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Cathedral Record

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Third Sunday of Lent

This week the church celebrates the tenth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis. At his election he became the first non-European Pope since the 8th Century and he was also the first to choose the name Francis after St Francis of Assisi. In all his words, his writings and papal visits he has consistently alerted the world to the plight of the poor and the need for compassion for migrants. He has written prophetically on the care of creation and the environment and he has travelled to conflict zones and spoken out for peace and justice at times being joined by other religious leaders. He has also called for renewal in the life of the church reforming the Vatican administration and called for a greater sharing of involvement and responsibility in the life of the church. The Vatican Synod on 'Synodality' later in the year could well be a watershed moment in the papacy of Pope Francis with many factions and groups in the church having different expectations or concerns regarding what may come out of this. The Holy Year in 2015-16, the year of mercy, had a real impact within our Diocese with many parish and deanery groups coming on pilgrimage to the Cathedral throughout that year. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he celebrates ten years in the Chair of St Peter with all the weight of responsibility that he has to shoulder.

Following the end of all the restrictions that kept people away from live attendance at Mass Pope Francis in 2022 in a document entitled with the words of the Lord 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you' wrote these words. "For us a vague

memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him. In the Eucharist and in all the sacraments we are guaranteed the possibility of encountering the Lord Jesus and of having the power of his Paschal Mystery reach us. The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the woman afflicted by haemorrhages, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned. The Lord Jesus who dies no more, who lives forever with the signs of his Passion, continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments. It is the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfies his own thirst for us that he had declared from the cross.'

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 12 March 2023

Sunday 12 March

Third 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 13 March

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

Tuesday 14 March

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

Wednesday 15 March

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

Thursday 16 March

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

Friday 17 March St Patrick

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

Saturday 18 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:

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Sr Eileen (Get Well), Pardo Green (RIP), Michael Doherty (RIP Anniversary), Shirley Muniak (RIP), Jerome Muniak (RIP), Louise Muniak (RIP), Phily Cavanagh (RIP), Andrew McCarthy (RIP Anniversary), Ellen Foster (RIP Anniversary), Margaret Halliwell (RIP), Phil Sharpe (RIP), Vicki Hartwell (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Carl Petersen (RIP), Mariana Mieilica (Intentions).

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Last Wednesday morning our Year 6 children visited the cinema to watch a film relating to their physical geography topic about mapping the world. They learned lots of new things and were reminded about the importance of looking after the world and environment we live in. This is so vital to all our children as it is their future world they are growing up into, will live in and contribute to.

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.

UNIVERSITIES CHAPLAINCY AND CATHSOC

Are you a student of University of Liverpool/LJMU/LIPA? Come and join us for 6pm Mass every Sunday of term at 'St Philip Neri Catholic Church', 30 Catharine Street L8 7NL. We are an active community with regular socials and events. We'd love for you to join us! See socials for more information: IG: @livcathsoc Facebook: @livcathchap Website: cathchap.org.uk

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

invites you to our post COVID Spring Charity Concert on Friday 24th March @ 7.00pm at St Anne's Overbury Street, L7 3HJ. Two choirs, Pipers, Pianists, Pop, Ukelele and Folk Bands. Tickets £5 inc refreshments from 11a 0151 709 1713 or info@asylumlink.org.uk

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

NORTH MERSEYSIDE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Presents a talk on "The Building of the Cathedral" by Dr. Philip Harrison, who was the resident Architect. He worked closely with Sir Frederick Gibberd. Please join them at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ. Light refreshments at 7.15pm before the talk begins at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th March. There is no charge and free parking.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF AND PhD GROUP

Are you a 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 1st March 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).

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: djmoroney@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

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.

Last week's collection: **£1,194.00**

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