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Farewell Fr Stephen

Congratulations Bishop Tom Williams on your Golden Anniversary of Priesthood this weekend!

The summer period is normally a time for clergy moves and it was announced last week that Fr Stephen Lee will be moving from the Cathedral where he has served as assistant priest and hospital chaplain to take on new responsibilities as a parish priest. He wrote "After seven years being part of the Cathedral community, the time has come for me to move on to pastures new. Therefore, at the beginning of September I will be moving to the Parish of Blessed Sacrament in Walton Vale and become Parish Priest. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me during my time here and I want to say that I have really enjoyed my time here. Over the last 3 years being Hospital Chaplain I have not been involved in the Cathedral as much as I previously did, but I have still tried to have some part in the life of the Cathedral. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you all, and I would like to ask you to pray for me as I prepare to begin the next stage of my own journey. God Bless." Fr Stephen will be here until August so there will be plenty of time for us to say our goodbyes and wish him well for the future.

If you were alive and resident in Liverpool forty years ago you would have been preparing to greet Pope John Paul at one of the venues or somewhere along the route as he visited the city. As a young priest I was involved in the Mass at Speke airport where a few hundred thousand had gathered for Mass and prayer as we awaited the arrival of the Holy Father who spoke to the crowds and led us in prayer, and then journeyed round greeting the people before he travelled in to the city centre.

Along with the many VIP's there were two representatives from each parish chosen by ballot who filled our Cathedral for the celebration of Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Afterwards Pope John Paul came out to the Cathedral Precinct to speak to a large crowd of young people and then he headed off along Hope Street to be welcomed at Liverpool Cathedral. The whole Hope Street area was packed with people and even the few protesters led by Rev Ian Paisley received a Papal blessing and greeting.

After a hearty English breakfast the next day the Pope travelled on to Manchester where he celebrated Mass in Heaton Park during which he ordained 12 men to the priesthood – one of whom was Bishop Tom Neylon. Many of us have fond and lasting memories of the Papal Visit it was a wonderfully uplifting time for the church in this country and it did much to strengthen ecumenical and civic relationships.

One of the lasting traditions that was a direct result of the Papal Visit forty years ago was the joint afternoon service and procession on Pentecost Sunday. This year it has a real Jubilee feel as we celebrate 40 years and the Queens Jubilee.

Next week the Pentecost Service begins at 3pm with a gathering on the Cathedral Piazza for a short time of prayer led by the church leaders followed by a walk down to Liverpool Cathedral for a further celebration followed by a festive Jubilee Party in the Cathedral. Come along and join the celebration which caters for all ages.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 29 May 2022

Sunday 29 May 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 30 May

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

Tuesday 31 May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass Crypt
12.15pm Requiem Mass Cathedral
5.00pm Mass Lady Chapel

Wednesday 1 June

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

Thursday 2 June Bank Holiday

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass Lady Chapel

Friday 3 June Bank Holiday

St Charles Lwanga and Companions

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass Lady Chapel

Saturday 4 June

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass Lady Chapel
5.00pm Vigil Mass Lady Chapel

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass in the 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

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Stephen Lee
Fr Chris McCoy
Fr Peter Murphy

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Myra Lindstrom (RIP), Herbert Ronan (RIP), Brian McEvoy (RIP Anniversary), Mrs Teresa Glover (RIP), Thomas Donoghue (Sick), Patrick Donoghue (RIP), Joan Wilson (RIP), Maura (Moira) Burke (RIP), Anne Mannion (RIP), Rose Gibney (RIP) Anniversary, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Rosemary Preston (RIP Anniversary).

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

Last Friday we all celebrated the Queen's Jubilee outside on the playground which staff beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and balloons (all in red, white and blue of course!). We had a street party style lunchtime and the children made crowns to wear and came to school wearing the royal colours. Each class has been studying a particular decade of the Queen's reign and they performed on our outdoor stage something special from what they had learned. A fabulous afternoon was enjoyed by all.

MICAH FOODBANK

In the face of ever increasing pressures on the cost of living we are relaunching the Micah foodbank donation point at the cathedral. The box for you to drop off your contributions is now back in the main entrance. Currently we need **Tinned Fish, Milk, Tinned Tomatoes, Cereal, Sweets, Dry foodstuffs, Rice, Veg Soup and Toiletries.** If everyone who came to the cathedral were to give just one

item a visit it would go a long way to making Micah sustainable during these difficult times. Let's see what we can do!

There are also opportunities for new volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in practical service, contact Nicher either by email at nicher.awan@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or call 0151 702 7206 (office) or 07494 125 321 (mobile)

CATHEDRAL FRIENDS EVENT

Will take place on Thursday 23 June. **An evening with Rauni Higson.** *Join the Cathedral Friends for a special celebration of art, history and spirituality.* Rauni Higson is a leading British silversmith renowned for her distinctive sculptural tableware inspired by the rugged landscape of her home in Snowdonia. In 2019 Rauni was commissioned by The Cathedral Friends to design a new processional cross and two acolytes for the Metropolitan Cathedral. The items were completed during Lockdown and we are delighted to finally welcome Rauni back to talk about her work and her inspiration for the new liturgical items. The evening will begin with Mass at 5pm, where the new collection will be blessed. Guests will also have exclusive access to the Lutyens Crypt for a private viewing of our permanent exhibition. Drinks and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend but spaces will be limited. Please register for your ticket by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

UKRAINE

The Archdiocese is in regular communication with Bishop Gregory and they have requested three specific types of items which are of urgent need:

1. Dried soup and dried food that don't need refrigeration and can be prepared in hot water

2. Building tools to repair the damage to homes and other buildings

3. Medical items such as injectable antibiotics and specific tourniquets

The task group is currently approaching various suppliers to see if they are able to facilitate these specific requests, if you know of any suppliers who could potentially donate to our appeal, please let the Cathedral know as we will pass the details on.

As the items are so specific, we will not be asking for general donation of goods from people, but we are still very much welcoming financial donations which can be used to purchase these items. A reminder of how to donate can be found here: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

CELEBRATE PENTECOST AND THE PLATINUM JUBILEE WITH THE TWO CATHEDRAL SERVICE
5th June 3:00 pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

The traditional Pentecost service returns to Liverpool 40 years after Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to both cathedrals in 1982.

Our ecumenical Pentecost celebrations also form part of our celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The celebrations start with an act of worship on the steps to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Worship continues with an all age family service at Liverpool Cathedral starting at 3:45 pm. Following this we have the Big Picnic for the Platinum Jubilee with big games and fun activities provided by In Another Place we invite you to bring a picnic and join in the fun. We will have food and refreshments available from the Welsford Bistro. **Everyone is welcome!**
3:00 pm - Act of worship at foot of Metropolitan Cathedral
3:45 pm - All age worship at Liverpool Cathedral
4:00 pm - Big Picnic starts inside Liverpool Cathedral

CATHEDRAL CENSUS

After the events of the last few years, the Cathedral community continues to reflect and look for ways in which we can move forward together.

As you will know, the importance of having up to date information for all in our regular community - parishioners and those who regularly worship here - has never been more important. This is the final weekend when all community members will be asked to fill in an online census form. This census should only take 2 - 5 minutes to complete. Help from volunteers and clergy will be available for those who may struggle to fill in the form online. All data will be managed according to Archdiocesan GDPR guidelines, a link to which is included in the questionnaire.

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