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# Cathedral Record

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## Week of Christian Unity

Each year in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity our two Cathedrals would take part in a joint Choral Service of shared prayer and worship. This year it has only been possible to piece together a service from elements that were videoed separately within our two buildings. This service involving choirs and ministers from both Cathedrals will be streamed and available from this Sunday afternoon. I enclose below the short article written for the Cathedral Record in the Catholic Pictorial – which at present is only available online.

With the number of positive cases on the rise there is a mixed picture across the Diocese regarding the churches that are able to remain open and continue with the public celebration of Mass. Here at the Cathedral we are in a fortunate position that we have such a large capacity space and the staff and volunteers to enable continued public worship for as long as is permissible. However we are at present wondering how we can safely celebrate Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February) with some liturgical act to mark the start of Lent. Hopefully, we will receive some directive regarding the distribution of Ashes – I guess that it will probably involve some form of self-administering. No doubt great health and safety minds will be liaising with liturgists as I write to come up with clear directives for us all.

It is almost a year since the first incidents of the virus began to spread in parts of this country. By the end of Lent last year we were in the first restrictive period of lockdown with just a few parishes that were able to offer a live streamed service to people at home. It is remarkable how we have now grown used to online services and using digital media for worship, talks and meetings. Some see this as a significant part of the future life of the church, I feel more comfortable seeing it as a facility that we can use in a limited way when we feel it is appropriate or necessary.

As we look ahead here at the Cathedral preparing for Holy Week I am hoping that we will be able to have some form of public services during this week. With social distancing and safety measures it will be difficult enough celebrating the solemn liturgies with the meaning and dignity that they require. It is even more difficult to recreate something of the full beauty and significance of this week online however effectively we stream.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 24 January 2021

#### Sunday 24 January 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

#### Monday 25 January Conversion of St Paul

12noon Mass

#### Tuesday 26 January Saints Timothy and Titus

12noon Mass

#### Wednesday 27 January

12noon Mass

#### Thursday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas

12noon Mass

#### Friday 29 January

12noon Mass

#### Saturday 30 January

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

**There are no confessions taking place at the Cathedral at the moment.**

**Crypt**  
Crypt Chapel

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

**RLUH -**  
Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

#### CLERGY:

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Loretta Walker (RIP), Anthony and Sandra, Elizabeth Chidumebi Ngejuru, Cornelius (Thanksgiving), Ursula Wangwe, Patricia Burke (RIP), Freda Ventre (RIP), Margaret Quinlan (RIP), John Quinlan (RIP), Nancy Quinlan (RIP), Michael Bourke (RIP), Annie Bourke (RIP), Cellie Mullen (RIP), Maire Wainwright (RIP), Sheila Fitzgerald (RIP), Sr Brian Murray (RIP), Mary Quinn (RIP), Sheila Wainwright (RIP).

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones Pastoral Associate writes, 'We've had a cracking start to 2021 in terms of Zoom opportunities: check the February Liverpool Pic (online soon) for the write up of the J&P Commission's Memorial Lecture by Mary Colwell and our own *Echoes of God* scripture session was very well attended – do sign up - it's not too late and you can attend those sessions you can manage. We are running a couple of Zoom "how to" sessions to support the group, so if you are anxious we'll help you - we even had a 90-year-old log on! It's a very supportive group and caters for all levels of engagement. Check newsletters and the Fcj St Hugh's Facebook page for the raft of online activities available at parish levels (the FCJ reading group is inspirational). For anyone wishing to help with a Pastoral Area Lent/Holy Week project please email me for a zoom meeting link for Tuesday 26 Jan at 7:30pm [h.jones@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:h.jones@rcaol.org.uk) I leave

you with the closing lines from Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill we Climb". She is the youngest US National Poet Laureate whose performance was captivating at the US presidential Inauguration: "*For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.*" God bless, keep safe! – Helen.'

## 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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We join Pope Francis in his prayer intention for January: May the Lord give us grace to live fully in fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

We pray for our young people for whom, yet again, their education is severely disrupted ... that they might nevertheless make the most of the resources being provided by their teachers, parents, and others.

We pray for parents having to juggle all the demands of home working and home schooling ... may they find the inner strength required to maintain a happy home and experience moments of calm within each day.

We continue to pray for all involved in caring for the most vulnerable in our communities at this time ... may they know the healing presence of Christ in their own lives.

## ECHOES OF GOD

A 7 week look at Old and New Testament Scripture on Mondays at 7-8pm on Zoom starting on 18 January 2021. Using David McLoughlin's scripture sessions that start with Exodus and end with St Paul's Letters, an opportunity to read, reflect and share facilitated by Pastoral Associates. Registration and materials (free) at [www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk) The sessions should take us beyond this lockdown...!

## FISH WITH MARK

God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view at [www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk) Voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper.

## NEWS FROM MICAH

Donations over December have us in good stead for at least the next few weeks. The things we will be in need of first, though, are cooking oil, UHT milk, and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap). For those of you who donate, there's your shopping list. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed over the last few weeks. We have fed over 300 people a week in December.

## OPEN CHURCHES VITAL FOR RESILIENCE DURING LOCKDOWN, SAYS CARDINAL

With the announcement of a new lockdown for England to curb the rapid spread of COVID-19, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances.

"I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community.

## GIVE BLOOD

On 7th January Liverpool Donor Centre will be temporarily relocating from its current venue to: Suite A, The Capital Building Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9PP. If you have an appointment booked it will remain on the same date and time, but please check your donation venue before you attend. During these unprecedented times, we need you to keep donating as normal to maintain blood stocks. If you haven't booked an appointment, please do so now... Use the GiveBlood app visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23




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