accommodate everyone.

In a doodling few moments I was trying to come up with a suitable slogan to encourage people's attendance at Mass for the future, but the creative cogs didn't seem to be working very well. All I could think of was either 'Streaming helped us survive, please join us as the Mass is now live' or 'Streaming kept prayer alive, but it's your presence that makes faith thrive'. I'm sure one of our readers could come up with a better slogan; suggestions gratefully received. Perhaps slogans are not the answer but we will need to encourage people at some later stage to return to the regular practice of their faith if they are well enough and not at risk.

Fr Philip will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of August and we will be welcoming Fr Peter Murphy who was newly ordained to the priesthood in June this year as a new assistant priest to serve at the Cathedral. No doubt there will be lots of activity in Cathedral House over the next few weeks with packing and unpacking with boxes everywhere. We will miss Fr Philip but at least he is moving to take on more responsibility as a parish priest. We look forward to welcoming our new priest and helping him to settle in here and become accustomed to life as a secular priest.

Canon Anthony O'Brien
Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 16 August 2020

Sunday 16 August
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Monday 17 August
12noon Mass

Tuesday 18 August
12noon Mass

Wednesday 19 August
12noon Mass

Thursday 20 August
St Bernard
12noon Mass

Friday 21 August
St Pius X, Pope
12noon Mass

Saturday 22 August
The Queenship of Mary
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

Confessions will take place in the St Columba Chapel.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
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University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

Rosina Thomas Dry, Elizabeth Cousins, Mary McGroeghlin, Pat Garrett, Mr Joe Horrigan.

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 FORMATION UPDATE

Reflection for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (also available as an audio download).

Readings for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reflection on Matthew 15: 21 – 28, The Story of the Canaanite Woman (also available as an audio download).

(This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The reflection on the Canaanite Woman was prepared in error and is included as a bonus!)

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.

For your information, and to support people at home who are still shielding, we will be livestreaming and recording the Mass at 11.00am. The recording will be shown live on Facebook and Youtube, and a copy of the recording will be available on these platforms. Please note the camera will be directed away from people receiving Holy Communion. Should you wish not to be filmed, please speak to Cathedral Security, or one of the Stewards who will direct you to a seat in the West Gallery.

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 all who, ordinarily, would have been on pilgrimage in Lourdes during the summer ... may St Bernadette's 'Beautiful Lady' intercede with her Son for abundant blessings during the coming year.

We pray for expectant parents as they await the arrival of new life within their families ... may they appreciate the beautiful gift of life that is within them.

JOB VACANCY

Parish Administrator (Admin & Finance) at St Catherine of Siena, All Saints and St Lewis Parishes. (Based at All Saints Presbytery, High Street, Golborne, Warrington WA3 3BG). 20 hours per week. Salary £10,816.00 per annum (equivalent to £10.40 per hour). 5 weeks holiday and Pension scheme are available.

An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office at All Saints Presbytery working closely with the parish priest, Fr Gordon Abbs. This is a part-time, permanent post to be worked

Monday to Friday, 10.00am–2.00pm. The successful candidate will be required to provide high quality support in all aspects of the day to day administration and financial tasks to include producing letters and booklets, issuing certificates, maintaining parish registers, recording income and expenditure and managing petty cash.

Candidates must have empathy with the ethos and mission of the Roman Catholic Church and a commitment to the work of the parish, pastoral area, schools, the local community and other parish groups. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role dealing with a broad range of administrative tasks, excellent verbal and written communication skills, experience of recording income and expenditure and an ability to work unsupervised. Experience of implementing new administrative processes and knowledge of local parish community would be advantageous.

5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme
Closing date: Friday 21 August 2020.

Interviews may be conducted via 'Zoom' as an alternative approach to interviews in person during these unprecedented times. A review will be undertaken upon the closing date in this regard.

This post is not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check

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