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# Cathedral Record

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## New Mass times

The jury is still out whether we will be able to fully reopen in a few weeks time. The opinions expressed in the press and the media regarding the lifting of restrictions fluctuate daily switching between optimism and pessimism. Despite all this we thought it important to plan ahead for a return to more regular activities from the first weekend in July and this week I want to share with you our intended new schedule of service times in good time for the information to be distributed widely and share with others who may not have been physically attending the Cathedral up to this point.

The Saturday Vigil Mass will move to 5pm and will in normal circumstances now take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The change of time and location will be for a trial period. It avoids the necessity of having to move between Chapels because of events that from time to time take place on Saturdays in the Crypt. There will also be two periods of confession on Saturdays from 10-11am and 3.30-4.30pm.

Sunday Service times are as follows and only entail one slight change of time to the first Mass of the day. There will be Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 9am, 10am Family Mass in the Crypt Chapel and Solemn Choral Mass at 11am in the Main Cathedral, which will also be livestreamed. There will be Choral Evening Prayer at 3pm which will also continue being streamed. The Final weekend Mass will be at 7pm in the Crypt Chapel.

During the weekdays from Monday to Friday inclusive there will be three Masses each day at 9am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 12.15pm, Crypt Chapel, and 5pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There will be a short period of confessions each day after the 12.15 pm Mass except for Holydays and Christmas and Easter weeks. Morning Prayer will be recited each day 15 minutes before the start of 9am Mass. I am still waiting for confirmation from the Music Department regarding sung evening services

throughout the week. There will also be a morning Mass at 9am with Morning Prayer on Saturdays.

The reception of communion will return to its rightful place in the Celebration of Mass but it will only be administered under one kind and for the time being communicants will be expected to receive in the hand. The sign of peace will remain as optional and continue as a simple greeting if included. We are still to hear whether face masks will continue to be needed within buildings and when congregational singing can return.

The wider facilities within the Cathedral and Crypt will be gradually opening up from July onwards. The more extensive opening hours for the Cathedral from 8am to 6pm will recommence from 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Bookings are already coming in for events within the Crypt and these will start to take place from the end of this month. The car park will be open each day and we hope to have a new cash and card machine for people to use. The Cathedral will be open to visitors each day with some new facilities available to welcome and provide interest. These will be available over the next few months, but this may mean that the Pontifical and other Crypt Halls may not be open to general visitors straight away.

One major disappointment is the continued closure of the Cathedral Café and Gift Shop. Early last year during the course of investigating the source of a leak within the building it was discovered that we had a major problem to the waterproof membrane that is part of the roof structure underneath all the landscaping that lies above. To resolve this fully the landscaping and layers above this membrane will need to be removed to be able to resolve the problem. As you can imagine this will have to be a major project and we are still awaiting a full feasibility report. I am not holding my breath regarding this as it will involve significant costs whatever the outcome and it will be one further headache and challenge for us to cope with. Sadly we will not be able to open any of the visitor centre until we can resolve this.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 6 June 2021

### Sunday 6 June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

### Monday 7 June 12noon Mass

### Tuesday 8 June 12noon Mass

### Wednesday 9 June 12noon Mass

### Thursday 10 June 12noon Mass

### Friday 11 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 12noon Mass

### Saturday 12 June Immaculate Heart of Mary 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:**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Thérèse and John Potts (Special Intentions), Jean and Vernon New (Special Intentions), Simon and Muriel O'Neill (Special Intentions), Canon Albert Shaw (RIP), Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Henry William Bobongo (Thanksgiving for Healing), Sr Catherine Lynch (Happy Birthday), Staff at the Royal Hospital (Intentions), Miss Suzanne O'Keefe (RIP), Jimmy Morley, Mark Blease (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls.

## 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=IwAR3OSMT-8nrX5X1NIMpJ9vcqIxQJWVvVpleQzCLYtgT3BzFry7AGxMz0w7Xs>

## 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. Do pop in and take a look - the Sisters will be delighted to welcome you.

## SYNOD PRAYER

Today we pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. For all who have been bereaved. For all who have lost their employment and face a worrying future. For all who work with the sick. For those who still feel isolated and forgotten. For our brothers and sisters across the world who need medical assistance and access to vaccines. And we commend to your mercy Lord all who have died. Welcome them into your Kingdom. Father of love and compassion ...

## SYNOD UPDATE

On this great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we renew our gratitude for this precious gift. In our celebrations of this Holy Sacrament we are the witnesses of the self-giving love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of

Jesus. The presence of Christ within us is renewed and we become more deeply the members of the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world. Our Synod is just two weeks away now. Once again we ask for God to bless the work of the Synod. We are the Body of Christ. Through the work of the Synod may our Church reflect more faithfully the beauty and mercy of Christ in all that we do in His name.

*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.

## 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.

## JOIN US A CATHEDRAL WELCOMER/GUIDE

After a highly successful year of maintaining a welcoming presence in the Cathedral during lock-down, we are looking to recruit more voluntary members to this excellent team. From July, our plan is to revert to our former scheduled duty periods of 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm, Mondays to Saturdays. We warmly invite you to consider joining us for one of these duty periods. You might wish to actively guide groups or individuals. You may prefer to specialise in active Welcome Desk Ministry at the Main Entrance and Crypt. Alternatively, you may prefer to mix both roles within one duty period. Training will be given on-the-job. If you enjoy meeting people, answering queries and overall being personal ambassadors to our visitors, we would love to hear from you! Contact: [p.mannings@rcaal.org.uk](mailto:p.mannings@rcaal.org.uk)

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### Golden Book of Remembrance

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