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# Cathedral Record

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

The last nine months have been a rather stressful time for the clergy and staff within the Cathedral with building work and repairs taking place on three fronts. The first floor of Cathedral House has recently been renovated to provide suitable accommodation for the four priests serving at the Cathedral to live within the one building. This accommodation had been largely unaltered other than decoration since it was first built in the sixties. Both the clergy and office staff have had to continue working within a partial building site for the last five months, I am grateful for their patience and forbearance during this time. Thankfully this project is now complete, other than the rectifying of faults, and the clergy are all in their new digs and settling into the changed environment.

In the lead up to the organ renovation works of the last few years the ordinary access to climb into the instrument for tuning was declared unsafe and unusable according to current health and safety regulations. Since the completion of the works we have had to cope with scaffolding being erected every time there is a need to access the organ pipes. A new solution has now been finally approved by the statutory authorities and a platform will be erected at height on each side of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to provide safe and acceptable long term access. This work is due to take place later in April.

Since the end of October the initial work to strip out the Piazza Visitor centre and check the extent of damage to the building has been on hold. For the last few months the boarded up site has been left open to the weather with nothing happening. Every day people are asking what is going to happen to the site and up until now I haven't been able to give anyone a definitive answer as to whether the building would be repaired and returned back to how it was or whether a bigger scheme was to take place to provide more facilities from the street level leading up to the Cathedral. The plain white hoardings have now been blighted by the scourge of graffiti and are now looking untidy. The Diocesan Trustees have recently approved a concept scheme for a larger welcome centre which takes the visitor to the Cathedral from the street level at the corner of Mount Pleasant up to the lower foyer in the Cathedral. Within this larger centre the Cathedral would be able to provide a more

straightforward accessible route from the street level to Cathedral, a more coordinated welcome to visitors, a café with a garden outlook, larger gift shop and other facilities. This will be a much more exciting project than the replacement/repair of the existing visitor centre. The downsides are that it will cost considerably more with the Cathedral being desperately short of funds and it will take longer to completion. The end result will be a much improved set of facilities that will be worthy of our unique and much visited Cathedral and provide suitable facilities that will last long into the future. Some initial works will start to take place on site soon in preparation for the full planning application later in the year.

**Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

### LENTEN MUSIC

Join us this Sunday (17th March) at the Metropolitan Cathedral when Lay Clerks will sing a setting of the *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Thomas Tallis. The biblical text (drawn from the first five verses of the book of Lamentations) was originally set for the holy week office of Tenebrae, and is appropriate for us to reflect on as we enter into passiontide. Tallis' composition is extraordinarily impassioned music written during the turbulent Tudor period, capturing the longing of the text alongside the hope inspired by its concluding statement: 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord your God.'

The offering takes place at 3.00pm in the Cathedral and as is free to attend - all are 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!

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### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 17 March 2024

#### Sunday 17 March 5th Sunday of Lent

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

#### Monday 18 March

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

#### Tuesday 19 March

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

#### Wednesday 20 March

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

#### Thursday 21 March

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

#### Friday 22 March

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass BSC  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Sung Mass BSC  
**5.30pm** Choral Evening Prayer

#### Saturday 23 March

**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  
Fr Anthony Lippo

**DEACONS:**  
Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings

# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sr M Ancy Joseph MC (RIP), Mrs Joyce Baker (RIP), Denise McMahon (Mother's Day), Ben Mead (RIP), Delia Ryan (Special Intentions), Derek Crowther (RIP), Rosaleen Conlon (Mother's Day), Rosaleen and Dennis Conlon (Easter), Dennis Conlon (Remembrance), Rosaleen Conlon (Remembrance), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Bridie Kenny (RIP), Paul Connor (RIP), Tucker Heatherington (RIP), Tony Coady (RIP Anniversary).

## CARRYING OF THE CROSS

### Saturday 23 March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 2pm. The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out church), and will be followed by a short service. Could anyone wanting to take part please arrive at 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for 2pm prompt start.

### \*\*Stewards Required\*\*

Please contact Jim Ross on email: [jimmy.ross7@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.ross7@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net), 07394503911.

## EASTER EGGS

Please would you consider donating an Easter Egg to the Cathedral this Lent. We will be sending half of anything we receive to the Women's Refuge on the Wirral and also to the 2 Refuge Houses that are in Liverpool, charities that are so deserving and in real need. The other half will be raffled after the Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday.

## EASTER LILIES

You are invited to buy a lily 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 lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the 10.00am Family Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for their names.

## AN INTRODUCTION TO VATICAN II

### Saturday 27 April -10am - 3pm

Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day introducing the basics of Vatican II. This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic concepts covered in Vatican II for anyone new to the document. This will take place in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place on Tuesday 26 March directly after the 5.00pm Mass which will be in the Crypt. All welcome.

## EASTER BUNNY WALK

### Monday 1 April at 11am

The Easter Bunny Walk to raise money for the Liverpool Lourdes Pilgrimage will be taking place on 1 April this year. The walk will go from St Gregory the Great, Lydiate, to Our Lady, and back, and guests of all ages and well-behaved dogs are

welcome. Each person will get a water bottle, bunny ears, and an Easter egg. The walk costs £8 per person, or £20 for a family of 4. To register please email [Mpmurphyat@aol.com](mailto:Mpmurphyat@aol.com)

## CHRISM MASS 2024

### Wednesday 27 March

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year. He does this in the presence of priests, deacons and lay faithful.

Additionally, the Archbishop invites the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made at their ordination: to dedicate their life in service to the Church - to preach the Gospel and teach the Catholic faith, to faithfully celebrate the sacraments and to pray for God's people.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this liturgy enhanced by the Cathedral Choir, and experience the richness of our local church, especially if you have never been before. Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

Last week's collection: **£1,326.00**



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