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The Day of the Lord

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments.

The Bishops met for their Spring plenary meeting from 19 – 22 April 2021. In a reflection titled *The Day of the Lord*, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. The Bishops salute the leadership of our priests and also express gratitude for the ‘immense efforts’ of those who have provided food for those most in need:

“The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of God. Many have been touched by the joy of meeting Christ in the poor; and many of the poor by the joy of meeting Christ in selfless parishioners.” Whilst acknowledging the creative and diverse methods of outreach during the pandemic – not least the live streaming of Mass – attention then turns to the post-pandemic world.

The Bishops recognise that it is impossible to predict the pace at which we will emerge from the pandemic but state “what is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength.”

They identify the groups of people they are seeking to reach:

- Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so

- Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest.

- The ‘Covid curious’ who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic

The Bishops highlight the strengths, the “veritable treasures” of the Catholic Church as being the tools at their disposal to rise to these challenges. The greatest treasure is, of course, the sacramental life of the Church and at its heart, the Eucharist.

“It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence.

“At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters.

“We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as ‘a weekly gift from God to his people’, and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.”

Reflection: Day of the Lord

You can download *The Day of the Lord* – a reflection from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 2 May 2021

Sunday 2 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 3 May Sts Philip and James

12noon Mass

Tuesday 4 May Feast of the English Martyrs

12noon Mass

Wednesday 5 May

12noon Mass

Thursday 6 May

12noon Mass

Friday 7 May

12noon Mass

Saturday 8 May

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.**

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Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

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Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Breda Oliver (RIP), Mollie and Dave Dunne (RIP), Special Intention (MM), Brian Tickle (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 or calling Cathedral House.

SYNOD UPDATE

As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged. If you haven't seen them yet, there are three places you can find them:

1. Printed in the April edition of the Catholic Pic

(www.catholicpic.co.uk)

2. On our Synod Recommendations Website

(www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) alongside theological reflections on the topics

3. Printed in our Synod book Together on the Road which also includes resources for discernment and the theological reflections (available for £3 from Pauline Books and Media, and the Synod Office, email: synod2020@rcaol.co.uk, tel: 0151 486 1206). Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers in the coming months.

NEWS FROM MICAHA

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

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 in the first instance and we can then offer you in touch with the Readers

co-ordinator.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Tuesday, 4 May 2021

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) has highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer for victims and survivors of Abuse. The Holy Father has welcomed this initiative. From 2021, in response to a request from the *Let's Be Honest* working group, the Bishops chose the **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter** as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse — 4 May 2021.

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SYNOD DISCERNMENT: LAST CHANCE! Help your Synod members on the final part of this section of our synod journey to prioritise the recommendations. An opportunity online to meet with

Synod members and discuss the recommendations informally, exploring them more fully. All are welcome: Wednesdays 7-8pm on 12, 19, 26 May. For full details and zoom link email h.jones@rcaol.org.uk or via www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

SAFE GUARDING NEWS

[/LGBTQI Toolkit Mar 2021 Edition.pdf](#)

This is a brilliant resource that defines the different types of LGBTQ+ hate crimes and also covers key points such as: understanding hate crime law, online hate, how to report a hate crime, taking care of yourself after a hate crime, going to the police and going to court. Do take a look at this document.

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DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

As you may be aware the Daughters of St Paul have purchased a new property and have moved from Bold Street to [84 Church Street](#). We are delighted that on **Tuesday 4th May** they are scheduled to open.

The temporary opening hours are as follows:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10am to 5pm
Wednesday:	10am to 5pm
Thursday:	10am to 5.30pm
Friday:	10am to 5pm
Saturday:	10am to 5pm
Sunday:	Closed

Last week's collection: **£657.21**



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The Golden Book is open and accepting your entries but on a limited basis for the time being. Please email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk or telephone 0151 707 2107 where a member of the team will assist you.