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Cathedral Record

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First Sunday of Lent

With the wearing of purple and the absence of Alleluias and the Gloria there is a change of mood within the church's liturgy as we begin the season of Lent. The Gospel for this First Sunday recounts Jesus' journey into the wilderness for 40 days and the temptations he overcame. We too journey over these next forty days seeking strength and mercy from The Lord to overcome all that impedes us from loving and following him.

The season of Lent originally developed in the early centuries as a final period of preparation for catechumens before their reception into the church at Easter as well as being a final period of penance for those who had apostasized (abandoned their faith) in the face of persecution. The whole church community joined them in fasting and penance in preparation for the celebrations of Holy Week. This Sunday afternoon at 3pm Archbishop Sherrington will lead a service of welcome to admit adults who have been preparing to be received into the church from many of the parishes across the Diocese. There are several candidates from our Cathedral parish who have been preparing since October who will be taking part in this service and who will be baptised or received into full communion at the Easter Vigil.

On Sunday afternoons for the next Sundays of Lent our choirs will be singing a selection of Lenten devotional pieces in place of Choral Evening Prayer. Next week at 3pm the choir will sing the passion section of Handel's Messiah. There will also be Stations of the Cross every Friday following 12.15pm Mass and an additional period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

following the Saturday morning Mass from 9.30-10.30am.

We are too small to have a lost property department but over the years the various items that have been left behind in our building tell a fascinating story. Hats, brollies and gloves and foreign currencies are pretty standard fayre and in the past considerable quantities of small cameras but it is the strange unusual items that raise questions and are most puzzling. Some years ago we were concerned that a visitor had left the Cathedral barefoot having left a pair of shoes and socks here. Leaving the occasional walking stick is an error soon remedied but we have had someone leave crutches here with no indication of a miracle taking place. Someone once left an envelope with a cheque for a considerable amount of money made out to the Dean of the Cathedral but unfortunately it was unsigned. We were most concerned when a spaniel dog was left tied to a pillar in the car park without any identification. The owner returned after a few days and was rather unapologetic to the member of staff that had looked after the animal for that time and taken it home of an evening. So what caused all this going back over old memories? It was the discovery of the first hot water bottle left behind under a bench at the end of the evening. In future years it will be a memory of the time when we lived through a winter in the Cathedral when the boilers failed and some parishioners resorted to imaginative ways to keep warm during services.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING **22 February 2026**

Sunday 22 February

1st 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 RCIA Service
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 23 February

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

Tuesday 24 February

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

Wednesday 25 February

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

Thursday 26 February

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

Friday 27 February

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

Saturday 28 February

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
Royal Hospital Chapel

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien *Dean*

Fr Hugh Donleavy
Fr Anthony Lippo
Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi

DEACON:
Rev Paul Mannings

Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Francis Wulstan Kearns (RIP), Loretta Foley (RIP), Francis Kearns (RIP), Patrick Doran (RIP), John Bernard Murphy (RIP), Kathy Cortney (RIP), John Murphy (RIP), Thomas Smyth (RIP), Gladys Fowler (RIP), Maureen Brownless (RIP), Joyce Elizabeth Howland (RIP), Alec and Alex Worth (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.

PLEASE NOTE

There is Mass every Sunday at 4.00pm in the Chapel at the Royal Hospital. All welcome.

MICAH

Micah Liverpool continues to appreciate the continuing support in prayer and food donations. The early part of the year can be difficult for many and we have been able to cope with large numbers at the foodbank thanks to Christmas donations. As we approach the Lent period, we continue to welcome food donations and are particularly encouraging people

to consider donating fish. You can read more about this on Micah's latest blogpost here [Blog Archive - Welcome to Micah Liverpool](#). If you would like more information about Micah and the work we do in the social justice field, please get in touch with Cathy Kearney at catherine. Kearney@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team at Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

TALKS FOR INTEREST

Date: Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm
Speaker: Kate Wilkinson
Title: "Adventurous Accompaniment - the Universal Call."
Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd, Crosby L23 7TQ

Date: Thursday 16th April at 7.30 pm
Speaker: Kate Wilkinson
Title: "The Now of God - Seeing Young People with the Eyes of God"
Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd, Crosby L23 7TQ

VACANCIES

The latest vacancies from the archdiocese can be found here: [Careers - Join the team \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](#)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. (*Proverbs 22:9*)

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL BIG LENT WALK

This Lent, the Metropolitan Cathedral is taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Our team is walking, running, or strolling 200 km over the 40 days of Lent to help communities around the world access clean water.

You can support our team by donating on our parish fundraising page:

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/parishes/metropolitan-cathedral-of-christ-the-king-liverpool-1-3-5-tq>

The weekly tracker form opens on 18 February for anyone who wants to record their kilometres. Every step counts, and we thank you for walking with us.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our Cathedral Altar Servers' team are currently looking for teenagers and young adults to assist with serving the 11am Sunday Mass and special Masses throughout the year. Experience not necessary as full training will be given. Come and be a part of our cathedral family. enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 28 March

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2pm. Led by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes, we will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service. Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start.

You are very welcome to join. We also need stewards - if you would like to steward, please contact Jim

Ross on email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

FREE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN YEARS 2-8!

Exciting opportunities for young singers to join a Catholic children's choir in your area! Open to all children in school years 2 to 8, our choirs offer free musical training led by DBS-certified musicians from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Rehearsal Information:

- **Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir** - Wednesdays, 4–5pm
Space Centre, St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Hillside Road, Huyton, L36 8BL
- **Widnes Catholic Children's Choir** - Mondays, 4–5pm
St John Fisher Parish Centre, 55 Moorfield Rd, Widnes, WA8 3JA
- **Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (Central)** – *New from March 2026!* - Mondays, 4:30–5:30pm
Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ
- **Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (South)** – *New from March 2026!* - Tuesdays, 5–6pm
St Mary's Church – Parish Hall, Church Rd, Liverpool, L25 5JF

Choir members will have the chance to perform locally and further afield, developing their musical skills while enjoying a fun, supportive environment.

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Please call **0151 707 2107** or email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk for more information.



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LUTYENS CRYPT

— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —

ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

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

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