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## Vocation Sunday

In these days of Eastertide, as we listen to the accounts of the growth and expansion of the early Church, we see how under the guidance of God's Spirit the seeds of the Gospel are carried from the Holy Land to the ends of the earth. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are encouraged to pray that all Christians recognise their baptismal vocation, remembering the words of St Paul to the Ephesians that "to some his gift was that they should be apostles, to some prophets, to some evangelists, to some pastors and teachers, so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ.

Today we are encouraged to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In our diocese, Archbishop Malcolm will be Ordaining Hugh Donleavy as a Deacon in a little over a month at St Charles Church in Aigburth. This will hopefully be followed, by 3 more ordinations to the Diaconate in Oscott and the Venerable English College, Rome towards the end of the college academic year. Please pray for our seven seminarians and for all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood within our Archdiocese. Pray for our priests too, that our Church may be blessed with Good Shepherds who are prepared to spend their life in the service of the sheep entrusted to their care.

If you feel the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood why not speak to your Parish Priest about it, or make contact with the Vocations Director based at St Charles in Aigburth, by telephoning 0151727 2493 or emailing [r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:r.johnson@rcaol.org.uk)

This Sunday is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday due to the images of Shepherd and sheep that are spoken of in the readings for this weekend. Archbishop Malcolm has written a Pastoral Letter on the theme of vocations to be read at all this Sundays masses.

Following this weekend the initial enablement works begin on the Piazza café and Shop. The first part of the project is to remove the landscaping which is above the building to reveal the extent of the problems that we have on the building. This will have a considerable impact on certain external areas of the Cathedral facilities. The public pavement from the Café to the entrance to the car park will be closed to pedestrians and in the next few weeks the whole of this area and the Cathedral garden will be hoarded off from public access. This will mean that the garden and ramp access to the Cathedral will no longer be accessible from next week. There will just be a narrow pathway which will lead through from the car park entrance to the lift and Cathedral lower foyer. The areas that are normally used for parking outside of the entrance to the Cathedral Car Park will no longer be in use for public parking. We are going to have to cope with construction on site for a considerable amount of time. Looking back over the years It has been rare to have a year when there wasn't some construction works taking place on the Cathedral!

Next Friday at 5pm Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the mass on the eve of the Coronation of King Charles 111 to offer prayers for our new King.

**Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

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## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 30 April 2023

### Sunday 30 April 4th Sunday of Easter

**9.00am** Mass Cathedral  
**10.00am** Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Mass \* Cathedral  
\* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 1 May Bank Holiday

**9.45am** Morning Prayer  
**10.00am** Mass BSC

### Tuesday 2 May St Athanasius

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

### Wednesday 3 May St Philip and James

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

### Thursday 4 May English Martyrs

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

### Friday 5 May

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass BSC  
**12.15pm** Mass BSC  
**5.00pm** Sung Vigil Mass for King Charles III Coronation

### Saturday 6 May

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

### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 5 May

### 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 Peter Murphy

**DEACONS:**  
Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Billy Challinor (Birthday Remembrance), Shirley Woodhead (RIP), Anthony (Tosher) McEntagget (RIP), Eileen McGuire (RIP), Clare Sanderson (Special Intentions), Violet Curlett (RIP), Victor Morgan (RIP), Des O'Leary (RIP), Donna Owens (RIP), Kevin Gallagher (Birthday Remembrance), Ann Moran (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen ((RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine.

## RCIA - MASS FOR THE NEW CATHOLICS

The Mass for the New Catholics will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email [rcia@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:rcia@rcaol.org.uk).

## Thanking God for Bishop Tom Williams' ministry among us

All are welcome from the parishes, schools, and hospitals of the Archdiocese to join in prayer at a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years of episcopal ministry here in Liverpool as an auxiliary Bishop. Mass will be on Wednesday 17 May at 7pm. The Archbishop will preside and preach. All are welcome.

## NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Over the Easter holiday contractors were in school converting a large room into a new library. This is no small undertaking! Work involved a

partition wall being built, electric wiring re-routed, new flooring and lighting and a large lick of new paint all round! I am so pleased to say that it is beginning to take shape and soon we should have new book cases and shelves and of course lots of new books for the children to enjoy. We can't wait!

## MISSED OUT ON BEING INVITED TO THE CORONATION? WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 6.45 - 9.00PM.

Want an opportunity to sing Zadok the Priest, Parry's I was Glad and other pieces long associated with royal occasions? Liverpool Welsh Choral is marking this historic event and inviting you to join us at a FREE COME AND SING on Wednesday 3rd May 6.45-9.00pm at our rehearsal venue, the Barkla Lecture Theatre, Chadwick Building, The University of Liverpool, Peach Street, Liverpool L69 7ZE (free parking at Peach Street car park by stating you are with Liverpool Welsh Choral at the barrier). In the first part of the evening, our MD Keith Orrell will run through famous pieces by Handel, Parry and Vaughan Williams, concluding with a sing through of the works, accompanied by Stephen Hargreaves. In a short break you'll be offered an alcoholic or non-alcoholic celebration drink. In the second half of the evening, LWC will continue rehearsing the Mozart Requiem for their next concert. You are very welcome to stay and sing with us or leave at that point. Scores for all the pieces being sung in the evening will be provided. Please register by emailing our choir administrator using the details below, giving your name and voice part (if you are bringing a group from your choir, please give the names

and voice part for each member who wishes to attend). TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL: [liverpoolwelshsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:liverpoolwelshsecretary@outlook.com)

## INTERESTING TALKS

That may interest you taking place in May. Thursday 18th May, Fr. Mark Drew will present a talk on "The Byzantine Liturgy, its Theology and Spirituality." On Thursday, 25th May, Mr John Morrison Wells will present a talk on "Newman's Hymns and Music in the Liturgy." Both talks begin at 7.30 pm in St. Helen's Parish Centre in Crosby L23 7TQ. Light refreshments are served from 7.15 pm.

## PASTORAL LETTER

Copies are available at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt.

## 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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

## MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Will take place on Saturday 13 May at 10.30am in the Gibberd Room. Look forward to seeing you there.

## CATHEDRAL WALKERS GROUP

Ormskirk Walk, and Gorse Hill nature reserve. Saturday 13th May. All meet at 10.30am at Aughton Park train station. Lovely views of parkland and over Liverpool and Mersey estuary. Walking through Coronation Park and finishing in Ormskirk. On Saturdays they have the market day and for those wishing a bite to eat can be arranged between those participants. Walk is estimated to be a little over 2 hours. For further information please contact Mike Kostrzewski, mobile 0796 954 3983. All welcome.

## 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? All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and 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 choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, scan the QR code, or <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>



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