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Funerals at the Cathedral

This week there has been an announcement from the prime Minister raising concerns in response to increases in the infection rate of Covid in many parts of the country. Almost at the same time we were made aware that this was also the case in certain parts of the Merseyside area. In reassessing our own procedures within the Cathedral we feel that the measures in place for weekday and weekend public mass are generally working well and we are able to remain correctly distanced and have enough room for all who are attending. The congregations have also adhered to the requirements to wear face coverings etc and I wish to thank you all for your cooperation and acceptance of this even though it is both unnatural and uncomfortable for us all. The area of more concern for us here is with the celebration of funerals when mourners and bereaved families are mixing and coming into much closer contact with one another. I have enclosed the list of our requirements for the celebration of funerals at the Cathedral below so that we are all clear what is allowed at present so that we are all clear regarding what is allowed. This set of procedures has been written for the attention of all funeral directors who may be arranging a funeral service at the Cathedral, families who are preparing for a funeral here and for all staff and clergy at the Cathedral.

We all want funeral services here to be celebrated with dignity and care, in as safe an environment as we can provide and in keeping with the guidelines and restrictions that have been given by the Government and the Archbishop of Liverpool regarding funerals in catholic places of worship. We itemise below the measures that we have had to put in place which apply to all funerals taking place here at the Cathedral which will be strictly enforced. This is for the safety of mourners, funeral staff and the staff and clergy of the Cathedral.

1. All funeral services will take place within the Blessed Sacrament Chapel within the Cathedral. We are not able to celebrate funerals within the main area of the Cathedral.

2. We can only allow up to a maximum of 30 mourners who will be able to enter the Cathedral and take part in the funeral service. It would be beneficial for the immediate family to indicate in advance who will be part of that group who can take part in the service. Funeral directors will be required to indicate to our security staff the immediate family and mourners who are part of the group of 30.

3. We expect all those who will be attending the service to wear face coverings which are to be worn throughout the duration of the service. Funeral staff other than the director on the day will also be expected to wear a face covering.

4. All funerals will take the form of a Catholic Funeral Service. This is similar to a Requiem Mass but does not include the Communion Rite. There are still the opportunities for the choice of scripture readings and music to be chosen in collaboration with the priest leading the service.

5. We are only able to have sacred music and hymns sung by a cantor at present. As with all services in church we are not permitted to have congregational singing.

At present we are allowed to have services with a congregation as long as we are following the guidelines. These procedures seek to ensure that we remain within them. If we are seen to disregard the procedures we risk endangering one another and jeopardising the facility of having public worship and general visitors to the Cathedral.

Similar procedures are in place for the celebration of weddings. For Baptisms, because everything takes place within the baptistery and there is close contact during the service we are only allowing a family group of up to ten for these celebrations at present.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 13 September 2020

Sunday 13 September 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 14 September Exhaltation of the Cross

12noon Mass

Tuesday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

12noon Mass

Wednesday 16 September Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

12noon Mass

Thursday 17 September St Ambrose Barlow

12noon Mass

Friday 18 September

12noon Mass

Saturday 19 September

10.00am Mass

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

John McCoy (RIP), Jamie McCoy (RIP), Thomas Daly (RIP), Lynn McConnell (Sick), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Bridie Tuohey (RIP), Mike and Agnes Mannion (60th Wedding Anniversary), Intentions, John Canavan (RIP), Eddy O'Neill (Birthday Remembrance), John Joseph Edward Ireland (RIP 1st Anniversary), Robert Quinn (RIP Birthday and Anniversary), John Amundsen.

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

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

Deaf monthly news (September/October).

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.

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.

As we enter into Creation Time, we pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done

and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time.

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

GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

We are pleased to announce that the Golden Book Office is now open on Thursdays only from 12noon – 4pm. Please be patient as we work through the entries which have already been requested. There may be a slight delay in getting your entry processed. Contact details are 0151 707 2107 or email t.lundbeck@metcathedral.org.uk Thank you for your understanding.

ADDITIONAL MASS

Please note that we have introduced a further Mass on Saturdays at 10.00am in the Cathedral.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Welcome back to a new term. I hope that you and your families have had a restful summer.

These last few months have been a difficult time for us all.

This week's bulletin aims to update you on some of the things that have been happening behind the scenes in recent weeks, and to keep you up-to-date on future plans.

The cathedral has been a strange place without the voices of our choir, and I, like you, long for the day when our choir can once again safely make music together in our beautiful space.

The limited return of choral singing in our cathedral is nearly here, but the future path to a fuller return will likely be unclear for some time to come.

However, we are delighted that we are now embarking on the phased return of music in the Cathedral and we will continue to work hard behind the scenes to enable the introduction of more choral services as time progresses.

Dr C McElroy
Director of Music

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Lloyd, a member of the Cathedral Art Studio and Community for many years, who died recently. May she rest in peace.

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