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# Cathedral Record

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## Chair of Saint Peter

We celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year this Sunday, however the calendar feast for this day is that of the Chair of Saint Peter. This is a feast that has been celebrated since the fourth century to pray for and uphold the unity of the church founded on the Apostle Peter. It is a day on which we also pray to the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the Holy Father, the successor of St Peter. With the news this week of the serious health condition of Pope Francis, who has been diagnosed with pneumonia we pray for him, so that he is able to make a gradual recovery with the help of the medical team who have been attending to him. Even though the film "Conclave" won the top awards at the Bafta's recently, the church is praying that we will not have a real conclave of Cardinals gathering in Rome for some time to come.

The Solemn Mass next Sunday is our Annual Civic Celebration. Representatives have been invited from all sections of our local civic and public bodies and from many of the institutions and organisations within our local region. It is an opportunity for us to offer mass and pray for our City and Communities within our Diocesan area and also to pray for all who serve us in public office. The ceremonial procession this year will be a much simpler affair with just one procession led by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Lord Lieutenant. All are welcome to come for light refreshment in the Gibberd Room at the end of Mass. Our Civic Mass is always the weekend before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent – I'm not sure how long a tradition this has been and if it is intentional but in the space of a few days we move from processions and civic finery to being urged to put on sackcloth and ashes. I

find the sudden contrast helps to focus attention on Lent with the added call to serve our neighbour fresh in our minds from the civic celebration.

During this week a new sculpture entitled 'Broken Bow' will be on display in the Unity Chapel. The work is by the local sculptor Stephen Broadbent who as one of his many works crafted the monument along Hope Street to the former Archbishop and Bishop of Liverpool, Derek Worlock and David Shepperd. This new work is a reflection on the role and relationship of Mary the Mother of Jesus and her son, the joys and sorrows she experienced as the Mother of God.

There are two funeral services taking place this coming week. Colonel Joseph Harkon is a Funeral Service of the Word on Monday at 10am and on Wednesday a Funeral Mass for Patricia Cleghorn at 12.15 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 February 2025

#### Sunday 23 February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

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

#### Monday 24 February

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

#### Tuesday 25 February

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

#### Wednesday 26 February

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

#### Thursday 27 February

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

#### Friday 28 February

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

#### Saturday 1 March St David

**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

**RLUH Mass**

Sundays at 4.00pm

Monday and Friday at 12noon

#### CLERGY:

**PRIESTS:**  
 Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean  
 Fr Derek Lloyd  
 Fr Anthony Lippo  
 Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tom Bredin (Sick), Joe Kearns (RIP), Duncan Browne (Remembrance), Sebastian Halliagan (Remembrance), Vinnie Belladonna (RIP), Francesca Brown (RIP), Elizabeth Molyneux (RIP), Jessica Price (40<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Godfrey (Paddy) O'Donnell (RIP), John Furclough (Anniversary), David Shaw (RIP), Annemarie Kirby (RIP), Rosaleen Conlon (Birthday Remembrance), Dennis Conlon (RIP Remembrance), Joan Lyons (RIP), John Brennan (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

## LGBT+ CATHOLICS

The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025. All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. 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.

## COME AND BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE & WELCOMER!

Please give us the gift of three hours a week of your precious voluntary time. Learn on the job for as long as it takes. Answer queries at the welcoming desk. Listen to the stories of our wonderful visitors. If you like, take large or very small groups

on tours. Give the job your own creativity. Be part of a ministry of welcome. Add your own dimension to a large and flourishing team. Be a consistent part of your group throughout the year. Contribute toward presenting our Cathedral as a living Christian community, able to embrace everyone as valued individuals. Make new friends. Enjoy a fresh challenge. This random list could go on! Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See. Contact Dcn Paul Mannings: [p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk)

## JIGSAWS

If anyone has any jigsaws or games that they have finished with we can pass them on for you to the Seafarers at Stella Maris. Please just drop them in to Cathedral House or to the Security Office. They are always so grateful for anything that we can send on.

## FRIENDS EVENT

Saturday 22 March 2025 at 10.30am.

The Secrets of the Archives.

Join Archdiocesan Archivist Neil Sayer with the Cathedral Friends as he takes you on a tour of the Archives unveiling items rarely seen to the public. Price per ticket, which are limited, due to numbers, are £20. Please email the Chair of the Friends for further details and to book your place. [jean@cavensoft.com](mailto:jean@cavensoft.com)

## LECTURE

'Christians and Contemporary Culture.' How should Christians relate to the culture of our place and time? How have they done so in the past? The challenges and opportunities of fitting in or being different.

**Speaker:** Professor John Sullivan

**Venue:** St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ

**Date & Time:** Thursday 20th March, starting at 7.30pm. No charge but a small donation would help with our costs.

## SCHOOLREADERS

Is a charity that supports reading in primary schools. They are looking to find local people to volunteer for an hour or two each week in a school that is local to them, where they listen to children read individually and help to develop their reading and comprehension skills and also start to foster a love of reading. If you would like to find out more please visit the website <https://www.schoolreaders.org/>

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Civic Mass  
Sunday 2 March 2025  
11.00am

Celebrated by Archbishop Malcom McMahon OP. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome to attend.

## WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ NIGHT

### ADULTS ONLY

The Choir Association's popular 'Wine & Wisdom' evening will be returning on **Saturday 29 March** at St Anthony of Padua Parish Centre, Mossley Hill, L18 8BD. **Start time:** 7pm featuring a special musical interval - the Cathedral Lay Clerks cabaret. **Tickets:** £20 which includes a charcuterie board. Bar available selling wine, beers and soft drinks.

Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral). Please invite your friends and family so that we can make it an enjoyable evening, and raise funds towards future trips and events for the choir.

## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF & PhD GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group! We meet every two weeks during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion, using Church documents such as the Synod's material. The meetings take place every other Wednesday at 18:00 in the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities (30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL, access through the gate on Blackburne Place). Any questions? Get in touch with us ([unichap@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:unichap@rcaol.org.uk); WhatsApp: +07515821079).

## LATEST VACANCIES

from the archdiocese can be found here: Careers - Join the team ([liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk))

## PLEASE NOTE

The 12.15pm Mass on Wednesday this week will be a Requiem Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

Last week's collection: **£1,397.00**



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