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Christ the King

Welcome this weekend on our Patronal Feast of Christ the King.

Hidden away in the meeting room in Cathedral House, there is a small sculpture of Christ before Pilate which until recent refurbishment had previously hung in the west entrance of the Cathedral. It was a 'maquette' designed by the artist Peter Ball as an example of a design for a set of 'stations of the cross' within our Cathedral. In the end it was the Sean Rice set of designs that were chosen for the Cathedral and which are now a familiar and striking representation of the way of the cross. Both images by Ball and Rice for the First Station express the humility of Jesus and the harsh judgemental way in which he was treated. Pilate points the finger at Christ to accuse Him and yet the pointed finger leads us to behold our King one who 'came into the world to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to his voice'.

As we celebrate our special Patronal Feast of Christ the King we pray for Our Lord's blessing on our Cathedral and on us all. In both the Cathedral and the Crypt Chapel in bold letters, either above the entrance or set in gold on the front of the altar we proudly proclaim that He is our Way, our Truth and our Life.

Archbishop Sherrington will be joined by our two former Archbishops - McMahon and Kelly for the celebration of 11.00am Mass this Sunday.

Later that day at 3.00pm members of the Chapter of Canons will be joining us for Choral Evening Prayer. During this service Archbishop Sherrington will invest three people with the Papal Award of the Order of St Gregory.

They are our very own Claire Reilly from our Cathedral community, HE Michael Byrne and Michael Sharkey. All of them have been recognised for their outstanding service to the church and its mission and we offer them our congratulations.

Next weekend we begin the short season of Advent. Sadly a season that often gets overshadowed by Christmas but is so rich in meaning, a season of the word of hope and expectation.

As well as the Masses for the first Sunday of Advent there will be a service of Advent music and readings known as the 'Advent Sequence' next Sunday afternoon at 5pm. You are warmly welcomed to start your Advent journey.

Monsignor O'Brien CATHEDRAL DEAN

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 23 November 2025

Sunday 23 November Christ the King

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 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

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

Tuesday 25 November

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

Wednesday 26 November

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

Thursday 27 November

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

Friday 28 November

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 29 November

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

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien *Dean*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Marion Walker (RIP), Deceased members of the Rowlands Family, Christina Brady (RIP), Michael Prendergast (RIP), Peter Smith (RIP), Jim Shields (RIP), Jeremy Paterson Fox (RIP), Shiela Elliott (RIP), Barbara and Steve Dooley (RIP), Christine Quinne (RIP), Carmen del Amo Artacho (RIP Anniversary), Luis Guio (RIP), Moira Burke (RIP), Simon Foran (Very Sick), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Leah McNeill (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.

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.

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

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will celebrate his silver jubilee of Episcopal ordination in the coming weeks. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12noon on Saturday 6 December at the Metropolitan Cathedral - all are welcome.

PASTORAL LETTER

Please Collect a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop this weekend. They are at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt for you to take home.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge in our area has started. Anything you can spare for the women and their families will be appreciated. Please drop in to Cathedral House/Cathedral Security Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT -

Saturday 13 December

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan

Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedra

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower 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 10.00am Family Mass on Sunday 28 December will be offered for all their names.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will be an extra Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

CONSIDERING YOUR VOCATION TO THE DIACONATE?

Date: Tuesday, 25 November 2025

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St Oswald's Parish Hall, Chapel Lane, Longton, PR4 5EB.

This evening is intended for men who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate or who would like to learn more about the role of a deacon within the Catholic Church. It will provide an overview of the ministry, the qualities sought in candidates, and the process of discernment.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeremy Paterson-Fox who died last week. Jeremy was a gret supporter of the Cathedral and he will be sadly missed. Please also remember his wife Gillian, and his family in your prayers. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16 December at 12.15pm in the Cathedral.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're aware that some families who would like to take part in this year's first Holy Communion programme may have missed the initial registration meeting. If you live in the Cathedral parish; regularly attend Mass here at the Cathedral, or have children in the parish school of St Nicholas, and would like your child to receive their first Holy Communion this year then please contact Fr Hugh as soon as possible at h.donleavy@rcaol.org.uk.

MICAH LIVERPOOL

Micah's latest blogpost focuses on Micah's foundation principles of acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly. It provides an insight into the context of Micah's social justice work. The blog can be accessed at <https://micahliverpool.com/blog-post/act-justly-love-mercy-walk-humbly/> If you would like to know more about the work of Micah, donate directly to us or volunteer, please contact catherine. Kearney@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

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— THE MYSTERY OF THE —
LUTYENS CRYPT
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
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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)