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Chinese New Year

As well as being the last ordinary Sunday before we enter the season of Lent today is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day each year is set aside as a day of special prayer for those who are sick and for the people who care for them. With the announcement this week that King Charles has been diagnosed as having cancer we pray especially today for His Majesty and for all who have been diagnosed or are receiving treatment for cancer.

This weekend marks the beginning of the Chinese New year, the Year of the Dragon. Traditionally we have our Annual Civic mass on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday but as most of the civic dignitaries are attending the celebrations for the Chinese New Year we have had to cancel this year's civic celebration. After the 11am Mass some of our parishioners from Hong Kong will be giving the tea and coffee after mass a Chinese New Year celebratory theme down in in the Gibberd Room. The Cantonese greetings for New Year are either 'Gung Hei Fat Choi' or 'Sun Ni Faai Lok'. No doubt I will have spelt all this wrongly!

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent with the reception of Ashes and are asked to fast and abstain from meat that day having only one main meal. This may scupper some peoples' romantic plans this year with Ash Wednesday occurring on Valentines Day.

It is an early start to Lent this year and many of us will still be wondering what we ought to give up or do extra for Lent. Lenten sacrifices can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus and if the void we create by giving

something up opens up space in our hearts for God to fill.

As much as we consider something to abstain from during Lent, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?

Last Sunday I met a priest from Belgium who was visiting Liverpool. At the end of a short conversation he wished me a Bon Careme, or in English a good and blessed Lent. That made me question the origins of the different terms that we use for this penitential season in our two countries. The word Lent is an Anglo Saxon term which means springtime – expressing the theme of new life and renewal of faith. The French term 'Careme' means 'long time', taking time or giving time to God. Both titles help us to appreciate different aspects of this coming season. The reception of Ashes this Wednesday is an act of penance but also a sign that we will participate in this season with willing hearts and an openness to change.

We welcome Fr Anthony Lippo to the Cathedral this week. He will be serving here as an assistant priest in the Cathedral as he settles in to ministry within our Diocese.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 11 February 2024

Sunday 11 February

6th 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 12 February

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

Tuesday 13 February

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

Wednesday 14 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Cathedral
5.15pm Sung Mass Cathedral
7.00pm Service of the Word BSC

Thursday 15 February

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

Friday 16 February

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

Saturday 17 February

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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MASS INTENTIONS

David Alan Marsh (RIP), Michael and Teresa (Wedding), Rita Johnson (RIP), Anastasia Mackin (RIP), Mary Sutton (RIP), Lucita Salvatus (RIP) Anniversary, Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Teresa Saad (Thinking of You), Libby Simpson (Intentions), Gerry Walsh (RIP Remembrance), Norah Potter (RIP), Malcolm Graham (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.

STEVE CAIN

Please remember in your prayers this week Steve Cain who was for many years a faithful member of the Cathedral family, serving on the altar for many years and latterly as a Steward. Steve died peacefully

on Tuesday 30th January. His funeral will be held on Monday 19th February, 12 noon at Our Lady and All Saints RC Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, WN8 7HS. All welcome. For catering purposes, if you wish to attend, please let us know at: tonycharnock@hotmail.com

LGBT+ CATHOLICS

Our next Mass and gathering will be on Sunday 3 March 2024 at 2.00pm at All Saints, Oakfield Liverpool, L4 2QG. All are welcome.

NORTH MERSEYSIDE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

"Teach us to Care and not to Care." Speaker: Canon Rod Garner. Thursday, 15th February at 7.30 pm. Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby L23 7TQ. There is a good church car park and no charge for the talk - all welcome.

GIBBERD ROOM

Please note that refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after the Solemn Mass on Sundays. All are welcome to come along and have a chat with friends and make new acquaintances. Everyone made to feel part of the Cathedral family.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

We are seeking two new voluntary adult members for Wednesdays (1pm-4pm) and Fridays (1pm- 4pm) respectively. If you would like to assist us at the welcome desk and/or conduct guided tours for our many visitors, we would be delighted to hear from you. Full training would be given. Please contact Deacon Paul: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

LOUDFence EVENT AGAINST ABUSE

Saturday 9 March

The first annual Ecumenical LoudFENCE Event will be taking place in Liverpool on Saturday 9th March 2024. This will start with a Non-Denominational Blessing and Ribbon Tying Ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral, followed by a walk along Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral where a Prayer Service and Ribbon Tying Ceremony will also be held. This event aims to give people who have suffered harm and pain from abuse a voice and an opportunity to express their pain in a positive

environment where they will be believed and supported. This event is free and open to ALL who have suffered any type of harm or abuse for example Domestic, Faith Based, Sexual, Emotional, Financial, or Familial. Please come along and tie a ribbon to show support of all victims and survivors of abuse.

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EASTER RETREAT

Easter retreat young adults: there is an opportunity to join a group of young adults and students to go for Easter at Ampleforth Abbey near York. Each year hundreds of guests are welcomed with all the main Easter services, meals, talks and time to enjoy beautiful countryside. It runs from Thursday 28th march to Easter Sunday 31st March. If you are interested in joining please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net, 07394503911.

TALK

Dr. Karen Groves is a recently retired palliative care consultant. She will be giving a talk at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd., Crosby, on Thursday 21st March at 7.30 pm. "Walking in the Winter of Life." This talk will look broadly at what it means to be approaching the end of our lives, what preparations and changes we might want to make to live life to the full to the end, and how we assess and meet the spiritual needs of those who are dying. There is free

parking in the church car park and no charge for the talk. Everyone is welcome.

THE GOLDEN BOOK

Please note that from Easter each Golden Book entry will be £15 plus postage. Golden Book entries have been £10 since 1982, and currently we are not covering our costs. We know how much having people's names inscribed in our Golden Book means to you and we do hope you understand. Our system is being upgraded and in the future you will be able to make on-line entries which we hope will be convenient to some of you. Watch this space.

CATHEDRAL FRIENDS EVENT

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024, 11.00AM GIBBERD ROOM

The Friends are delighted to announce that there will be a talk on 'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die' by Elena Curti. Precious Heritage: Masterpieces and hidden gems among the Catholic churches of England and Wales. In this talk, Elena Curti will take you on a journey of discovery exploring churches featured in her new book, Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die. Elena shares stories of the architects, benefactors, priests and poor Catholics who raised these extraordinary places of worship. Elena's books are part of her mission to make Catholic churches better known and appreciated. Tickets are £12 to include refreshments, a chance to meet the author and to purchase her book at a reduced rate. Please purchase ticket from Cathedral House. Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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