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Cathedral Record

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Palm Sunday

We received sad news early last week that Andy Holme, a member of our security team at the Cathedral was rushed into hospital and died of a heart attack last Monday. Andy had been off ill for the last few months but his death has come as a shock to us all at the Cathedral, particularly to his close colleagues. He had worked here at the Cathedral for the last 24 years and many of you will have known him over that time - he was a quiet and reserved man but always good natured and ready to help in any way he could. Please remember him and his family in your prayers at this time.

This Sunday we walk in procession waving palms to mark the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and begin the Solemn Celebrations of Holy Week. As well as the normal schedule of masses today there will be an evening sung service of Tenebrae in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. This is a service of reflections on the betrayal, suffering and death of Christ – after each of the sung reflections a candle is extinguished until the last light - the Christ candle - is put out after we hear the final psalm, the Miserere, signifying the Lord's death on the cross, concluding with a final prayer and departure in silence. This prepares us for the week ahead as we walk the journey of Christ's passion leading to the glory of the resurrection.

Masses are at the normal times on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. On Wednesday there will be no evening mass at 5pm as we will be preparing to celebrate the mass of Chrism which will take place that evening at 7.30pm. At this Evening Celebration the Archbishop invites priests and people from across the Diocese to take part in this service at which the priests renew their commitment to their ministry and when the Sacramental Oils of Baptism, Chrism and Oil of the Sick are blessed for use throughout the year.

The Feasts to which all of the season of Lent prepares us for are the Sacred Triduum days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

(Easter). The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10am on each of these days provides a time of prayer for us to prepare for the later liturgies. On Holy Thursday we re-enact the Lord's Supper which Jesus shared with his apostles on the night he was to be betrayed and arrested. The second reading from St Paul on the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Gospel account of the washing of the Disciples feet outline the principal focus of the evening service at 7.30pm. The Archbishop will wash the feet of 12 of the congregation accepting the Lords 'Mandatum' to do this in memory of him and we, the church community, renew our service of one another and our devotion to Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We conclude the evening celebration by processing to the altar of repose to watch in quiet prayer in memory of the Lord's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday we keep as a day of reflection on the Lords Passion and Death with prayer and devotions in the morning (Office at 10am, Stations of the Cross at 11.30am) leading up to the Solemn Service at 3pm. We mourn the Lords Death and Venerate the Cross as the sign of the triumphant symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Apart from the sung office on Saturday morning there are no celebrations of the Sacraments until the Easter Vigil at 9pm. (NB there is no Crypt vigil mass next Saturday nor confessions that day). Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and preparation as we await the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, the Lord has been laid in the tomb only to be raised up high. At the Vigil Service we enter into the darkened Cathedral for the solemn Easter Exultet and welcome in the joyful light of Easter Proclaiming Christ Risen from the Dead. During the Vigil Service ten adults will be baptised or received into full communion with the Church.

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 13 April 2025

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass * Cathedral
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt
7.30pm Tenebrae

Monday 14 April

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

Tuesday 15 April

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

Wednesday 16 April

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
7.30pm Mass of Chrism

Thursday 17 April Holy Thursday

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 18 April Good Friday

10.00am Sung Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
11.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19 April

10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Wednesday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass Crypt

Good Friday:

12noon – 1.00pm
And after the 3.00pm service

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

Mary and Brendan Kelly (RIP), Tony Sweeney (RIP), Jay Hunt (RIP), Mary Lindsay (RIP), Robert Smith (RIP), Sean Ambrose McDermott (RIP), Andy Holme (RIP), Harold Evans (RIP), Kathleen Dodds (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Ivy Alley (RIP), Frances Foster (Easter Wishes), Pauline and Dennis Bowes (Easter Wishes).

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.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.

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

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