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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 22 June 2025

Sunday 22 June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.00am Mass

10.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

7.00pm Mass

Monday 23 June

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Tuesday 24 June

Nativity of St John the Baptist

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Wednesday 25 June

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 26 June

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Friday 27 June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 28 June

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass BSC

5.00pm 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 Chapel

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Crypt

Crypt Chapel

SS -

55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -

Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:

Monsignor Anthony
O'Brien *Dean*

Fr Derek Lloyd

Fr Anthony Lippo

Fr Faustinus

Ugwuanyi

DEACON:

Rev Paul Mannings



Cathedral Record

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Grade I Listed

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has awarded The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool Grade I listed status, following advice from Historic England.

The cathedral, previously Grade II* listed, is now nationally recognised as a building of the highest architectural and historical interest.

Built between 1962 and 1967, the cathedral represents the greatest Roman Catholic post-war architectural commission in Britain. It was built over an earlier Sir Edwin Lutyens-designed crypt, intended to be part of a grand classical-style Catholic cathedral in Liverpool that began in the 1930s, but construction was halted, largely due to financial constraints and the outbreak of the Second World War.

The upgrade of the cathedral's listing status reflects a deeper understanding of Sir Frederick Gibberd's architectural vision and the cathedral's significance as an international example of progressive Roman Catholic architecture during the mid-20th century.

The cathedral's revolutionary design features make it an architectural landmark of the highest order. Gibberd's centralised plan with a unified worship space was unprecedented in British cathedral design, allowing congregations to participate more fully in the visual drama of the Mass. The striking central lantern or 'corona' filled with coloured glass by John Piper and Patrick Reyntiens uses an innovative technique of cementing glass with epoxy resin pre-cast within tracery of thin concrete ribs – a method invented specifically for this building.

The cathedral also features numerous artistic collaborations of exceptional quality, including William Mitchell's Evangelist entrance doors and carving to the bell tower, Elizabeth Frink's crucifix, David Atkins' geometrical floor pattern, Ceri Richards' work in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, and coloured glass by Margaret Traherne in multiple chapels.

This fusion of modern architecture with fine art epitomises the progressive shift following the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), which emphasised the full, conscious, and active participation of the congregation in Catholic worship.

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool, said: "I welcome the announcement that Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King has been recognised as a Grade I listed building. It commands the Liverpool skyline and is visible for miles around. The building has been described as 'the soul of the city' and brings hope to thousands who visit each year. The colours of the stained glass and revolutionary architectural style help raise their minds and hearts beyond this world to the transcendent and to God."

"It is very significant that the cathedral has been recognised during the Jubilee Year which has the theme 'pilgrims of hope'. I hope the upgraded listed status allows us to welcome even more pilgrims to our striking Mother Church. I thank all who have contributed to the upkeep and repair of the building for over 60 years and pray that we may care nationally for this building of the highest architectural and historical interest."

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Paul Osborne (RIP Anniversary), Kevin Osborne (RIP Anniversary), Linda (RIP), John Crawford (RIP), Frank Kenneth Culley (RIP), Vivienne Strachan (RIP), Christina Beckett (RIP), Éamonn Ó Sé (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

CHORISTERS' BAKE SALE

The Choir Association will be selling home baked cakes after Mass in the foyer on the following dates to raise much needed funds towards the choir's next overseas tour.

Sunday 29 June

Please do stop by and sample our delicious treats!

If you would like to get involved by baking some cakes, please contact Jackie Larrosa in the Music Department: j.larrosa@metcathedral.org.uk

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.

ANNUAL YEW TREE CEMETERY MASS

Sunday 13 July 3pm

Join us for the annual Yew Tree Cemetery Mass offered for those who are buried in the cemetery of St Aloysius Church. This is an open-air Mass, so please be ready for any weather. You're very welcome to bring a chair if

you wish to sit down.

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC!

At about this time each year we ask you to think about this and consider joining our *RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Journey in Faith process*. This year we have had a head start because several people have already made contact; so, an initial meeting has been set for **Monday 7 July, 6.30pm at the Cathedral**. The process itself will start in October on Monday evenings from 6.30pm with a view to your being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Please make contact in advance of the 7 July meeting so that further details can be sent to you. Deacon Paul Mannings p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday 28 June.

All families are welcome to attend this Family Picnic as part of the confirmation preparation process on Saturday 28 June (11am-3pm) at St Anne Church, Prescott Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. We especially wish to invite those families with children who are being baptised, making their holy communions or confirmations. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy for older children and Animate Youth activities for teenagers. If you are interested, please sign up using the QR code and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk

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

GOLDEN BOOK

We are currently looking for a willing volunteer (s) to manage the Golden Book Office which has been closed for almost 6 months. For the right person this role will be very interesting and rewarding. The person needs to be reliable, organised, empathetic, engaging, a good listener, have an excellent eye for detail and have some computer knowledge. Full training will be given to the right person. For more details and an informal chat about what the voluntary role entails please

contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY). On 24 June, a Young Adult Mass will be celebrated at 18.30, followed by food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Friday at 6pm at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN, there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There will be a Mass at 6pm, followed by a short time of sharing the Sunday readings at 6.30pm. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. Follow this link to join my WhatsApp community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FvRR2Q6sIDK83W4KgBIJqU> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911

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Golden Book Office

The Golden Book office is currently closed. We are still accepting requests which will be dealt with as soon as we can. Please email us at enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk.

Last week's collection: **£1,540.00**



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