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Fourth Sunday of Lent

We offer our best wishes to all Mothers on this Mothering Sunday. This Sunday the Cathedral Girls Choir will perform the Stabat Mater by Pergolesi at 3pm. It is sung in honour of Our Lady of sorrows as a devotional prayer reflecting on all that Mary had to suffer in witnessing her sons suffering and death on the cross. By reflecting on Our Lady's life in this way it points to the joys and sometimes the sorrows that all mothers have to face in caring for those they love. Pergolesi who was a highly influential Italian composer of 18th century had a very short adult life, he died at the age of 26 and he is best known for this religious devotional composition.

Lenten Reflection: This is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, this day is known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word for the command "rejoice," the first word in the introductory antiphon for today's Liturgy, (based on the words of Isaiah). The antiphon and the readings both express the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. Today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul, and instruct us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness. By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, from the book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. In the second reading, Paul reminds Christians of their new responsibility as children of light: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Jesus' giving of sight to a blind man, reported in today's Gospel, teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the mind by faith and warns us that those who pretend to see the truth are often

blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the blind man, receives the light of faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. "There are none so blind, as those who will not see." To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to live as children of the light, seeking what is good and right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our blindness so that we can look into the hearts of others and love them as children of God, our own brothers and sisters.

This week we celebrate the feast of St Joseph on Monday (transferred from Sunday) and the Feast of the Annunciation next Saturday 25th March. There is a Secondary School Choir of the Year Competition in the Crypt on Tuesday and a Postgraduate Study Fair on Wednesday which will mean that 12.15pm mass will be transferred to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday. Next Saturday morning there is our Annual Marriage Preparation Day for those who will be getting married at the Cathedral this year. Also there is a Joint Faith Universities Choir Concert in the Cathedral on Saturday evening at 7pm.

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 19 March 2023

Sunday 19 March

Fourth 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 20 March

St Joseph

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

Tuesday 21 March

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

Wednesday 22 March

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

Thursday 23 March

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

Friday 24 March

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

Saturday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Maxwell (RIP Anniversary and Birthday), Tony Coady (Thinking of You), Frances Wood (Thinking of You), Ted and Teresa Bouvier (Thinking of You), Bob Cannon (Thinking of You), Dominic Murray (RIP), Cath Byron (Special Intentions), Miriam Armstrong (Special Intentions), Margaret Sinclare (Special Intentions), Pat, Bob and John Leahy (Special Intentions), Nora Fanning (Special Intentions Mother's Day), Thomas Wallace (RIP), Colette and Christopher (Special Intentions), Tony Hickey (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Carl Petersen (RIP), Anthony Coady (RIP), Michaela Bishop (RIP).

PAULINE BOOKS

NEW VACANCY for Sales and Promotion Assistant.

The Charity of the Daughters of St Paul are looking to appoint an experienced member to our well established team at the Pauline Books & Media Centre, Liverpool. This is role over 5 days with flexible working hours (approx. 30h p/w). The successful candidate should be responsible, well organised, good work ethos, flexible, multitasked, precise, polite manner, able to use social media and basic computer programs and ability to work as part of a team. Please email your CV and covering letter to accounts@pauline-uk.org

CARRYING OF THE CROSS

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 1 April 2023 at pm. The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service. Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start. ****Stewards Required*** please contact Jim Ross on email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

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 Catherine 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 Illa 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

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: **£1,185.00**



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