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Cathedral Record

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Joint Cathedrals Service

This third Sunday of the Year has been set aside as Word of God Sunday recently by Pope Francis. I read this week that he was going to confer two ministries during the celebration of the Papal mass this Sunday which may not at first glance seem of any great consequence but may be the beginning of a significant development for the life of the church. During mass Pope Francis will confer the ministry of lector/reader on a representative group of lay women and men and also the ministry of Catechist on another chosen group. In the past these ministries would only be conferred in a public liturgical setting and made a permanent role for those on the way to ordination. Even though many lay people within catholic communities have taken on these roles for many years Pope Francis has now opened the way and offered the opportunity for some to exercise these ministries in a more permanent and formal way and this is to be conferred and celebrated publicly in the liturgy. He will present those conferred with the ministry of Lector with a bible, which they are called to proclaim and those as catechists will be given a Cross, to show the missionary character of the service they are about to undertake.

Lieutenant of Liverpool.

It has now been confirmed that the Joint Catholic and Anglican Bishops Conference will be taking place here in Liverpool at the beginning of February. This will be jointly chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Westminster. We would want to extend a warm welcome to all the participants during the two days that they are here in Liverpool. Practically it will mean one or two changes to our daily schedule of services on 1st and 2nd February. On Tuesday 1st February there will be a service of Midday Prayer at 12.30pm to mark the start of the Bishops conference which will be a public service in the main cathedral – this will mean that there will be no mass at 12.15pm in the Crypt that day. On Wednesday morning, the Feast of the Presentation there will be an earlier morning mass at 7am to cater for those on the Conference before their morning meetings. This will replace the 8am mass that day.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

This Sunday we have a Joint Cathedrals Service of Choral Evening Prayer as a shared act of worship during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. This is an annual alternating event between our two Cathedrals. It can be easy for us to take for granted the cooperation, shared witness and friendships that there are between our two Cathedrals and wider ecumenical relationships within the city so it is right that we come together and give thanks for this and renew our commitments to work together. The guest preacher this year is Sir Mark Hedley, a retired former high court judge and lay preacher in St Peters, Everton – he is now a Deputy

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 January 2022

Sunday 23 January Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 24 January St Francis de Sales

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass

Tuesday 25 January The Conversion of St Paul

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 26 January Sts Timothy and Titus

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass

Thursday 27 January

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass

Friday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 29 January

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass Crypt

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

John Chick (RIP), Bridget Ftizsimmons (RIP), Mary Malone (RIP), Teresa Helen Waterhouse (RIP), Mary Brown (Get Well), Peter Nolan (RIP), Peter Giannasi (RIP), Charlie Switzer (RIP), George Murphy (RIP), Stephen Marnell (RIP), Patty Marnell (Get Well), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Elizabeth Bell (RIP), Tommy Lawless (RIP), Ellen McCormack (RIP), John Killen (RIP).

PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be now be open to visitors for the whole of January. Please do consider a visit!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Sunday 23 January there will be a Joint Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3pm. It will be a service of Choral Vespers with the Choirs of Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedrals. You are warmly invited!

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is unfortunate that we still have to restrict visitors into school and visits out of school at the moment. However, it's been lovely to see the resourcefulness of our teachers as they plan for enrichment activities as part of the topics children will learn over the course of the term ahead. Exciting class themed days are now being planned instead of visits away from school so that the children don't miss out on having learning experiences which embed their learning. We

are looking forward to these activity days.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Any young person currently in year 8 (or above) is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on Monday 21 March. To register they should visit liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page. Information about the preparation scheme that young people will follow can also be found on the Liverpool Called website.

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to take a more active role in our Cathedral liturgy and become an Altar Server? We are always delighted to welcome new members to the team. We welcome boys and girls aged 8+ to join us, either in the Cathedral itself for the 11am Solemn Mass, or down in the Crypt Chapel where we need servers for the 10am Mass as well. Adults are also welcome. Please chat to one of the senior servers after Mass or email us at enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk and we can arrange a chat. You would be warmly welcomed.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

We have been delighted with the uptake! There is one vacancy on Thursday and one on Friday, with two on a Saturday afternoon. So, if you want to be based at one of our welcome desks or move about as a guide, or both, we'd love to hear

from you: Deacon Paul p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

His Eminence Cardinal Michael Louis Fitzgerald, MA, BA, STD, PhD will lecture on "Human Fraternity": A proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. Cardinal Michael is a leading expert on interreligious dialogue, in particular Christian-Muslim relations, and a member of the community of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) based at St Vincent de Paul. (The aim of this lecture is to present the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together signed jointly by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Dr Ahmad al-Tayyeb, in Abu Dhabi on 4 February 2019).

Liverpool Hope University is pleased to invite you to a distinguished lecture on Thursday 17 February 2022 from 5.30pm in The Senate Room (HCA Building) at our Hope Park Campus, Childwall, L16 9JD. Prior to the lecture refreshments will be available in the Senior Common Room (HCA Building) from 5.00pm. If you are able to attend we would be grateful if you could respond to rectorate@hope.ac.uk by Monday 7 February 2022 at the latest.

This is a public lecture and is open to anyone to attend, so please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone you think might be interested.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

After a period of consultation the decision has been taken to discontinue the use of the Offertory Envelopes Scheme for donations at Mass. The use of the envelopes has declined significantly as different methods of donating have become available and the demand is not sufficient to continue their use. A stock of White Gift Aid Envelopes will be available in both the Cathedral and Crypt on the donation boxes if anyone wishes to use one of these. For further information on ways to donate please get in touch with Amanda Testo our Finance Officer, you can phone 0151 709 9222 or email a.testo@metcathedral.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE

That Choral Evening Prayer sung by the Cathedral Choir will now take place immediately after the 5.00pm Mass on Fridays. A perfect end to the week and to start the weekend.

MICAH FOODBANK

At the moment we've got plenty of canned soups, but we're low on uht milk, cereal, and noodles. We're so grateful for the continuing gifts of food and financial support - they mean a lot to the entire Micah community.

Last week's collection: **£805.36**



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