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Cathedral Record

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Solemn Mass next Sunday is our Annual Civic Celebration. Representatives have been invited from all sections of our Local Civic and Public bodies and from many of the institutions and organisations within our local region. It is an opportunity for us to offer mass and pray for our City and Communities within our Diocesan area and also to pray for all who serve us in public office. The ceremonial procession this year will be a much simpler affair with just one procession led by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Lord Lieutenant. All are welcome to come for light refreshment in the Pontifical Hall of the Crypt at the end of mass. Our Civic Mass is always the weekend before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent – I'm not sure how long a tradition this has been and if it is intentional but in the space of a few days we move from processions and civic finery to being urged to put on sackcloth and ashes. I find the sudden contrast helps to focus attention on Lent with the added call to serve our neighbour fresh in our minds from the civic celebration.

At first sight the Gospel today seems to include a series of almost impossible teachings in this group of sayings following the Beatitudes in St Luke's Gospel. To be compassionate as our Heavenly Father is compassionate. To love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. To forgive when we have been wronged and to lend without any hope of return. One of the most challenging qualities the Lord asks of us is to be reconcilers and to have a forgiving

nature. I read this reflection recently on the theme of forgiveness. 'Forgiveness is hard because it involves loving other people in spite of the evil they have done to us. When we forgive we don't deny the hurt they have done to us. We don't deny it was wrong. We don't pretend nothing happened. But we acknowledge there is more to the offender than the offense. It is that 'more' that we acknowledge when we forgive. It is that 'more' that we love in spite of the offense.' The Lord promises us that the amount we measure out is the amount we will be given back and so much more besides because we are called to reflect something of the generous and merciful nature of God who is merciful and forgiving to us.

We had been battening down the hatches in preparation for storm Eunice but thankfully the wind doesn't seem to have affected the North West to the same extent as the southern parts of the country. The down side to this is the strong heavy rain as we are still plagued by ingress of water in parts of the building - so it is off with the crash helmet and on with the waterproofs.

Canon Anthony O'Brien, Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 20 February 2022

Sunday 20 February Seventh 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 21 February

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

Tuesday 22 February St Peter the Apostle

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

Wednesday 23 February St Polycarp

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

Thursday 24 February

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

Friday 25 February

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

Saturday 26 February

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

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

**Please note that there are no
Confessions on Holy Days.**

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

May Harte (RIP), May McEwan (RIP), Dave and Mary Lindford (Diamond Jubilee), Tony Forshaw (RIP), Brian Cooper (RIP), Lello Vavoso (RIP), Rosaleen Conlon (Birthday), Lucy Kane (Birthday), Winifred Jardine (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, NP (Special Intention), William Patrick Doyle (RIP), Sheila Barr (RIP), Donald Barr, The Barr Family, Dave Whitehead (Intention).

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2022

Led by Archbishop Malcolm. By Air from Liverpool Airport 22nd to 29th July. Contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office lourdespilgrimage@rcaolp.co.uk or leave a message on 07484911623

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 21st 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

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised. If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. **Tuesday 22 February 2022 7.30-9pm. St Gregory's Parish House, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW.** If you are interested in the diaconate but

unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

MICAH FOODBANK

Foodbank weekly update: another big, big week - 370+ guests. It's been an intense few weeks and we're running low on lots! Specials needs are kids toiletries (toothbrushes and toothpaste) and tinned fish. Tinned fish is a great source of protein, and our guests love it, but we're almost out. Why not pick up some during your weekly shop? We really appreciate everybody who's helped out so far this year - we couldn't do it without the entire Micah community.

PRAY WITH THE HOLY FATHER

During the month of February Pope Francis encourages us to pray for Religious and consecrated women. As we pray for Religious Sisters and consecrated women, especially those in our own Archdiocese, we thank God for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St Edward's College, choir school to this Cathedral, is recruiting for a Chaplain, a joyful person of faith to co-ordinate the liturgical life of the school in liaison with Fr Taras Khomych, the priest chaplain, and to play a significant role in the evangelisation of the student body. The College is also recruiting for a teacher of Catholic RE. Further details at

www.st-edwards.co.uk

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Will take place on Sunday 27 February 2022 at 11.00am. An important occasion in the Cathedral calendar when we come together to pray for our City and for the people who serve it. All welcome to attend.

SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Just recently we had very special visitors in school. As part of their visit they met with children and staff. Before our visitors left they made a special effort to comment upon our wonderful school and the warm welcome they received from everyone they met. It was lovely to hear too how very impressed they were with the excellent manners shown by of all our children. It's so often those simple things which mean so much.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

The Archbishop and the Diocesan Trustees are advertising for experienced and qualified lay people/deacons to serve on a number of Central Diocesan committees to give advice to them in relation to various areas of Diocesan life. The various bodies are:-

1. The Pastoral Development Committee
2. The Safeguarding Committee
3. The Education Committee
4. The Finance Committee

There are vacancies for at least three lay representatives on each of these committees. If there are any suitably experienced parishioners who are willing to volunteer to serve on one of these committees, applications are open until the middle of February. For further details please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

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— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
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Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)