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### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 18 April 2021

#### Sunday 18 April Third Sunday of Easter

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

#### Monday 19 April 12noon Mass

#### Tuesday 20 April 12noon Mass

#### Wednesday 21 April 12noon Mass

#### Thursday 22 April 12noon Mass

#### Friday 23 April St George 12noon Mass

#### Saturday 24 April 10.00am Mass 4.00pm Mass

#### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 10.30am, and again between 3.00pm – 3.45pm on Saturdays only.**

#### Crypt Crypt Chapel

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

**RLUH -**  
Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

#### CLERGY:

**PRIESTS:**  
Canon Anthony  
O'Brien Dean  
Fr Stephen Lee  
Fr Chris McCoy  
Fr Peter Murphy

**DEACONS:**  
Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings



# Cathedral Record

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## CDF Response

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate all the services of Holy Week with a congregation this year and to see so many of you present at some of the services, even though at a distance and to be able to share these central moments of our faith through the various liturgies. We have also had remarkable numbers of people who have joined us online for these live services with a combined figure of over 50,000 joining us for all or part of these liturgies during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Without reading too much into statistics and online engagement it does indicate that we will need to continue streaming our major Cathedral services for the long term after everything has opened up once again, yet encouraging those who are able, to gradually return to live attendance at services. Many thanks to all who have worked hard over these recent weeks to prepare everything within the Cathedral for all our Easter Celebrations and contributed to the various liturgies.

Over the course of the last few weeks the press highlighted a pronouncement from a Vatican Congregation regarding blessings of same sex partnerships. The document said a lot more than a denial of the facility to bless such unions and I include Archbishop Malcolm's letter to the clergy regarding this and our pastoral response.

"Dear Brothers,

The recent response by the CDF to a dubium on the blessing of same-sex unions has caused some hurt amongst the faithful of the archdiocese and beyond. I have received correspondence myself on the issue, with one father writing in a letter that his son, who is gay, "is suffering because he has read about the recent pronouncement." I am sure that the sentiment of this parent will echo the sentiments

of many parents, and I have no doubt that this suffering is felt acutely. I also know that some of you will have heard similar sentiments from people you minister to and, perhaps, you have felt it yourselves. It is important therefore that we reach out to all our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, to show them that they have a place at the heart of our Church, and our archdiocese.

As Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, has been reported as saying recently, the latest pronouncement should give us greater impetus to another conversation about inclusion.

Indeed, our Synod is, in one sense, just this: staying faithful to Tradition, but being open, through our learning, reflection, prayer and discernment, to the new insights which the Holy Spirit offers to us about the depths and breadth of God's creation.

We are a stronger and more powerful witness to Christ because of the presence of our LGBT+ brothers and sisters, indeed, because of the inclusion of all the people of God. Far from denying their experience, and the reality of their lives, we should learn from them and hear God speaking through that reality. We would be poorer without them.

It is my hope and prayer that we will find new ways of expressing this inclusivity, understanding the language we use, and employing the talents of everyone, to witness more profoundly in our lives as priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful, a fundamental Gospel teaching: that God's love has no limits."

**Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Baby Sofia, Special Intentions, Felix Nazareth, Francis Nazareth, Fr George Russell (RIP), Phil Dobbins (RIP), Shaun Corrigan (50<sup>th</sup> Birthday RIP), Ted Corrigan (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Jane Cassin (RIP), Ronald Workman (RIP), Terence Shields (RIP), Anne Guyler and Family (Intentions), Michael Maxwell (Special Intentions), Irene Murphy (Special Intentions), Sheila Whelan (RIP), Jane Anne Cassin (RIP), Jimmy Morgan (RIP), Gina Paradissis, Deacon John Keeley, Valencia, Victims of the Hillsborough Disaster, Mike Maxwell (RIP), Joan Serjeant (RIP), Mr Walter Robertson (RIP), Mark Rossiter (RIP), Michael Maxwell (RIP).

## MET CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults aged 18 to 35(ish) from the Cathedral community are meeting together each week via Zoom.

Worship Wednesday - every Wednesday. A time of prayer, and reflection of some shared reading.

Currently we are reading Pope Benedict XVI's 'School of Prayer'.

Social Sunday - 1st Sunday of the Month. An opportunity to socialise with each other, and hear some input.

Sycamore Sundays - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays (begins 14th March)

Using videos and discussion points from the popular Sycamore project

we will explore and deepen our appreciation of our Christian faith.

If you would like to join them please contact Fr Peter by emailing [p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk) or calling Cathedral House.

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones writes, 'With recharged batteries having had a meaningful Holy Week and a joyful Easter we journey together in sunshine towards Pentecost. Jo Wallace, the Pastoral Associate in Upholland and I are finalising a follow up to the well-received Echoes of God and will be looking at Isaiah 43 and its Echoes in the New Testament. We're using clips from the crowd-funded The Chosen (available for free on YouTube) to help us go deeper into our relationship with Christ which we hope will provoke discussion and sharing. You can sign up for the Zoom link through our website or at [www.TheGodWhoSpeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.TheGodWhoSpeaks2020.org.uk) and we will be starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm on Zoom until the hopeful Covid roadmap date of 21 June. Watch out for the Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) for our Pastoral Area. If you want to get involved do contact me. The popular fcJ reading group is looking at Laudato Si each Friday from 4pm – it's a worldwide welcoming group and all are welcome: email them for the Zoom link: [fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com) "Each day in itself brings with it an eternity" Paulo Coehlo. God bless and keep safe! Helen.'

## NEWS FROM MICAH

This week has seen numbers rise yet again - 108 people at St Vincent's and 418 at St Bride's have been provided with essential food, thanks to the continuing generosity of our donors. The crisis is clearly far from over. Needs in particular are for long life milk, Weetabix type cereal, tinned beans, tomatoes or

other veg and pasta. Please drop off any items of food that you have at the Cathedral Security Office.

## CATHEDRAL READERS UPDATE

We are actively looking for people to come forward who are interested in becoming part of our Guild of Readers. This is a really important ministry within our Cathedral community. As we start to think about our own road map and adding in more Masses to our timetable we need people to come onto our Readers rota. You don't need any previous experience and full training will be given, and any concerns or queries will be answered. All you need is some confidence and to be reliable. If you would like more details, or are interested please email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance and we can then get you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

## NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a lovely start to the summer term welcoming all our children back after the Easter break. Spring is certainly in the air right now and this can be seen around school in our garden areas, signs of new life are all around us. The children are beginning their new topics and enjoying new learning in lessons. Springtime hope brings so much to look forward to.

**The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued the following statement on the death of The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.**

'I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip and for Her Majesty the Queen and all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow.

'We give thanks for Prince Philip's life of loyal public service to our country, the support he has faithfully given to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family and his presence among us for so many years.

'May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.'

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