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Feast of the Annunciation

It is just at this time of the year that many of our garden trees spring to life breaking forth with beautiful blossoms and foliage. The magnolia tree is always the first to parade its blossom in the Cathedral garden and its creamy white flowers are always out around the time of the Feast of the Ascension. Sadly the blossom can disappear as quickly as it appeared with the onset of stormy weather. This is also a time when we can readily spot unhealthy trees and bushes by their lack of buds and foliage. The Lenten Gospel for this Sunday describes the landowner complaining about a tree that is taking up room in the garden but has not yet produced any fruit. The gardener argues for it to be given another chance and he will dig round it and give it as much attention as he can in the hope that it will once again bear fruit. As we try to keep faith with the season of lent we pray that our efforts and sacrifices will bear fruit and bring about an enrichment of our faith and bear fruit in our lives.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. Recalling the appearance of the Angel to Mary to announce that she was to conceive and bear a son through the Holy Spirit. Mary's assent and act of faith ushered in the dawn of our salvation. Tuesday is also a Spirituality/Retreat day for many of our Catholic Head Teachers and Deputies which will be held all day in the Crypt.

The Music for Lent this Sunday afternoon at 3pm is a performance of Cesar Franck's seven last words of Christ on the cross. A musical meditation on the final words of Jesus such as 'Father Forgive them', 'Today you will be with me in paradise.' And 'Father into your hands I

commit my spirit.' Although this piece was written in 1859 it was never performed until the work was discovered in 1977. It is a beautiful meditational piece of music for this period of Lent. Next Sunday there will be Choral Evening Prayer inclusive of the Stabat Mater by Pergolesi.

A brief Lenten Thought "There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there too. But more often stones and grit block the well, and God is buried beneath. Then God must be dug out again."

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 March 2025

Sunday 23 March

Third Sunday of Lent

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 March

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

Tuesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Wednesday 26 March

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

Thursday 27 March

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

Friday 28 March

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

Saturday 29 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

RLUH Mass

Sundays at 4.00pm

Monday and Friday at 12noon

CLERGY:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Rosaleen Conlon (Mother's Day and Remembrance), Rosaleen and Dennis Conlon (Easter), Elizabeth Corke (RIP), Gamal Corbett (RIP), Mr Paul Lees (RIP), Sandra Brenchley (RIP).

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.org.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.

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.

CATHEDRAL WALK

DATE: Saturday 12 April 2025

TIME: 10.15am

PLACE: Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescot

DETAILS: The next cathedral walk is scheduled for Saturday 12th April meeting at Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescot and walking to Blessed Dominic Shrine, Sutton. The Shrine is one of the designated churches for our Archdiocese in our jubilee year. The shrine will be open in the afternoon and facilities will be open at the church club. The walk

will take around 3 to 4 hours and whilst largely urban will take in Shirley park in St Helens. It will give walkers the chance to see the new theatre and jubilee shrine, meeting at 10.15am at Shakespeare North, not far from Prescot station. All welcome. CONTACT: Mike, 0796 954 3983 for further details.

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/>

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

Family Fast Day collection. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You will be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope at the back of the Cathedral and Crypt, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place every Saturday at 4.00pm in the Cathedral starting from Saturday 15 March. All welcome.

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; WhatsApp: +07515821079).

WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION

Saturday 12th April, 1.00pm

Jesus Youth Liverpool will be hosting a procession through Liverpool City Centre. Starting at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre and concluding at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King with a blessing from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. All are welcome. For more information, contact Teena on 07471189236 or Justin on 07823397458.

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Last week's collection: **£1,214.00**



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