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First Sunday of Lent

It was wonderful to see so many attending church last week to mark the beginning of Lent and to receive ashes on what is a normal working day. It is an encouragement for the whole community that so many people of all ages were prepared to come together for the start of Lent. A mischievous thought crossed my mind that perhaps a proportion of the congregations on Ash Wednesday take the Gospel of the day quite literally and spend the rest of Lent praying in their private room as we never seem to get the same numbers at mass during the rest of the season. However the reality is that on Ash Wednesday we get many people from parishes across the city who are working in the city centre and they have their own places of worship to attend throughout the season.

Since October last year a group of adults have been meeting once a week at Cathedral House learning about and exploring aspects of our Catholic faith. Another small group of enquirers have been meeting separately in order to have preparation in their Cantonese language. This Sunday catechumens from both groups will join with others from across the Archdiocese to enrol for baptism or, if already baptised, reception into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. Archbishop McMahon will preside at this afternoon service of enrolment of Catechumens in the Cathedral at 3pm.

Archbishop John Wilson, Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese, will be in Liverpool at the St Paul Bookshop next Thursday afternoon for a launch of his new book 'Pondering and Praying Vatican 2'. It is not meant to be a heavy tome analysing the Church documents but a more useable and

prayerful guide to the important aspects of our faith. You are welcome to come along to the launch at 2.30pm- you may find the book to be a useful companion for Lent this year.

Next Saturday Bishop Tom Neylon will preside at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm. This is to mark the second anniversary of the unprovoked full scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. Over the two years there have been many thousands of Ukrainian civilian casualties and untold numbers of deaths of soldiers from both countries – yet still no sign of a resolution or of hope for peace and a restoration of occupied territories. All are welcome to come and join Bishop Tom to pray for the people of Ukraine and for a just ending of this conflict.

A Few Lenten Thoughts. *Don't make your Lenten resolutions somebody else's penance* by being impossible to live with.

If you tell the whole world what you are doing for Lent God will presume that you are doing it to impress them and not for him.

If you think that you are making great sacrifices and doing a lot for the Lord remember Lent is about what he gives and does for us.

Please note that there will be exposition every Saturday during Lent from 3.30-4.30pm, concluding with evening prayer – confessions are available during this period.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 18 February 2024

Sunday 18 February 1st Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm RCIA Cathedral

* This Mass will be streamed live on

Youtube

7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 19 February

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

Tuesday 20 February

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

Wednesday 21 February

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

Thursday 22 February St Peter the Apostle

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

Friday 23 February

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

Saturday 24 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

Brendan Kelly (RIP), Patricia MacKineley (RIP), Patricia McKune (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Paul McNicholl (Thank You Intentions), Peter Law (RIP), Rebecca and Stephen Titone (Special Intentions).

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.

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.

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

BOOK LAUNCH AND SIGNING

Please join in celebrating the launch of Pondering and Praying Vatican II by Archbishop John Wilson on Thursday 22 February at 2.30pm at Pauline Books and Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Archbishop John Wilson will be present to launch and sign the book. Telephone 0151 709 1328 or email liverpool@oauline-uk.org for more information.

An invitation to ponder and pray with some essential themes of the documents. An approach that does not require any previous or specialist knowledge on the documents.

Last week's collection: **£1,441.00**



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