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### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 9 May 2021

#### Sunday 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

#### Monday 10 May 12noon Mass

#### Tuesday 11 May 12noon Mass

#### Wednesday 12 May 12noon Mass

#### Thursday 13 May The Ascension of the Lord 12noon Mass

#### Friday 14 May St Matthias 12noon Mass

#### Saturday 15 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.**

**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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## Confirmation News

This last week there were remembrance celebrations of the Blitz of Liverpool which occurred 80 years ago over the space of 8 days during WW2. The main commemoration was in St Lukes, 'The Bombed out Church' at the bottom of Hardman Street, this was damaged by bombs and fire on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1941. There was a short service in the roofless building last Thursday and those attending were asked to don coats and hats and have umbrellas on standby. However the weather was so bad with wind and rain that I decided not to venture out. In my experience hailstones and gale force winds are not very compatible with outdoor church services. Even though I was born many years later than WW2 memories of the blitz were still very evident. At the bottom of the street on which I grew up and the next street on which my gran lived there was a wasteland where the first five houses at the end of both streets had been completely demolished by one of the bombing raids. It was a great area for play and the centre of attraction on bonfire nights but it carried very real memories of families injured and displaced as a result of the war.

Over recent years there has been a considerable amount of change regarding the age and order of reception regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. At one time it was conferred at age 14/15 years which was considered to be an age when teenagers would be able to make their own acceptance of the faith that they had received from their parents. More recently confirmation was conferred before First Holy Communion with the desired intention to restore the correct order of reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation.

For a number of reasons this has now been changed again and Archbishop Malcolm decided that Confirmation would now be offered to those who would be in year 8 each year. This year is due to be the first year that this change is to take place and due to the restrictions we have already lost a considerable amount of time. Cardinal Michael has been booked to celebrate the Sacrament here at the Cathedral in November for our South Liverpool Deanery Confirmations. Over the next few weeks we will be advertising in the newsletter for those in year 8 or above who have not been confirmed to register. There has been mention of this within our Catholic Secondary Schools but for those within our parish who attend secondary schools outside of the catholic sector this may be the first time that this will have been brought to their attention. For those who wish to be confirmed this year - if they could, register on the website 'liverpoolcalled.co.uk' and also if they could let us know at the Cathedral office either by phone (709 9222) or by email to [enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk). It will involve some preparation sessions which will take place in the autumn term.

Next Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, which is also the Anniversary date of the Dedication of our Cathedral which took place on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1967.

**Canon Anthony O'Brien**      **Cathedral Dean**



# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Bertha Smith (RIP), Joan Hurricane (Get Well), Karen Workman (Thinking of You), Pet McLaughlin (RIP), Eddy O'Neill (RIP Anniversary 27 years), Cornelius (Thanksgiving), Billy (Intentions, Darcie (Intentions), Josephine Smith (RIP), Pat Murphy (RIP), Luciano Nogorovic (RIP), Orelia Nogorovic (Get Well), Eileen Fieldstead (Get Well), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Gary (Intention).

## NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

As national restrictions are beginning to be safely relaxed at long last, our teachers are now able now to start to plan and return to organising and planning trips out of school for their classes. It's been lovely and so very welcome to have, once again, discussions about educational visits returning which as I'm sure you know, enrich children's learning so much. Long may this continue!

## 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.

## 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](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk))
2. On our Synod Recommendations Website ([www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk](http://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](mailto:synod2020@rcaol.co.uk), tel: 0151 486 1206). Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers in the coming months.

## NEWS FROM MICAH

After several weeks of record demand the number of people seeking food aid seems to be dropping, thankfully, though still at a higher level than pre pandemic. Our year's grant from UNICEF, which enabled us to supply very high quality fruit, veg and eggs to everyone, has now sadly finished, though we plan to continue sourcing fruit and veg from the same supplier at our own expense so we can maintain the same quality if not quantity. We're grateful too for all

your donations both in cash and in kind. 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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance and we can then out you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

## PASTORAL

### ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Dodging the showers and hail has provided a good reminder how interconnected we are with the natural world as outdoor activities have been somewhat dampened this week. May 16 – 25 sees us celebrating *Laudato Si* and global events can be accessed at [laudatosiweek.org](http://laudatosiweek.org). Links are online on Pastoral Area website. Do register for "Echoes of Isaiah" if you wish to delve into scripture – we're reflecting on "You are called" this Monday 7-8pm. Synod continues – again please do join us as we reflect together – your insights and ideas will help members. Full details and registration for the link. [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

[org.uk](http://org.uk) Thank you to all those who have helped with the Stations of the Resurrection. You can join us to pray the 16 stations live on Sunday 16 May at 6:30pm. Register on the website for the link. *"Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change"*. Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* (#202). God Bless, Helen.'

## MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

### Prayer initiative

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read a statement released by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see [Vatican News](http://Vatican News) broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

Last week's collection: **£599.21**



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