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# Cathedral Record

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## Pastoral Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of “God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God’s revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit. ‘God’s Spirit is always and everywhere “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God’s children.’ In this liberty, as God’s children, we call on the Spirit to ‘renew the face of the Earth’, and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God’s creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home? As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God’s gift to us. For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels. In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations

recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised. But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation. This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home. In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and ‘renew the face of the earth.

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 May 2021

#### Sunday 23 May Pentecost Sunday

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

#### Monday 24 May Our Lady, Mother of the Church

12noon Mass

#### Tuesday 25 May St Bede

12noon Mass

#### Wednesday 26 May St Philip Neri

12noon Mass

#### Thursday 27 May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

12noon Mass

#### Friday 28 May

12noon Mass

#### Saturday 29 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:

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Maxwell (RIP), Fr Martin Caddell (Special Intentions), Anne and Peter Fearon (Special Intentions), Rose Langan (Special Intentions), Bill Makin (Get Well Soon), Ann Fitzpatrick (RIP), Martin Rocks (Get Well), Bp Malone (RIP Anniversary), Eddie Amoo (Birthday Remembrance), Gerard Webb (RI), Holy Souls, Jimmy O'Neill (RIP), Gary (Intention), SK (Special Intention).

## ART AND CHRISTIANITY

Present Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral: Conceived in the Round - A talk by Dominic Wilkinson will take place on Thursday 27 May 2021 7pm - 8pm. Part of Art and Christianity's popular 'Art within Cathedrals' lecture series, this online event is hosted by Dominic Wilkinson, Principal Lecturer in Architecture at Liverpool John Moores University. Tickets are £5 For more information visit [www.artandchristianity.org](http://www.artandchristianity.org)

## 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 choristerships 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=IwAR3OSMT-8nrX5X1NIMpJ9vcqIxOJWYVpleQzCLYtgT3BzFry7AGxMz0w7Xs>

## NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

All classes have just completed their summer term English and Mathematics tests last week. (This week would also have been Year 6 sitting their SAT tests too but these were cancelled some months ago due to lockdown). We were so encouraged by how well the children returned to school after home learning was provided for them by their teachers and early indications from their tests are that they continue to gain success. Well done to everyone!

## 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](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and by emailing Fr Peter at the Cathedral ([p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto: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.

## DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

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

## SYNOD UPDATE

On this great Feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church we thank God for the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church. We pray for our Synod which will take place next month, and ask God to guide all those who will take part. May this be a moment of blessing and renewal for all the members of the Church in the Archdiocese. Merciful Father, Faithful God, our Church has never lacked the life-giving presence of your Holy Spirit. May your Holy Spirit always be at work among us, helping us to be more like Christ in our love of you and of our neighbour. We ask your blessing upon our Synod. May we be truly open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help us to become ever more fully the Church that you are calling us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## 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.

## 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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance and we can then get you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

## CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

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