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Feast of Christ the King

This weekend we celebrate our Cathedral Patronal Feast of Christ the King. The Feast of Christ the King was only incorporated into the liturgical calendar at the end of the Holy Year in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In that period between the two world wars it was a response to concerns of growing nationalism and secularism due to the rise of fascism and communism in various parts of Europe. The new Feast proclaimed Christ's Sovereignty over all things. It was the Holy Father who asked that our Cathedral be dedicated to Christ the King and we were the first Cathedral to be asked to have this title and be linked with this feast which marks the final Sunday of the church year. Pope Paul VI transferred the Feast from October to this final Sunday of the Church year, symbolising that in the end all things will be reconciled in Christ. The Feast gives real expression to the needs and challenges of our times – how we give witness to the values of Christ's Kingdom in our personal and public lives. Our building is a constant reminder of this in the midst of our City and Diocese. **A Very Happy Feast Day to you all.**

Recently we had the west side entrance porch of the Cathedral repainted. This was done with the intention of displaying three small religious sculptures by Arthur Dooley, a local sculptor. Two of these pieces had been rediscovered from a container unit in which items had been stored when the subsequent owner of the building, that Dooley had rented, sold it on. One of these pieces of the crucifixion of Christ with the word Mandela at the side has now been fixed in place which will allow us to arrange the lighting and the positioning of the other two pieces. One is a small sculpture of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus and the other of the figure of Moses. All

three images remind us of those who suffer, of the need for compassion and the hope that God will hear his people who cry to him for justice. This will fit well with this small area which has always been set aside as an area of prayer and reflection for justice and peace. When everything is in place we will reinstate the lighted candle which burns as a symbol of peace.

Members of the Chapter of Canons will be joining us for Choral Evening Prayer this Sunday afternoon to join us in prayer on our Patronal Feast. There will also be some member of the Music Trust who will also be with us following the awarding of a grant of £25,000 to be used to provide training and educational opportunities for choral and organ pathways for those leaving the choir. It will be put to good use for our young people here.

Next Sunday as we enter the month of December and run up to Christmas we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. As well as our Advent masses that day we will have the traditional Advent Sequence Service at 5pm.

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 26 November 2023

Sunday 26 November Christ the King

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 27 November

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

Tuesday 28 November

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

Wednesday 28 November

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 30 November St Andrew

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

Friday 1 December

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

Saturday 2 December

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 Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Owen Moore (RIP), Gillian Powell (Intentions), Dennis and Rose Conlon (Christmas Intentions), Joseph Patrick Carey (RIP), Alexandra Clarke (Anniversary Remembrance), Dorothy Henshaw (RIP), Elizabeth Brown (Get Well), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Mary McNally (RIP), Margaret Mitchell (RIP), Pat Commins (RIP), Sheila Desmond (RIP).

JIGSAWS AND GAMES

We are looking for any unwanted jigsaws and games that you may have and are willing to donate to us? The seafarers who are often away from home for long periods of time are looking for these items to help pass the time when they are in port. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. Please drop off at Cathedral House.

ASYLUM LINK

Merseyside invites you to their fundraising concert to be held at 7.00 pm on Friday, 1st December in St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, L7 3HJ. Performers will include ALM Choir & Musicians, Mullarkey, Scottish and Irish Pipers, Liverpool Ukelele Club.

STAFF AND POSTGRADUATE GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & Postgraduate Group! The group of staff and doctoral

students meets fortnightly every other Wednesday for prayer, discussion and sharing. Please contact Antal on 07515821079 for further details.

NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATION

There will be an Annual Mass of deceased pupils/sisters and staff of Notre Dame on Sunday 26 November from 11am at The Irenaeus Centre on Great George's Road Waterloo, Crosby. This event is for any ex-pupils and staff of all Notre Dame schools and the cost is £12 per person. Further details please ring Angela Swift on 07866 033 227.

ADVENT HIGHLIGHTS ADVENT SEQUENCE Sunday 3 December - 5pm

As the season of Advent begins, the cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the Advent journey. The service lasts around 70 minutes and features the choir singing from a variety of places around the cathedral. All welcome.

CEREMONY OF CAROLS Sunday 10 December 3.00pm.

The boy choristers join harpist Elizabeth McNulty to perform Benjamin Britten's sequence of carol texts by English poets. The performance lasts around 40 minutes and is free to attend, with a retiring collection. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will be an extra Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT BY LAST FEW TICKETS LEFT Friday 22 December 2023 - 7.00pm

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Crypt Concert Room. Set by candlelight in the beautiful Crypt Concert Room we will be serving a delicious two-course Christmas supper prepared and served at your table by Horseradish, one of the Cathedral's preferred caterers. If you would like to buy individual tickets or reserve a table for friends and family please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Tickets are limited so get them today and leave the rest to us! Cost: £50.00 per person.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge has started. Anything you can spare for the women and their families will be appreciated. Please

drop in to Cathedral House/Cathedral Security Office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The 10.00am Family Mass on Sunday 31 December will be offered for all their names.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS




Returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Saturday 16 December 2023 at 7pm. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

PLEASE NOTE

The 12.15pm Mass on Thursday and Friday next week will be a Requiem Mass and will take place in the Cathedral, and not the Crypt. We remember in our prayers Mary McNally and Jenni Delea and their families and friends who are mourning them. May they rest in peace.

Last week's collection: **£1,352.00**

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