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100 YEARS OF LOURDES

This summer the Archdiocese will be celebrating 100 years since its first official Pilgrimage to Lourdes. One of the sick who took part in that first pilgrimage in 1923 was Jack Traynor, who lived nearby in St Patrick's Parish. He had been severely wounded during the first world war and had been permanently paralysed with recurring epileptic fits. Despite his condition he was determined to travel to Lourdes as part of the pilgrimage. He miraculously returned home cured of his condition and was able to lead a full and active life for the rest of his years. The story of his cure can be read more fully in the written account entitled 'I met a Miracle'.

Other than during the second world war and the Covid Pandemic there has been an annual pilgrimage from this Diocese to Lourdes every year led by either the Archbishop or one of the other Diocesan Bishops. Many thousands of pilgrims from throughout the Diocese have joined the pilgrimage over the years. This year's pilgrimage, which takes place later in July, will have a special significance for all who are due to take part. There is a special celebratory Mass this Sunday at 5pm to celebrate the centenary year to provide an opportunity for those going on pilgrimage this year and all who have been to Lourdes to come together to take part in a Mass of Thanksgiving led by Archbishop Malcolm.

Having been involved in the initial scheme to design and build the Cathedral steps and café visitor centre post millennium, it is sad to now see the garden area flattened and the side walls to the Piazza café stripped off. This first phase of work is necessary to discover the extent of the problems that have beset the building over

recent years, particularly while it has been out of use for some years. Eventually the roof will have to be stripped off before we are able to proceed with any clear plans of a way forward.

Over the next couple of months we will have a clearer picture of the state of the site and plans for the future of this area and all the indications are that it will come at a cost that the Cathedral alone will not be able to afford.

There are exams taking place in the Crypt Hall all this week so 12.15pm Mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for most of the week. However, on Wednesday groups of school children from across the Diocese will be attending the Annual Good Shepherd Mass at 11am in support of Nugent. This will mean that despite the exams the 12.15pm Mass that day will be in the Crypt Chapel.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 25 June 2023

Sunday 25 June

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 26 June

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

Tuesday 27 June

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

Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus

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

Thursday 29 June

Sts Peter and Paul

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

Friday 30 June

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 1 July

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

CLERGY:

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Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
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Fr Peter Murphy

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

McKeever Family, Freda and Phil Murray (Diamond Anniversary), Veronica Hanlon (RIP), Michael Connolly (RIP), Jonathan Codilla (Thanksgiving gift of life), Francis Wheeler (RIP Anniversary), Joe Murphy (RIP Anniversary), Margaret Magee (Thinking of You), Eileen Kearns and Family (Sick), Donald McGair (RIP), John Bastow (RIP), Josie Hyde (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Marie Maguire (RIP), Karen Lumley (RIP), Philip Trainer (RIP), Michael Lyons (RIP), William Stewart (RIP).

CATHEDRAL GUIDES WANTED!

Thursday Voluntary Guiding and Welcoming at the Cathedral. We are seeking three volunteers, one for mornings (10-1) and two for afternoons (1-4) who would like to join our voluntary team to work at the welcome desks or to conduct guides tours, or both! If you could give us a regular commitment to Thursdays we would love to hear from you. Deacon Paul Mannings: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

TEA AFTER ELEVEN

Tea and Coffee served with an opportunity to have a chat with old friends and make new acquaintances will take place in the Gibberd Room after the Solemn Mass every Sunday. All are warmly welcomed. Please do come along.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

An opportunity is available for an experienced maintenance worker to assist with the day-to-day maintenance, repairs and general upkeep of the interior and exterior of the Metropolitan Cathedral. This will include maintenance of the surrounding grounds and aiding others to ensure the smooth running of all events in the Cathedral and Crypt. This is a permanent post, working full time, Monday to Friday, 8.00am-4.00pm. Candidates must have empathy with the ethos and mission of the Roman Catholic Church and a commitment to the work undertaken by all at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role or trade background, excellent verbal and written skills, experience of managing and implementing maintenance programmes, the ability to identify problems and correct defects, and the ability to work at heights. Experience of working on buildings which are places of worship, or listed buildings would be advantageous. Closing date: Monday 10 July 2023 To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs or telephone 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

This week all of our Year 6 children have been practising for their leavers assembly which takes place in a few weeks time. The sound of them singing in the hall resounds around the school, it's really lovely to hear. At this time of the summer term Year 6 children are always excited to be going on to "big school" but they are very sad to leave the school they have been attending for

so long and know very well. We will miss them when the time comes in just a few weeks but know they will continue to flourish.

YOUNG ADULTS

There will be a BBQ for young adults on Sunday 2nd July at Our Lady of Victories, Sandy Lane, Hightown, Merseyside, L38 3RP. There will be a Mass at 11am with the BBQ and party to follow. Bring something to Share. Hightown is a 25 minute train from Liverpool central. For more details contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

DATE: Saturday 22 July 2023

TIME: 10am

MEETING PLACE:

Refreshment Rooms, 2 Bedford Rd E, Birkenhead CH42 1LS phone 0151 644 5893

TRAIN: Rock Ferry (and then a 15 min walk to meeting place-use Google maps or ask for directions from organiser)

CONTACT: David and Dee Stevens 07578831431 or 97879995127

MUSIC FOR A KING CONCERT

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral join together in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year. Coronation classics by Handel (Zadok the priest), Parry (I was glad) and Walton (Crown Imperial) are presented alongside Charles-Marie Widor's Messe à deux chœurs et deux orgues. Don't miss this rare opportunity to

hear the combined choirs of Liverpool's two cathedrals in concert together. Saturday 8 July at 7.30pm. www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

PRIESTS LIVE IN CONCERT

The Priests will be performing live in concert on Thursday 12 October at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The concert is part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Liverpool to Lourdes pilgrimage, and also to support the work of the Cathedral Friends. Tickets are £25. For group bookings please ring 07860 129589 or email theprietsliverpool@hotmail.com (Booking fees may apply).

Cantonese Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For all enquiries contact Flora on 0740 3489931.

CATHEDRAL EDUCATION SERVICE

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful Cathedral. 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the Cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk for an informal conversation and more information.

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