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St Bernadette

It has been a week of tributes, services and customary traditional ceremonies of state which will eventually lead to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's funeral on Monday. In his homily at our Cathedral Memorial Mass last Tuesday Archbishop Malcolm referred in passing to the times that the Queen visited Liverpool during the course of her reign. The only time that she came to our Cathedral was during the visit to Merseyside as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977. By the time that Her Majesty reached our Cathedral she was running behind schedule and Archbishop Worlock who had bought a new set of three grand chairs with the coat of arms embossed in the leather had hardly managed to sit them down and give his speech of welcome than the Queen and Prince Philip had to move on to view the pageant of school children along Hope Street on their way to Liverpool Cathedral. We have some lovely photos of the occasion in the Cathedral archive and fortunately we were able to put the set of chairs to good use here afterwards.

sickly child who had little formal education was left with the task of convincing the parish priest and others of the authenticity of the visions and the request that had been made by the Virgin Mary. The holiness and integrity of St Bernadette was evident throughout the whole experience of the apparitions and in her attempts at convincing people of the importance of the message she received and in 1862 the apparitions were declared by the church as worthy of belief. From that time to this day people have been going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from across the world and it has become a place of prayer and of healing for the sick. Bernadette, who continued to suffer from ill health, lived the rest of her short life as a religious sister in a convent in Nevers and died at the age of 35. The introduction to the relic tour includes a quote of St Bernadette summarising her life following the visions of the beautiful lady who appeared to her. 'I shall do everything for heaven. There I shall find my mother in all the splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself.'

The Relics will arrive with a short welcome service at 3.30pm on Saturday followed by Mass at 5pm and then a torchlight Procession at 7.30pm around the Precinct of the Cathedral. There will be Masses throughout Sunday with the afternoon Mass at 3pm having a special focus on prayer for the sick with the anointing of the sacrament of the sick. On Monday due to the Funeral Service of Queen Elizabeth taking place, following 8am Mass, there will just be a quiet time for Veneration of the Relic and periods of prayerful reflection during the day. There will be no Midday Mass but we will still have the final Farewell Mass on Monday Evening at 7pm.

We are host to the Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous this weekend. Many of you will be familiar with the story of the apparitions at the grotto in Lourdes that took place in 1858. How Bernadette who was a poor young teenage girl of 14 was with her sister and friend gathering wood by the stream at the grotto in an area known as Massabiele when she first saw this vision of a woman in white at the grotto. What followed was a series of fourteen apparitions to Bernadette alone, during which the woman revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception and asked that a church be built at the grotto and people be encouraged to come in procession. Bernadette a

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 18 September 2022

Sunday 18 September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 19 September

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass Crypt
No 12.15pm Mass today
7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 20 September Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions

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

Wednesday 21 September Sat Matthew

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

Thursday 22 September

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

Friday 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass Crypt
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass BSC

Saturday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham

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

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.

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Crypt Chapel

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55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mary's mum (RIP), The Queen (Intentions), Kathleen Arslanian (RIP), Maria Jesus Arnal Calvo (RIP), Patricia Hayes (RIP), Joan McCarol (RIP), Anthony Odger (RIP), Danny Ditchfield and Barbara Ford (intentions), Michael Burke (Very Ill), Gerry and Rose (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Josie Hyde (Intentions), Mr Joe Walton (RIP).

#LIVERPOOL4UKRAINE

Donations are still very much welcome, more details can be found here: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>.

Wednesday 14 September, the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe has proposed a day of prayer across Europe for Ukraine. The Metropolitan Cathedral will be having a period of exposition from 4pm-5pm that day and then Mass for peace in Ukraine will be celebrated at 5pm.

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@liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or call 0151 702 7206 (office) or 07494 125 321 (mobile).

CURSILLO

50 years of Cursillo in England & Wales.

All are welcome to join us at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday 24th September. Between 10am - 4pm in the Gibberd Room to celebrate 50 years of Cursillo in England & Wales. As one of the initial priests to bring Cursillo to the UK we are delighted that Bishop Tom Williams will be celebrating Mass at 12noon. Throughout the day there will be a series of reflections and witness talks, refreshments and the opportunity to explore our exhibition of Cursillo throughout the past 50 years.

JIGSAWS/GAMES

We are currently looking for jigsaws and games that we can send to the seafarers at Stella Maris. If you have anything spare please drop it off at Cathedral House. Thank you in advance.

SPANISH MASS

Will take place once a month at St. Vincent's Church on St. James St. Liverpool, L1 5JN, on the second Sunday of every month at 4pm. Refreshments and sharing are available after Mass. All are welcome! These are the dates for the rest of this year: October 9th; November 13th and December 11th.

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

DATE: Sunday 23 October

TIME: 12.45pm

PLACE: Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Road, Birkenhead, CH42 1LS. Parking available in the road if travelling by car. Toilets and coffee available.

TRAIN STATION: Rock Ferry and then a 15 minute walk.

CONTACT: David and Dee Stevens 07879995127 or 07578831431

stevens.dstevens2@gmail.com

The walk will be along the Rock Park Promenade by the Mersey to Port Sunlight via River Park where we will stop for picnic lunch.

At Port Sunlight, there are toilet facilities and refreshments. Opportunity to visit Lady Lever Gallery if time permits. Then walk back to Refreshment Rooms. You can stay for drinks and a bite to eat if you want at the Refreshment Rooms. Good food and beer available.

Shared lifts can be arranged. Bring food and drink as needed and layers as weather may change quickly. All welcome.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TEACHING TALENT

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful cathedral.

'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future.'

Contact education@metcathedral.org.uk

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The September issue of the Catholic Pic is now available in print and online. You can find a copy at the back of the Cathedral and Crypt. The latest edition is also available to download at: <https://bit.ly/3OpL3V0>

PRAYER FROM THE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Father, Creator of all, You fashion all people in your likeness and shower them with your grace and manifold gifts. We give you thanks for the long reign of your servant Queen Elizabeth II who, steadfast in your love, faithfully served the nation for seventy years. May her faith in you and her loyal service never be forgotten. May she enjoy the light of your glory in all eternity.

Compassionate Christ, Bless the family and friends of the Queen, for whom this loss is a moment of great sadness. Help them shoulder their private grief in the midst of their public lives. We pray that your yoke will be easy and your burden light for our new Monarch, King Charles III. Give him the grace to reign wisely, always faithful to your name.

Spirit, Comforter, We pray for ourselves and all people who mourn the passing of our Queen. Like her, may we all draw strength from your love and face each new day with hope. Pour your consolation into every grieving heart so that doubt may turn into certainty and sadness give birth to gratitude. **Amen.**

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