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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 16 July 2023

Sunday 16 July

15th 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 17 July

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

Tuesday 18 July

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

Wednesday 19 July

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

Thursday 20 July

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

Friday 21 July

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

Saturday 22 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:

PRIESTS:
 Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
 Fr Derek Lloyd
 Fr Peter Murphy

DEACONS:
 Rev Noel Abbott
 Rev Paul Mannings



Cathedral Record

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Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from this Friday 21st July until the end of the following week. Fr Peter will be departing earlier with one of the Liverpool coach groups of young people who will be joining the pilgrimage and helping with the sick pilgrims. This summer, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating 100 years since its first official pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have made the journey over to the south of France every year, with the exception of during World War II and the Covid-19 pandemic.

But what should people expect from the centenary year pilgrimage? Fr Grant Maddock, trustee of the Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage association and one of the lead organisers has been has spoken about the importance of this year's pilgrimage. He said. "Celebrating our centenary year is an incredible achievement, the pilgrimage is always a truly special occasion, but this year it has much more significance.

"This year we have a strong focus on living the pilgrimage through the lens of the assisted pilgrims, we have made some changes to make the pilgrimage much more varied for them. We wanted to do this to put them back at the heart of the pilgrimage.

"This year, the assisted pilgrims will have the opportunity to have an afternoon out to Hosanna House and have a picnic there. They will have time to sit on the far side of the grotto and have time for reflection and prayer there in a quiet surrounding. We are also planning a bespoke garden party for them.

"We are delighted that the Jumbulance will be travelling to Lourdes with us this year, allowing more assisted pilgrims to join us."

Even if you are not travelling to Lourdes in the summer, then there is an opportunity to join in with the centenary celebrations.

Fr Grant said: "The centenary celebrations are for the whole archdiocesan family and we want to reach wider than just those travelling to Lourdes with us.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes; O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Following on from the Inauguration of the Vice Chancellor of Hope University last week we host their Summer Graduations in our Cathedral this coming week. There are ceremonies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To all who are travelling on pilgrimage or on holiday over the next few weeks I wish you a safe journey and hope you have rest and enjoyment.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Quinn (RIP), Stephen Abraham (RIP Anniversary), Mildred Brennan (RIP), Elizabeth Welsh (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Walter Bowe (RIP), Patrick Rowan (RIP), Marie O'Toole (RIP), John Evans (Intentions), Alice Clayton (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.

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The school closed for the summer holidays last Friday. It was another very busy week which full of end of term events and activities. No doubt you will remember from your own school days that finishing the summer term brings with it so much

excitement as the long summer holiday awaits and this year in school was no different! I wish you all a lovely summer and as I am retiring this week as Head teacher of the school I also wish you every success for the future.

CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

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

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 thepriestsliverpool@hotmail.com

(Booking fees may apply).

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.

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.

EARLY MUSIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Directed by Dr Alberto Sanna at St Patrick's Church, Liverpool on 15 July 2023 at 7.30pm. Free admission with tea/coffee. Usic by Albinoni, Bach, Boccherini, Corbett, Gregori, Purcell Salieri and Telemann.

MASS TRANSFER

Please note that the 12.15pm Mass on Thursday this week will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt. Apologies for any inconvenience

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Peter John Renwick

Justin Malewezi Jnr.

Brendan Kelly-Ince

Who will all be ordained Deacons of the Archdiocese on Sunday afternoon. We keep them and their families in our prayers this week.

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Mary was a follower of Jesus', 'out of whom he had cast seven devils'. She stood at Calvary, went to anoint his body at the tomb and was the first witness of the resurrection. The Church in modern times has abandoned Mary Magdalene's former identification both with the sinner woman who anointed Christ's feet in Simon's house and as being Mary, the sister of Martha.

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