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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 6 April 2025

Sunday 6 April

Fifth 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 7 April

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

Tuesday 8 April

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

Wednesday 9 April

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

Thursday 10 April

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

Friday 11 April

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

Saturday 12 April

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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Cathedral News

CHRISM MASS 2025

Wednesday 16 April

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 16 April 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

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will take place on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm. If anyone would like the names of their sick relatives or friends included in the Bidding Prayers at this Mass please hand in the names to any of the clergy or drop them in to Cathedral House as soon as possible.

Micah's foodbanks continue to see a similar number of people each week who are experiencing food poverty. In February, a total of 1105 food parcels were distributed. We are beginning to see people from the foodbanks attend Micah's community markets where a £2 charge is made for a choice of up to 15 items of food. We know that the need is great and resources are limited. Please do pray for Micah as we continue to support people who experience poverty on a daily basis. We are grateful for our volunteers who give of their time regularly and care for those who attend our food spaces, as well as those who faithfully donate.

Micah's Recruitability Programme continues to see participants grow in confidence as they are supported to find employment, continue volunteer work and gain further qualifications. The next course starts on 29 April. If you would like further information about the course, please email jayne.hennessy@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

On 25 March, Micah's Partner Organisation, Zarach, delivered its 500th bed to children in Liverpool. Zarach's Liverpool Hub with Micah was established in June 2023 by Hazel and Alex, who generously and faithfully give of their time and skills on a voluntary basis. Whilst Zarach works to end child bed poverty, the impact of the initiative goes far beyond just providing a bed. It gives children the foundation for a better future. Better sleep leads to better concentration at school, improved well-being and greater self-esteem.

If you would like to know more about Zarach Liverpool or any other aspect of Micah's work, please do get in touch with Cathy Kearney, Micah's CEO on catherine.kearney@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Tel: 0151 709 9222

Email: enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk



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MASS INTENTIONS

Ruth Plummer (RIP), Fr Ray (RIP), Fr Stephen (Recovery), Lena Mitchell (RIP), Joshua Perry (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Kate Husain (Birthday Remembrance).

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF AND & 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).

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.

PASTORAL LETTER

Please collect a copy of the Pastoral Letter from the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt to take home with you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION UPDATE

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed

into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/as/vote>. Also, to let you know, Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. Please find them at the back of the Cathedral and Crypt.

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, Prescott

DETAILS: The next cathedral walk is scheduled for Saturday 12th April meeting at Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescott 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 Prescott station. All welcome. CONTACT: Mike, 0796 954 3983 for further details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place every Saturday at 4.00pm in the Cathedral. All welcome.

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.

VISITING CHOIR

We are delighted to be able to welcome a visiting choir to sing at Solemn Mass and Choral Evening prayer on Sunday 6 April. Led by director, Marc Murray, The Rawstone Singers (based in Preston) are a mixed-voice chamber choir of around 35 singers who perform local concerts of both religious and secular works and deputise for Cathedral choirs at services across the UK and Ireland, and was established by Michael Sands in 1980.

Last week's collection: **£1,391.00**

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Open Monday – Saturday: First Admission: 10am, Last Admission: 3.30pm

Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)