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Easter Sunday

2023 Easter Message from the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

As the evenings become brighter and there is sunshine in early morning, I notice life in my garden here at Archbishop's House. The various birds and animals that make their homes in the trees and in the flowerbeds seem to be more alive. My garden took on a greater significance for me during the pandemic. It was a place I could walk and sit down in the fresh air.

The annual feast of Easter reminds us so much of those things of the garden where the Lord was buried. It seemed that the darkness of Good Friday would eclipse all in its shade as Jesus was placed in the tomb, which was sealed, such darkness is felt in Ukraine and in other parts of the world where there is war, violence, and suffering. The quietness of that feast of Passover which is described as 'when the King sleeps' reminds us of the silence of helplessness and death present in all our lives.

But the garden also reminds of us the new and abundant life that bursts forth on Easter Day, the life which cannot be put back in the tomb.

The life of Jesus, poured into each of us in our baptism is a reason for hope this Easter Day. As we continue to see so much uncertainty in the political sphere, both local and global, we are called to return to the source, to the risen Jesus, who reminds us that there will be suffering, but ultimately glory; the glory of the life of God given to each of us in His son, Jesus Christ.

The glory given to us is the culmination of a journey – a journey of hope. The disciples hoped for the Messiah and found him in Jesus, yet their journey wasn't an easy one. They experienced that darkness of Good Friday and felt lost as their hope turned to despair, as their lives were turned upside down. Yet, three days later on Easter morning their lives were completely transformed as the tomb was empty and the risen Lord was truly with them again.

It is hope which is part of the journey of so many - refugees and asylum seekers longing for peace, safety and a better life – may we welcome them with the peace of the risen Christ. May we bring light to the darkness of the people of Ukraine and join with them in their hope for peace and may our own journey lead us to give hope to the lonely, those who mourn, those in poverty and the oppressed.

May we welcome the light of the Risen Christ into the darkness of our lives so that we can see what hope his call holds for us and on this great feast of Easter let us remember that Jesus has won the victory and extends life to all.

May the Risen Lord touch our hearts and lives with His hope, peace, and life this Easter Day.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 9 April 2023

Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday

9.00am Mass
10.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

Monday 10 April

10am Mass BSC

Tuesday 11 April

10am Mass BSC

Wednesday 12 April

10am Mass BSC

Thursday 13 April

10am Mass BSC

Friday 14 April

10am Mass BSC

Saturday 15 April

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Mass BSC

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
There are no confessions taking place this week.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
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University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

John Smith (Thinking of You), Ellen Coogan (RIP), David Morgan (RIP), Kate Johnson (RIP), Mel Taylor (Get Well), John Anthony Smith (RIP), Elsa Malicay (RIP), Gregorio Malicay (RIP), James McCall (RIP), Pat Caddell (RIP), Margaret Lynch (RIP), James Donovan (RIP), Tim Martin (RIP), Mary Lee (RIP), Mary Underhill (RIP), Mary Lalley (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Carl Petersen (RIP), People of Ukraine, Paddy MacDonald (RIP), Jane Daly (RIP Birthday).

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Last Wednesday was the final day of term. As it was Holy Week, Father Derek visited school and led a beautiful assembly and collective worship for us all. This reminded us of the significance of Holy Week and the meaning of Easter as we looked ahead to today, Easter Sunday. It was a lovely time of reflection and anticipation for us and we thank Father Derek for the time he dedicated to us. Wishing you a peaceful and Happy Easter from all the staff and children.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to those who were able to donate towards our Easter flowers that decorate the High Altar, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and the Crypt. Many thanks for your generosity. It is so much appreciated.

THANK YOU

To all those who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make Holy Week 2023 possible. It is a challenging time for everyone

but with the contribution, no matter how big or small, of many people – staff and volunteers, all playing their part, and simply doing what they do best – we appreciate all your help and support, guidance and dedication. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Cathedral Choir School, St Edward's College Liverpool, are recruiting a full time teacher of Catholic RE, a part time Business Studies teacher, Learning Support Assistants and Exam Invigilators. Details can be found at:

www.st-edwards.co.uk/employment-opportunities/48.html

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Crosby are looking to appoint a Lay Chaplain. Application form and further details can be found at liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers.

Visits to the school are welcomed or if you would like more information please contact ohaganm@sacredheart.sefton.sch.uk

#Liverpool4Ukraine

In May, a 5th trip to the Ukraine border to deliver essential aid to Bishop Gregory Komar is planned. The essential aid is then distributed between local people who need it so desperately. We are still very much welcoming any donations, ways to donate are below:

Online:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/donate>

Bank transfer:

Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12

Account: 01551493

Reference: Help Ukraine

Cheque:

Made payable to "Archdiocese of

Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to Finance Department St Margaret Clitherow Centre Liverpool Archdiocesan Office Croxteth Drive Liverpool, L17 1AA

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2023

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers.

All choristers are educated at

- Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School
- St Edward's College

meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerhips at the Metropolitan Cathedral, scan the QR code, or go to: <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>



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

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