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Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel reading for this Sunday of Lent is Saint Matthew's account of the Transfiguration. It took the Apostles a long time to understand Jesus and the full purpose of his ministry. Along the way there were significant moments when their friendship was deepened by discovering more about him. Their discipleship was deepened when he was transfigured on the mountain and they saw His divinity revealed. They would get to know and love Him even more when after this as they journeyed to Jerusalem and it became more clear that he would be persecuted and would suffer and die in Jerusalem, even though they did not understand what this would mean at the time. They would treasure the moments of Jesus' life even more during the Last Supper, His Agony in Gethsemane, his Passion, Death and Resurrection. The entire time the Apostles were with Jesus they were getting to know him more deeply and realising what following him as disciples meant. It is the same for us. As Peter, James and John saw Jesus' divinity revealed their attitudes were transformed so we are encouraged to accept that Lent is for us an opportunity to allow the Lord to transform us and our attitudes so that we can love him more deeply.

Last Friday was Family Fast day with their theme for this year challenging us all to take part in their campaign to help families grow enough to eat. The principle methods that they are engaged in are setting up water schemes in drought areas and training people in new farming methods and choices of crops. The campaign is entitled 'Small

acts of love make big things happen'. There are envelopes for contributions at Mass this Sunday or you may wish to take part in the Big Lenten Walk in support of the work of Cafod.

This Sunday the afternoon service at 3pm there will be a service of Lenten readings and excerpts from Handels messiah. Next Sunday there will be a performance of 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' by Cesar Franck.

Sometime during the night of Thursday through to Friday morning the tap on the water heater in the Art Studio burst flooding parts of the area. Unfortunately more significant damage was caused to the entrance area of the Crypt Chapel which is located directly below this area. Even after it was discovered and the supply switched off the water was still coming through the ceiling above the Chapel for the next few hours. This has meant that the Friday Mass had to be transferred to the Cathedral. Hopefully, unless the electricians are declared unsafe we will go ahead with the Sunday Morning Mass in the Crypt, however we may have to cordon off an area at the back of the chapel. This has been the worst case of a number of building related incidents since the beginning of January all that seemed to occur on Fridays. The maintenance staffs new motto is not so much 'Thank God it's Friday' instead it is now 'Oh no it's Friday!'

There will be filming in the Cathedral on Tuesday for a future architectural programme hosted by Kevin McCloud. Watch this space for more details.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING **1 March 2026**

Sunday 1 March

2nd 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
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 2 March

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

Tuesday 3 March

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

Wednesday 4 March

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

Thursday 5 March

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

Friday 6 March

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

Saturday 7 March

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

Barry Craig Duffy (RIP Anniversary), Peter Charles Duffy (RIP), Mr and Mrs Neilson (RIP Anniversary), Christine Carlin (Get Well), Ann Chante (RIP Anniversary), Tom (RIP), Mary Shannon (RIP), Joan Betney (RIP Anniversary), Stan Betney (RIP Anniversary), Nicholas Betney (RIP Anniversary), Michael Rice (RIP Anniversary), James McGann (Birthday Anniversary), Margaret Dickinson (RIP), Anthony Cain (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.

VACANCIES

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

CHORISTERS' BAKE SALES

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 15 March

Sunday 10 May

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

Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS NOTICE

The Friends are looking for a Treasurer if you are interested please contact the Secretary Ultan Russell on u.russell@rcaol.org.uk

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." *1 Corinthians 10:31*

JOIN THE CATHEDRAL BIG LENT WALK

This Lent, we're inviting you to join our team and be part of something meaningful for our community and for those most in need. We've signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and would love you to take part: <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/liverpool-metropolitan-cathedral>

If 100 people join our team and each pledges to raise £20, together we can raise £2,000 for CAFOD. That's £2,000 raised as a community while also getting a little more active during Lent. You can walk in your own time, at your own pace, and in a way that suits you. Every step and every donation makes a real difference. If you are unable to walk but would still like to support us, you can donate directly to the team page. Please support us this Lent and help us reach our goal.

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

Last week's collection: **£2,066.00**



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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.