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Musical Performances

In the last week there have been some further developments regarding musical performances and singing within places of worship. The government statement, which was issued on Saturday night, August 15th refers to performances and public worship in these terms. 'It is now permissible for both professional and non-professional singers and musicians to perform in small groups to people inside and outside of buildings in line with the recommendations for physical distancing and hygiene set out by the Government in their performing arts guidance. This includes those who regularly volunteer to do music and singing, as part of a choir for example, to sing as a part of worship.' We then received an e-mail from the Diocese which in summary stated that we have had no communication regarding this centrally from the Bishops Conference but it seems right to allow a cantor or small music group, with the necessary distancing and precautions, to sing in church. But with a firm reminder that there should be no congregational singing. We have had a cantor singing at two of the weekend Masses since we reopened and going forward it may be possible to have a small number of adults singing chorally at Mass but it could still be a long time before we are able to have full choral services here at the Cathedral.

I am pleased to report that the numbers attending mass here at the weekend have been gradually increasing however the number of visitors to the Cathedral during the week is still very low, not even 10% of our normal numbers. We are reviewing the situation regularly so that we can extend our services if the need arises. With such low visitor numbers there doesn't seem to be any real necessity or demand for

extending our opening hours each day for the time being. If the trend of Mass attendance continues to grow at the weekend we will extend the choice of Masses with a later Sunday celebration at the end of the day, probably at 4pm. We also intend to open from 10am until 4pm on Saturdays from 5th September with Mass of the day at 10am but also retaining the vigil Mass at 4pm.

Last week I referred to the slogan for eating out during August 'Eat Out to Help Out', and suggested that we would benefit on having a caption to encourage people back to Mass. A number of our readers offered suggestions which were all an improvement on mine but the one I liked best was the caption 'We streamed Mass to you, we need you to stream back to us'. The suggestion was passed on to one of the other Cathedral Clergy so the contributor is unknown but that definitely seemed to get the priests vote after Mass when we were all having lunch. Thank you for the suggestions and ideas.

Canon Anthony O'Brien
Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 23 August 2020

Sunday 23 August 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 24 August St Bartholomew

12noon Mass

Tuesday 25 August

12noon Mass

Wednesday 26 August Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God

12noon Mass

Thursday 27 August St Monica

12noon Mass

Friday 28 August St Augustine

12noon Mass

Saturday 29 August Passion of St John the Baptist

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Violet Pomphrett (RIP), Brother Charles Anthony Juke (Birthday Remembrance), Vernon and Nikki Cole (Wedding Anniversary), Mrs Margaret Moloney (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/latest-news/>

PASTORAL FORMATION UPDATE

New resources now available include:

Reflection for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).

Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

School of Prayer: an exploration of Lectio Divina.

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.

VJ DAY 75 SERVICE RECORDED AT LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH SUN 26 JUL 20

With the relaxation of COVID-19 constraints in mid-July, the Lord-Lieutenant seized the opportunity to change what was to be a 'Virtual Service' to mark VJ Day 75 into a pre-recorded event with a live audience. Prior to the relaxation of the COVID-19 constraints in mid-July a number of people required to participate in the event were unable to do so in the indoor setting. The Service was uploaded to YouTube and will be available for viewing from 11.00 on Sat 15 August. The following link is what you need: <https://youtu.be/3TipV2TWGA4>

The Service will remain online for several weeks and can be viewed at your leisure. It has a runtime of 54mins. Due to the acoustics in Liverpool Parish Church some background noise will be experienced in parts of the Service. Please feel free to distribute the YouTube Link to those who you consider might wish to view it.

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 those who are working tirelessly in Beirut to provide effective assistance to those who have been injured, bereaved, and/or made homeless as a result of the recent explosions ... may the global response ensure sufficient resources are made available.

We pray for our global community as different parts become overwhelmed by the pandemic ... may there be a

new and generous spirit of sharing resources especially with the poorest and most vulnerable.

We pray for our children and young people as they prepare to return to school ... may they be safe and able to benefit from the many opportunities their school lives provide ... and may their parents be at peace in the knowledge that every precaution will be taken to protect their children during these days of COVID-19.

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

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. To apply please visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs. Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

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