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New Pauline Bookshop

I ventured down on to Church Street in the City Centre last week which was the first time that I had been there over the last year, and also the first time I had been in a shop other than a supermarket. En route to a meeting, I had purposely diverted to visit the new Pauline Bookshop which had relocated from Bold Street and had just opened in their new location right in the centre of the shopping area. I was very impressed with the layout of the shop and the facilities and also the fact that it is in a much more accessible location for people to visit or browse. It was also great to see the Pauline sisters who had come from other parts of the country to help to establish the new shop, many of them had served here in Liverpool over the years. If you get a chance when you are in the city centre, call in and have a look around, the shop provides a welcoming religious presence in the heart of Church Street.

At the Vigil Mass this Saturday two adults who took part in the RCIA preparation course 2020/21 will be baptised and the other participants will be received into the Church. Those to be baptised are Miriam Nemetova and Sid Ahmed Balal, and those to be received are Vikki Maddocks and Sean Bennett. Normally they would all be confirmed at the same time but this will take place the following Sunday morning at 11am Mass on Pentecost Sunday when Archbishop Malcolm will be here to celebrate this Mass.

For the Feast of Pentecost our young choristers will be returning for the first time this year to sing at the Solemn Mass. They last sang here on Christmas Eve. I'm sure that they will all be excited to be back singing in the Cathedral after such a long period of only singing and rehearsing

online. This will mean that, with the Sacrament of Confirmation being conferred and more singers and their families at this Mass we will struggle to accommodate everyone at 11am. There will be a lot more space and room at the 4pm Saturday Vigil and 9am Sunday Masses next weekend if you wanted to choose an alternative to the 11am which we are sure will be full to capacity.

The period from the Feast of the Ascension is a time of prayerful waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas for it was Jesus himself who sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Below is a prayer asking that the Holy Spirit bestows his gifts on us, the church, to enable us to fulfil our mission as Christ's disciples today.

Lord Jesus, before you ascended into heaven you promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work to empower your Apostles and Disciples to build your church. Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom, that we aspire after the things that are eternal. The Spirit of Understanding, that we may be enlightened with your Divine truth. The Spirit of Counsel to be guided and guide others by Your Word. The Spirit of Fortitude that we may have the courage to face the challenges of life with your help. The Spirit of Knowledge that we may be aware of God's many gifts and blessings. The Spirit of Piety that we may strive to live lives of prayer and service. The Spirit of Fear of the Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence of God. Mark us Lord with the sign of Your Disciples and enliven us in all things with the gifts of Your Spirit. Amen.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 16 May 2021

Sunday 16 May
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 17 May
12noon Mass

Tuesday 18 May
12noon Mass

Wednesday 19 May
12noon Mass

Thursday 20 May
12noon Mass

Friday 21 May
12noon Mass

Saturday 22 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

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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O'Brien *Dean*
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Rev Paul Mannings



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MASS INTENTIONS

Elizabeth Scullion (Intentions), The O'Keeffe Sisters (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Peppy (RIP), Ava (Intentions), Angela Gore (RIP), Kitty Hyde (RIP Anniversary), Noreen Ahern (RIP Anniversary), Danny Hastings (RIP).

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Pentecost picnic. There will be a walk with a picnic on Saturday 22nd of May. The walk will begin outside the main Cathedral entrance at 1pm and go to Sefton Park for games and a picnic, ending back at the Cathedral with first evening prayer for Pentecost outdoors. Please let James know if you are interested in joining: djmoroney@cantab.net

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2021

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting - BOYS currently in year 2 & 3 - GIRLS currently in year 5 All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Boys, year 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys & Girls, year 7-10.) If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerhips at the Metropolitan Cathedral, alongside application forms and voice trial booking slots can be found

at: <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/?fbclid=IwAR3QSMt-8nrX5X1NIMpJ9vcqlxOJWYvpleQzCLYtgT3BzFry7AGxMz0w7Xs>

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of our weekly senior team meeting last week was devoted to discussing and planning ahead for some of the end of term events to take place in July for the children. It still feels strange to make firm plans and in lots of ways July seems a long way off. However, reflecting on this though, in many ways the last year seems to have flown by so quickly at times and July, I'm sure, will very soon be here.

CONFIRMATIONS 2021

If you are in Year 8 (or above) at school, and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are now invited to register your interest. You must register both by going online to www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and by emailing Fr Peter at the Cathedral (p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk). If you know of families from the Cathedral who have children in Year 8 please bring this to their attention - especially if they do not attend a Catholic Secondary School. There will be an initial meeting before the Summer Holidays, and then further preparation sessions in the autumn term.

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 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.

DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

New Shop: 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm email: liverpool@pauline-uk.org Tel: 0151 709 1328

The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy!

This weekend we pray especially for these adults from our Cathedral Journey in Faith programme: Sid Ahmed and Miriam Nemetova who are to be baptised; together with Sean Bennett and Vikki Maddocks who are to be received. This will take place at the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Next weekend, Pentecost Sunday, they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

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 out you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The May issue of the Catholic Pic is now available in print and online. The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3dRehfs>

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