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Cathedral Record

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Archbishop Kelly

Some weeks ago our former Diocesan Archbishop, Patrick Kelly had a fall whilst walking near to the retirement house where he resides with other retired priests in Southport. He sustained serious neck and spinal injuries and is only just starting to be able to sit up and feed himself. Claire and myself went to visit him in Southport infirmary this week and were delighted but surprised to see him sitting up and in good spirits. We ended up reminiscing over some of the funny incidents that happened over the years at the Cathedral and he wanted to be remembered to all those who would remember him. One of his vivid memories was about the time he was invited to stay overnight at Buckingham Palace and have dinner with the Queen and Prince Philip. We came away feeling that he had cheered us up as much as we may have been some company for him. Please remember him in your prayers, he is anxious to work with the physio to gain enough mobility to be able to return to St Marie's House in Southport in due time.

This week the Camra Beer festival takes place over three days in the Crypt Halls beginning with our own Cathedral Preview night on Wednesday evening from 7-10pm. There are still plenty of tickets available for our preview night if you wanted to come and invite some friends.

Next Sunday Archbishop Malcolm will be here at the Cathedral for the Annual Celebration of the Civic Mass. All those who are Leaders and Office Holders in Civic and Public life across our region are invited to join us for at the 11am Solemn Mass to pray for our city and communities and to ask the Lord's blessing on all who serve within

our north west region. We normally offer everyone a glass of wine in the Gibberd Room following this mass which means an annual wine trip to the supermarket. Inevitably I end up meeting people I know when wheeling the trolley full of wine bottles to the checkout. I've given up trying to explain and just pass it off as my normal habit. Occasionally the person at the checkout asks if they can come to the party and I always enjoy watching their reaction when I tell them they are welcome and it's at 11am at the Cathedral on Sunday.

Following this coming week of wine and beer the liturgical season changes dramatically next week as we enter the season of Lent – all thoughts of alcohol become a distant memory as we enter a period of fasting and abstinence.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

In July, the Archdiocese will be embarking on a special pilgrimage to Lourdes, which marks the 150th anniversary since the first archdiocesan pilgrimage in 1923. Each pilgrimage is special and filled with love and warmth in a connective way, and we hope that this year will be an incredible shared experience for all involved. The pilgrimage is taking place, 21st-28th July. The Archdiocese helps to care for a number of assisted pilgrims who come on pilgrimage and have the most amazing experience. To share in this together, we have adult helpers (16+) called 'hospitaliers' who work as part of the Liverpool Hospitalite. We are seeking new volunteers to come with us on this wonderful pilgrimage. If you are interested, you can email Siobhan Tomlinson on: newmembersliverpool@outlook.com, or speak with Dr Damian Wilde who be in the cathedral foyer after the 11.00am Solemn Mass giving out information and answering any questions you have.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 12 February 2023

Sunday 12 February Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 13 February

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

Tuesday 14 February Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodious

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

Wednesday 15 February

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

Thursday 16 February

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

Friday 17 February

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

Saturday 18 February

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
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 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

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool University Hospital

CLERGY:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Eve Wonderley (RIP), Ian Armstrong (RIP), Sean McGuinness (RIP), Istanislao Neri Adis (RIP), Diane Simpson (Intentions), Marie Hill (Thinking of You), Marie and Martin Vassallo (RIP), Rose and Doris Vassallo (Birthday), Wilfred Murphy (RIP), Liam McAuley (RIP), Maureen Allen (RIP), Nora Clancy (RIP), Veronica Jones (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Leo Pearson (RIP), Peter Hughes (RIP).

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

There was lots of excited children in school last week as we finished for the half term break. This also coincided with a non uniform day on the last day too. We are now at the mid way point in the school year with the days just starting to get noticeably longer at last and we look ahead to Lent starting very soon.

CATHEDRAL STEWARDS WANTED!

Small cogs often play a vital part in helping a big machine run smoothly. It's rather like that with Cathedral stewards who act as the link between Cathedral and congregation, making sure everyone feels welcome and can participate fully in the main services, whether presenting the offertory gifts, contributing to collections or receiving communion. The Cathedral needs more people to volunteer for this important role, both on a regular weekly basis and for occasional extra events. If you would like to be more involved in

the Cathedral community, enjoy meeting people and are good at organising then perhaps this call is for you! In the first instance please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group

Are you university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group! We meet every other Wednesday during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion, using Church documents such as Pope Francis's encyclicals. The next meeting is on Wednesday 15 February at 18:00 in the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities (30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL, access through the gate on Blackburne Place). Any questions? Get in touch with Antal (+07515821079).

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Celebrated by Archbishop McMahon will take place on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11.00am. All are warmly invited.

CANTONESE MASS

Will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 18 February at 2pm. There will be confessions from 1pm. Celebrant is Fr. Bruno Lepeu who is visiting from Hong Kong. For all enquiries please call Flora on 074034 89931. All are welcome to invite friends from the Chinese community to come to the mass.

A GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

CATHEDRAL EVENT

We would like to invite you and your friends and family to a wonderful dining experience in the Art School which is in Sugnall Street, just around the corner from the Philharmonic. We are delighted to be able to collaborate with Chef Paul Askew and his team and we have arranged with them to provide a three course meal with a glass of prosecco on arrival and an amuse bouche for just £50.00 per person. Chef Askew has a firm reputation as a pioneer of excellent modern British cuisine and this is a dining experience not to be missed! The date you need to keep in your diary is **Tuesday 18 April 2023**. Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room. We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones. To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL CATHEDRAL PREVIEW NIGHT 15 FEBRUARY

Each year the Camra real ale association hold their biggest event in the north of the country within the Crypt over a few days in February. The various sessions always sell out months in advance of the event. We have been offered the opportunity for our own Cathedral Preview night on Wednesday 15 February on the evening before the main event opens. It gives us an opportunity to raise some funds for the Cathedral and also gives people the opportunity to enjoy a drink without having to fight the crowds and the noise of the main events. Tickets are £10 which will be needed to be purchased in advance from Cathedral House. Why not come along for a drink within the surroundings of the Crypt Hall and support the Cathedral fund raising efforts.

CHORAL INVITATION

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in a large choir at the Metropolitan Cathedral? Why not come along on Saturday 25th March and join a massed choir under the baton of archdiocese Choral Director Joe Watson for a performance of Vivaldi Gloria? If you would like to come along and join the 'come and sing' choir, or simply to attend what will be a wonderful evening as an audience member, please visit: www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral Tickets are priced at £5 for both singers and audience members, and under-18s and students can attend for free!

Last week's collection: **£1,211.00**



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