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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 26 February 2023

Sunday 26 February First Sunday of Lent

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 27 February

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

Tuesday 28 February

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

Wednesday 1 March

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

Thursday 2 March

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

Friday 3 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 4 March

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:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Chris McCoy
Fr Peter Murphy

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



Cathedral Record

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First Sunday of Lent

With the wearing of purple and the absence of Alleluia's and Gloria there is a change of mood within the church's liturgy as we begin the season of Lent. The Gospel for this First Sunday recounts Jesus' journey into the wilderness for 40 days and the temptations he overcame. We too journey over these next forty days seeking strength and mercy from The Lord to overcome all that impedes us from loving and following him.

The season of Lent originally developed in the early centuries as a final period of preparation for catechumens before their reception into the church at Easter as well as being a final period of penance for those who had apostasized (abandoned their faith) in the face of persecution. The whole church community joined them in fasting and penance in preparation for the celebrations of Holy Week.

This Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm Archbishop Malcolm will lead a service of welcome to admit adults who have been preparing to be received into the church from many of the parishes across the Diocese. There are several candidates from our Cathedral parish who have been preparing since October who will be taking part in this service and who will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil.

On Sunday afternoons for the next Sundays of Lent our choirs will be singing a selection of Lenten devotional pieces in place of Choral Evening Prayer. Next week at 3.00pm the choir will sing the passion section of Handel's Messiah.

There will also be Stations of the Cross every Friday following 12.15pm Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please support us next week or during the time of lent using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Following the tour of the relics of St Bernadette a short video has been made available of the story of Bernadette's life with footage from the various Cathedrals and churches that were visited during the tour last year. I think it is very well produced and if you would like to watch it I enclose the link below. I think they would have wanted to include a short clip of our torchlight procession but the wind was that strong that evening that they couldn't hold the camera steady to get a decent clip of film, despite this our cathedral is featured in the film.

<https://youtu.be/3HY8iT2GioM>

The Cathedral is featured 5.55 into the video.

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

John King (RIP), Bernadette Walls (RIP), Brian Kiely (RIP), Mark Doyle (Get Well), Paula Jones (RIP), Fr David Melly (RIP), Billy Duffy Snr (RIP), Grandad Duffy (RIP), Anthony Duffy (Anniversary), Chloe Jordan (RIP), Eilish McBride (RIP), Brigid Gillespie (Anniversary), Veronica Hanlon (Intentions), Hanlon Family (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

Last Wednesday Father Derek visited school to lead a special Ash Wednesday assembly for us all. In the assembly ashes were given to staff and pupils and Father Derek explained about the importance of the day and what it means as it marks the beginning of Lent. A BIG thank you to Father Derek for such a lovely start to our day and for our Lenten observance.

PAULINE BOOKS

Why not pause for a moment of prayer with Pauline Books and Media and join them every Friday at 11.50am to pray for the people of Syria and Turkey.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Micah Liverpool is looking to recruit more volunteers for all of its food aid activity. They run four projects Tuesday to Friday between 10.30 and 12.30 and are looking for people who would like to get involved and give something back to their communities. They are also asking for people who have language skills to apply for

volunteering roles as they support such a diverse range of people. They have multiple roles including foodbank volunteer, community market volunteer, administration volunteer and stores person volunteer. If you think you can support Micah Liverpool in any of those roles and would like to find out more contact Paul O'Brien via paul.obrien@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or call 07932 842337

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

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency

to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place after the 12.15pm Mass on Fridays. All welcome.

EASTER RETREAT

Every year Ampleforth Abbey near York welcomes several hundred guests for Easter. This year they have set aside more spaces for young adults. The retreat runs from the evening of Holy Thursday 6th April until Easter Sunday 9th April and there is no fixed cost. There are all the main holy week celebrations, plus talks, nice food and countryside. If you are interested in going with a group of other young adults from Liverpool please contact James: dimoroney@cantab.net

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.

PLEASE NOTE

That the 12.15pm Mass next week will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt due to exams taking place. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Last week's collection: **£1,211.00**



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 Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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