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Pastoral Letter

A copy of the full Pastoral Letter is available at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt.

My dear friends in Jesus Christ, as we move toward the end of Lent and are very aware of the difficult situations across our world and close at home, we receive a Gospel full of hope and encouragement. The astounding message of the Gospel today is that Jesus is not only master of hunger, thirst, and illness, but even of death itself. And as the Gospel today points out to us, God's care does not stop at death. All those who witnessed the raising of Lazarus could see that God's care and love did not end with the stopping of the pulse, it was stronger than death. We are invited to believe that as well. That is why we use the words from the Gospel so often at funeral services: I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, they will never die.

We live in a world where death is talked about more than life, a world dominated by death. For us Christians there are still tears at death, but we have the message of hope as well. Jesus, we are told loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus - he cried on being told about the death of his friend. Tears at death are natural and right. But we must not stop there. Death would seem to be an end, final. But this idea is challenged and changed in the Gospel today. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus the finality of death has disappeared and something greater and grander is born. Jesus was promising another kind of life - for which death was a preparation. Death is not an end, a finality, but the condition of passing into another kind of life, which is unbounded, has no limitations, eternal life with God.

Today, I want to give you a few details of the progress of our Pastoral Plan since the Synod. I am encouraged by the work that is being done in the Deanery Synodal Councils and in the development of families of parishes. This is a sign of hope. But one area which I am delighted to report on is the work that has been done in **"becoming a Church that cares for its priests"**. When the Synod met on 20 June 2021, the Apostolic Nuncio delivered a greeting from the Holy Father which included this: "Please don't forget your priests and

bishops in your prayers, in your suggestions and in your practical support. Remember that they are human beings in one of the most difficult periods in the history of the Church. Take care of the pastor who has a responsibility for the local community. Accompany them with love, patience, friendship, and support." There was a clear affirmation of the need to assist priests, both personally and in their ministry as they work with one another and in collaboration with the people of God. A question that was asked was how can we better support our priests?

The Pastoral Plan envisaged an externally facilitated process which explored what needs to be developed to support priests to flourish in the "human, spiritual, liturgical, theological, intellectual and pastoral aspects of their lives." At the core of this was a process of listening to the experiences of all the priests. The process that the vast majority of priests took part in showed that they have a joy in serving in the Archdiocese. The reality is that some of the priests have low morale, and face some unrealistic expectations from both within and outside the Church. In years to come the number of priests available for ministry will be greatly reduced. In the light of this, the process has begun to enable the priests to look at the possibilities of doing things differently. In their confidential conversations and discussions five pathways have emerged for ongoing reflection covering the areas of fraternity, ways of working, safeguarding, wellbeing, and issues around the possibility of flexible retirement. The priests have agreed a summary of these conversations to be shared with all in the Archdiocese. This is available today. My hope is that the first meeting of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council will reflect on the ongoing implementation of the Pastoral Plan including the work that has begun in the area of care for priests. There will be opportunities in the months to come for you to make your voice heard. By his death and resurrection Jesus offered to those who believe the reality of new life. And the truth is that eternal life doesn't just begin at death...it begins at the moment when we say: "Yes Lord I believe". With best wishes and prayers to you and your families.

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 26 March 2023

Sunday 26 March

Fifth 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 March

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

Tuesday 28 March

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

Wednesday 29 March

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

Thursday 30 March

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

Friday 31 March

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

Saturday 1 April

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 Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Jane Daly (RIP Mother's Day), Mary Jacob (Mother's Day), Mary Harrison (Mother's Day), James Harrison (RIP), Catherine Kemp (RIP), Aidan and Betty McDonald (In Memory), Kath Wood (RIP), Teresa O'Neill (30 years Anniversary Remembrance), Marie McNeill (RIP), Frank Little (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Carl Petersen (RIP), People of Ukraine, Thomas Scoggins (RIP), Dennis Conlon (Anniversary), Rosaleen Conlon (Mother's Day and Anniversary), Dennis and Rosaleen Conlon (Easter Wishes).

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

CATHEDRAL VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity available to join our Security Team at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

The successful candidate will play a key role in providing an effective security presence within the Cathedral building, the Crypt and the Cathedral grounds.

You will be passionate about ensuring that we do all we can to discharge our responsibilities in safeguarding the building and artefacts and responding to security or safety concerns from clergy, staff members and visitors, reporting any incidents or security risks to the Dean of the Cathedral.

If this sounds like a role you feel you could positively contribute to, we would love to hear from you.

The role is permanent, full time, 35 hours per week (worked flexibly on a Rota basis to include evenings and weekends) to meet the needs of the Cathedral.

We are offering a salary of £18,447.3 plus an attractive pension package with 25 days holiday plus bank holidays and a range of other benefits. (The salary will increase to £18,964.00 in line with statutory changes effective from 1 April 2023). Closing date is **Monday 17 April 2023** at 5.00pm. A full information pack and details about how to apply can be found on our website at: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

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

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

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

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: **£1,427.00**



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