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Cathedral Record

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Our Grand Organ

As you may be aware our Cathedral was consecrated on 13th May 1967 and had the grand opening Mass the following day which that year happened to be Pentecost Sunday. The newly designed and built Cathedral organ was played in public for the first time at this Grand Opening Mass.

The organ was designed by the firm JW Walker and although the newly designed instrument had been gradually constructed in the workshop from 1962 the installation could only start on site from November 1966. In the six months prior to the opening the instrument had to be built on site and voiced which looking back seems an impossibly short timescale for the instrument to be in and there were plenty of teething problems in the first few months of use.

However, the wonderful view of the organ pipes above the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with the gleaming trumpets protruding proudly became to this day a distinctive feature of the interior of our Cathedral.

Eventually after more than 50 years of operation the Cathedral organ was in major need of a major overhaul. This project to dismantle the organ, refurbish everything off site at the Harrison workshop in Durham, and then rebuild the instrument with certain improvements to the layout and the console began in 2020 and has taken over two and a half years to complete. After a considerable bedding in period the organ is now sounding as good as ever and this month we are holding a special service of Choral Evening Prayer on 12th May (the day before the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral)

to re-dedicate the organ now that all the work is complete.

Members of the Chapter of Canons will join us on this special occasion. This will be followed by an inaugural recital by Martin Baker, former Director of Music at Westminster Cathedral and Past President of the Royal College of Organists. Prior to the service at 3pm our first Cathedral Organist, Terry Duffy, and Professor Rowntree will give a talk on the organ and its significance from 2pm in the Gibberd Room. A date for your diaries for all lovers of Cathedral Music.

Canon Anthony O'Brien CATHEDRAL DEAN

VOCATIONS

If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest within our Archdiocese and are ready to explore this further and perhaps meet other men who are thinking about their vocation, please contact the Vocations' Director, either by telephoning the Parish of St Charles and St Thomas More in Aigburth on 0151 727 2493 or email vocations@rcaol.org.uk There will be a retiring collection at all Masses today.

CAFOD Crisis Appeal for Sudan

CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan, as Sudan is in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis. Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's director of participation, said: "Many aid agencies exited Sudan when the current fighting erupted a year ago. Right now Catholic agencies in the Caritas network that CAFOD is part of, supported by the Church of Sudan, are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to support the Sudanese people." Donations made to CAFOD's Sudan crisis appeal will go towards supporting families in Sudan and surrounding countries, who are already contending with extreme hunger, as communities strive to stop the crisis from becoming the worst in living memory. Donations can be made at cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal

Tel: 0151 709 9222
Email: enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 28 April 2024

Sunday 28 April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 29 April

St Catherine of Siena

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

Tuesday 30 April

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

Wednesday 1 May

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

Thursday 2 May

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

Friday 3 May

Sts Philip and James

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

Saturday 4 May

English Martyrs

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

Jace Albert Garb (RIP), John E Farrell (RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Mrs Anne Greene (RIP), Marcia Patricia Beaumont (RIP), Sally Mahon (RIP), John Touhy (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

CHORISTERS' BAKE SALE

The Choir Association will be selling home baked cakes after Mass in the foyer on Sunday and also on 5 May to raise much needed funds towards the choir's upcoming trip to Cologne. Please do stop by and sample our delicious treats! If you would like to get involved by baking some cakes, please contact Jackie Larrosa in the Music Department:

j.larrosa@metcathedral.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

JOB VACANCY

Marketing and Communications Officer

We have an exciting opportunity for a Marketing and Communications professional to join our team and support both the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and the wider archdiocese in developing engaging communications and marketing our events and initiatives.

It is an exciting time for the Cathedral as our retail and hospitality outlets are redeveloped. Based within the Communications and IT Team within the Chief Operating Officer's Department you will support the sharing of the good news of the archdiocese both internally and externally within

our parishes, with clergy, schools, officers and stakeholders.

As a team we are focussed on growing and developing our existing platforms including our websites and social media channels, as well as supporting the Archbishop, our parishes, clergy and other departments with communication and marketing needs.

This role will also lead on supporting the archdiocese in telling the story of the Cathedral, past, present and future and helping build the vision of the new Welcome Centre.

We are seeking an experienced professional who can help us translate our vision and engage with our communities and visitors to our city.

The successful post-holder will work between St Margaret Clitherow Centre and the Cathedral (2 days per week), with travel across the Archdiocese as required.

Applicants are encouraged to visit our Cathedral before applying.

To thrive in this role you would need to be comfortable networking with a wide range of groups and individuals with differing levels of knowledge and experience. You will be a confident and skilled communicator who can develop creative plans to support our organisation.

For an application form and further details on how to apply please contact hrecruitment@rcaol.org.uk or telephone 0151 522 1102.

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.

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.

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2024

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool?

The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School and St Edward's College meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, go to:

<https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>


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

CATHEDRAL EVENT

We would like to invite you and your friends and family to a wonderful dining experience in the Art School which is in Sugnall Street, just around the corner from the Philharmonic. We are delighted to be able to collaborate with Chef Paul Askew and his team and we have arranged with them to provide a two course meal with a glass of prosecco on arrival and an amuse bouche for just £50.00 per person. Chef Askew has a firm reputation as a pioneer of excellent modern British cuisine and this is a dining experience not to be missed! The date you need to keep in your diary is **Wednesday 19 June 2024**. Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room. We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones. To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Please call **0151 707 2107** or email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk for more information.

Last week's collection: **£2,110.00**



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