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Annual Civic Mass

We extend a welcome to all our guests attending Masses this weekend, especially to all the civic and community representatives who will join us for the Annual Civic Mass at 11am. We pray for all who serve our City and local regions and we join with all in attendance today to pray for the well-being of our North West region and its citizens.

The Season of Lent begins this week with the Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday. Based on previous experience we expect large crowds for Masses on this day hence the 12.15pm and 5.00pm Masses will be celebrated in the main Cathedral and there will be a later Service of the Word at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for those not able to attend the earlier Masses.

Our parish primary school, St Nicholas, recently had its OFSTED inspection and was rated as a Good school – the final inspection report has now been published and can be accessed online and I enclose a section of the headteacher's letter to parents to thank all those who have helped and supported the school.

"The inspection team described St Nicholas as a school that has high expectations for all children, that has an ambitious and inclusive curriculum in place, that has reading and personal development at the heart of its offer, to a Local Governing Body that care deeply and know the school well. Equally, we are very proud of all our pupils, and it was lovely to hear the inspectors talk about the children in such glowing terms. The lead inspector commented on the

high standards of behaviour they displayed, exemplary they called it, their eloquence in the answers they gave and how they love to make a positive difference to others. Reference was also made to how much they enjoy school and how they feel safe and enjoy all the extra-curricular opportunities on offer. From the youngest to the oldest pupils, they shone, and the inspection team were very impressed by them.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the Ofsted survey and to speak to the inspection team at the start of the day. Your ongoing support is very much valued, and we are continually looking for ways to engage with you to ensure that each and every child at St Nicholas' is given the best possible start to their education journey.

There are lots of positives that can be taken from the report, and this is down to all the hard work that has taken place over the past few years. It has been a period of change and growth, and we are in a strong position. We also know that we can improve further, and this is something that we will embrace and rise to the challenge of. Here's to the next chapter... Mr Paul Ackers "

Lenten thoughts...., 'No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you discipline yourself or cover yourself in ashes – if you do no good to others you do nothing great. **St John Chrysostom'**

'Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life. By which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year' **St Francis De Sales**

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 2 March 2025

Sunday 2 March Eighth 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 3 March

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

Tuesday 4 March

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

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Cathedral
5.00pm Sung Mass Cathedral
7.00pm Service with Ashes

Thursday 6 March

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

Friday 7 March

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

Saturday 8 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:

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

DEACON:
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Robert Murphy (Birthday), Mr Roger Bick (RIP), Tommy Kennedy (RIP), Carmen del Amo Artacho (Birthday Remembrance), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Robert Sherlock (RIP), Thomas and Helena Corcoran (Anniversary RIP), Thomas Ellison (RIP), Patrick Joseph Fallon (Intentions), Maureen Ng (Anniversary).

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

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

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/>

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Bishops of England & Wales have called on Catholics to help to create a world without nuclear weapons through prayer and public action. At this critical time for world peace, you are invited to join in an annual Walk of repentance for nuclear weapons and in prayer for peace, with members of Pax Christi (the international Catholic peace movement). Gather at St Luke's bombed out Church, top of Bold St at 1.15 for 1.30 start. Enquiries 07591 082195 janharper2021@outlook.com

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.

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.

MICAH

Message from the Chief Executive Officer, 'On behalf of Micah Liverpool, I would like to thank all those who have made food or financial donations to us. This generosity and faithfulness in donating and supporters' prayers enables Micah to keep going. The early months of the year can be challenging for many. This year has been no exception. After the busyness before Christmas, we have seen an increase in people attending Micah's foodbanks and community markets. We're giving out almost 300 emergency food parcels each week and almost 90 households are attending our community food markets. In 2025, in collaboration with other organisations, we aim to offer a range of support services at our community food spaces. We have some existing support, but we are keen to offer this (and more) at all of our sites. If you would like more information about Micah Liverpool, please contact me on catherine.kearney@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk With genuine thanks, Catherine Kearney, Chief Executive Officer, Micah Liverpool.'

Last week's collection: **£1,257.00**



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