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Palm Sunday

We begin our celebrations of Holy Week recalling the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the crowds of people waving palms and branches to welcome him. For the two main Sunday Morning Masses at 10am in the Crypt, and 11am in the Cathedral we begin outside for the Blessing of Palms and then process in for the celebration of Mass incorporating the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to St Matthew. There will be a simpler indoor procession at the other weekend Masses. We will have a plan Bb if the weather conditions take a turn for the worse.

There will be no afternoon service of Evening Prayer on Sunday – instead there will be a special Choral Tenebrae for Palm Sunday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Tenebrae is a candlelit service of psalms and readings specially celebrated in Holy Week a combination of two of the daily office prayers (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer). It was originally celebrated in the very early hours of the morning and the candles lit in church were slowly extinguished. With the advent of morning Triduum Services the celebration of Tenebrae was moved to the night before the feasts of Holy Week. In memory of this tradition we have incorporated a service on the evening of Palm Sunday as it offers us a prayerful and symbolic entry into the liturgies of the week. The service concludes with the Miserere to a setting by Allegri and then darkness with the re-appearance of the last candle to announce Christ Risen from the dead.

The Mass of Christ on Wednesday evening is the most important Diocesan gathering of the year in the Cathedral incorporating the Blessing of the Sacramental Oils and Renewal of Priestly Commitment. The Cathedral will hopefully be comfortably full of parishioners from across the Diocese joining with the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy for this Annual Celebration. I both look

forward to this evening as one of my favourite services of the year, and yet approach it with a certain amount of dread. A service of this magnitude takes quite an amount of planning and there are large numbers of clergy, ministers and altar servers involved in the processions with us having to utilise every available room within the Cathedral for the vesting of the different groups and things can at times go awry at a complicated service like this which only happens once a year. The best we can do in these situations is to prepare well and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit.

The heart of Holy Week is the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil/Easter Day. On each of these days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) we have a Sung Service of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday is at 7.30pm with Watching in the Chapel until 10pm finishing with a simple Night Prayer. The Solemn Celebration on Good Friday takes place at 3pm at the Cathedral. The Passion according to St John will be sung followed by Solemn Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

The Celebrations of Easter begin on Saturday with the Easter Vigil. We begin outside for the blessing of the Easter fire and lighting of the Easter Candle. The service continues with the great Easter Proclamation, the Exultet, followed by a series of Vigil readings and the Epistle and Gospel. After the Homily a number of adults will receive the sacraments of initiation and the whole congregation will renew their baptismal promises. Mass then continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The services on Easter Sunday are at the normal scheduled times including a Sung Evening Prayer beginning at the Cathedral Baptistery with a blessing with the newly blest Easter Water.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 10 April 2022

Sunday 10 April

Palm Sunday of Lent

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
7.30pm Tenebrae

Monday 11 April

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

Tuesday 12 April

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

Wednesday 13 April

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

Thursday 14 April

Holy Thursday

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 15 April

Good Friday

10.00am Sung Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
11.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16 April

Holy Saturday

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

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

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55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

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NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY

On Friday 1st April the school officially became an academy and joined the Saint Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust along with three other Liverpool schools. This will bring lots of new and exciting opportunities for both staff and children. Some things will stay the same and some things will change. You may have already noticed we have a new school name above!

MICAH FOODBANK

Foodbank weekly update: another big, big week - 370+ guests last week. We've run out of dry goods - think lentils, crisps, microwaveable rice - anything that's helpful for those without cookers. Thanks to all who've helped so far during this tough winter! 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.

EASTER FLIERS

Please find a leaflet detailing all the services during Holy Week and Easter at the back of the Cathedral or the Crypt. Please take one home with you.

CREATIVE FLORAL CRAFT COURSE

Spring is in the air and parks and gardens are starting to blossom and bloom! With that in mind we are hosting a set of 4 weekly Craft workshops starting on Wednesday 27 April from 1.00pm—4.00pm in the Gibberd Room. As well as being a fantastic way to be able to get together once again you will, under the guidance of our floral expert Muir Simpson, plan and create 4 designs for the home using fresh flowers as well as foliage. The only other things that you will need is a willingness to learn something new, a sense of humour and a smile! So sign up and prepare to be inspired! The price for the 4 workshops is £45 per person. Please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk for further details.

WALK OF WITNESS

Will take place on Holy Saturday starting at 2pm outside the Metropolitan Cathedral walking through the City to Liverpool Parish Church, arriving for a short act of worship at 3pm. The walk will be led by a marching band, and the walk will also be animated by dramatic performance. All welcome.

APPEAL AND SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Archbishop Malcolm has approved the launch of an Archdiocesan urgent and major appeal to support Ukraine. Firstly anyone wanting to make a financial donation can text the numbers below. All donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London.

The text numbers are:

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2

Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.) More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

Financial donations can also be made by bank transfer and by cheque as follows:

By bank transfer to:-

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account no: 01551493

Reference: Help Ukraine

By cheque made payable to 'Archdiocese of Liverpool' and with 'Help Ukraine' written on the reverse side of the cheque.

EASTER EGGS

Please would you consider donating an Easter Egg to the Cathedral this Lent. We will be sending half of anything we receive to the Women's Refuge on the Wirral and also to the 2 Refuge Houses that are in Liverpool, charities that are so deserving and in real need. The other half will be raffled after the Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and

leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the 10.00am Family Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for their names.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will take place on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm. If anyone would like the names of their sick relatives or friends included in the Bidding Prayers at this Mass please hand in the names to any of the clergy or drop them in to Cathedral House as soon as possible.

THE GOLDEN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For the past 50 years generous donors have been giving to the cost of the Cathedral, and asking for a remembrance at Mass for themselves, members of their families and their friends, by way of an inscription in the Golden Book which is situated in its own special Chapel in the Cathedral. Due to long term sickness the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King is looking for a volunteer to help out with enquires and to process inscriptions in the Golden Book Office for approx. 1-2 days a week. If you enjoy dealing with members of the public, are organised, with a good sense of attention to detail, and have a few hours a week that you could put to good use this may be the volunteer role for you. If you are interested in learning more please contact Claire Hanlon, Executive Assistant to the Dean on 0151 7099222 extension 201 or email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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