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Visiting Choir

Now that the round of Graduation Ceremonies have run their course we can look forward to a few quiet, event free weeks for the rest of July and early August. This Sunday we welcome a visiting choir who will sing at 11am Mass. They are Streatham Choral, an adult choir from South West London, who are on a summer singing tour in Liverpool this weekend.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of St James, Apostle, Brother of St John, and jointly described as 'Sons of Thunder'. I'm not sure whether this referred to the changeable moods of their father or that they were born during a storm. We have a funeral Mass at 12.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next Thursday for Betty Welsh, who lived in Cathedral Walk.

I don't often write about sport in the Record but we have two major international sporting events taking place in the North West this weekend. The Cricket at Old Trafford and the Golf at Royal Liverpool Course, Hoylake. The biggest challenge for the cricketers and golfers over the next two days events will not be their opponents but the weather conditions. The American Evangelist Billy Graham, who was a keen golfer used to compare the Christian life to a round of golf. One of his famous phrases was 'The only time that my prayers are never answered are on the golf course'. These are a few of the analogies that he made.

Along the course of life everyone will get into a bunker now and then, even when all seems to be going along nicely. We all mess up at times and have to get down in the sand and calmly and humbly take advice as to how to play out of the mess. In life as in golf we have to 'play it as it lies' – we can't change our circumstances and we need at times to accept what the Lord sends us. Another golfing phrase is 'there are no gimme's' i.e. there are no free shots given, every choice and decision we make carries consequences. Also that it is not just the big shots that count – they are all important.

The few comments that I liked the most being a sometime poor golfer were:- 'Even if everything is going wrong you can still enjoy the scenery' – we can still be in awe of God's creation. That anger doesn't help and treating people nicely is part of the game. We can all be tempted to make our score card better than it actually was but the game is about honesty and the Lord will know!

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 July 2023

Sunday 23 July

16th 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 24 July

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Mass BSC

Tuesday 25 July

St James

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Mass BSC

Wednesday 26 July

Sts Joachim and Anne

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Mass BSC

Thursday 27 July

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass BSC

5.00pm Mass BSC

Friday 28 July

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Mass BSC

Saturday 29 July

Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus

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

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Fr Peter Murphy

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Ronnie Mentha (RIP), Maureen and Peter Nash (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Betty Welsh (RIP), Joyce Fitzsimmons (RIP), Mykola (RIP), Joan Harrington (RIP), Dcn Justin Malewezi Jnr (Ordination).

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.

BE PART OF OUR CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY

Would you like to join our voluntary team of Cathedral Guides and Welcomers? If so, we would love to have you on board! We have a large group that needs to be even bigger. Our request is for volunteers to cover one three-hour duty period each week, 10-1 or 1-4, selected from Mondays to Saturdays. You might prefer to focus on meeting, greeting, and dealing with enquiries at our welcome desks. Alternatively, you may like to show people around our Cathedral and Crypt, or perhaps combine the two roles. We would train you in advance and on the job. You would be subject to an advanced DBS enhanced clearance. Interested? Please contact me directly: Deacon Paul Mannings p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note that the children's liturgy which usually takes place at the 10am Family Mass in the Crypt will finish for the summer on Sunday 23 July and will return on Sunday 10 September. All new children welcome.

CATHEDRAL FRIENDS EVENT

The Cathedral Friends are delighted to welcome Adrian Waddingham CBE to give an illustrated talk on Nicholas Breakspear.

In this fascinating lecture you will discover the story of how an impoverished lad from Hertfordshire was pope by the time he was 50.

Overlooked for centuries, Nicholas Breakspear's achievements outshone those of his contemporary, the martyr Thomas Becket.

The date for the lecture is Saturday 23 September at 11am in the Gibberd Room. There is no charge for the lecture and you can book tickets by visiting:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lecture-on-nicholas-breakspear-the-only-english-pope-by-adrian-waddingham-tickets-679281407977?aff=oddtcreator>

or you can email for more information

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

At the time of booking there is an option to add a donation which will go towards the work of the Cathedral Friends.

Refreshments and cake will be served after the lecture with an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Cathedral Friends.

Tickets are limited so get yours now to avoid disappointment.

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).

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.

Maybe you have spent time considering becoming a Catholic.

Alternatively, perhaps this is something you have not really thought about. Here at the Cathedral there is a group of people who could support you and help you to discern whether or not this is the route you want to take. You may belong to another Christian denomination. You may be of another world faith or religion. Possibly you don't regard yourself as having any particular faith commitment. We call our process, Journey in Faith. For those wishing to become Catholic, the sessions lead to Reception into the Church at the next Easter Vigil in 2024. Yet there is no obligation to do so. Our gatherings are informal and carefully structured. Each year between us, we create a little community wherein we share and discuss. Why not come and join us? We meet on Monday evenings at 18.00 (until 19.15) at the Cathedral, beginning late in October. Prior to this we would like to gather our group and would love to hear from you any time from now! E Mail: Deacon Paul Mannings p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk Tel: 0151 709 9222 ext. 201 or 203

PLEASE NOTE

Mass on Thursday 27 July at 12.15pm will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt. Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Welsh. May she rest in peace.

Last week's collection: **£1,228.00**



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

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