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Fourth Sunday of Easter

'I am the good shepherd ... I know my sheep and my own know me'

Today's readings invite us to contemplate the tender image of Christ as the Good Shepherd, who leads, protects, and cares for his flock. His relationship with the sheep is one of trust, recognition, and belonging, where the sheep follow only their shepherd, the one who knows them personally and calls them by name. Today is also kept as Vocations Sunday. As we consider how each of us responds to the voice of the Good Shepherd, we pray for the grace to respond to God's invitation, always trusting in his loving care and guidance through any struggles. The quotations below are a couple of excerpts from Pope Leo XIV on vocations for this Sunday

"The Lord of life knows us and enlightens our hearts with his loving gaze." Indeed, every vocation begins with the awareness and experience of a God who is love (cf. *1 Jn* 4:16). He knows us profoundly; he has counted the hairs of our head (cf. *Mt* 10:30) and has envisaged for each person a unique path of holiness and service. Yet this awareness must always be reciprocal. We are invited to know God through prayer, listening to the Word, the Sacraments, the life of the Church and works of charity for our brothers and sisters. Like the young Samuel, who unexpectedly heard the voice of the Lord during the night and learned to recognize it with the help of Eli (cf. *1 Sam* 3:1-10), we too must create a space for interior silence in order to hear what the Lord desires for our happiness.'

'Dear young people, listen to this voice! Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use

(cf. *Mt* 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ. Make time, then, for Eucharistic adoration; meditate faithfully on the word of God, so that you may put it into practice each day; and participate actively and fully in the sacramental and ecclesial life of the Church. In this way, you will come to know the Lord. Through the intimacy of his friendship, you will discover how to give of yourselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life. Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy. To know the Lord means above all learning to entrust oneself to him and to his providence, which is abundant in every vocation.'

Looking at the Cathedral records this week I noticed that it was three years ago that the hoardings were erected around the Cathedral garden and former visitor centre for the start of the initial enabling works. I announced in the newsletter at the time, that within three years we should have a new cafe and shop facility also incorporating a newly designed garden and access ramp as a route for pedestrians through the garden to the Cathedral entrance. Three years later we are still not sure when building works will commence. However it finally looks as though we now have the green light to take the proposed design scheme to planning with the expectation that public consultation meetings will be announced at the end of the month of May. Alleluia. There will however be a hard road ahead with considerable fund raising required along the way.

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 26 April 2026

Sunday 26 April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass * Cathedral
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
3.00pm Easter Carol Service
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 27 April

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

Tuesday 28 April

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

Wednesday 29 April

St Catherine of Sienna

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

Thursday 30 April

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

Friday 1 May

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 2 May

St Athanasius

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes (Bunty) Gavan (RIP), Peter Coventry (RIP), Terese Konstantinaviciene (Speedy Recovery), Rose Fallon (RIP), Sarah McGann (RIP Anniversary), Thomas Usher (RIP), Family of Thomas Usher (Thinking of You), Irene Usher and Boys (Thinking of You), Flannagan Family (Thinking of You), Christopher Code (RIP), Nora Fanning (Birthday Remembrance), Fr Cobhan (Special Intentions), Kevin Fanning (RIP Anniversary), Mary Hand (RIP Anniversary), Diane Stanley (Get Well), Maureen (Pete's mum) (RIP), Eddie Fitzpatrick (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.

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 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.

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

NOTRE DAME REUNION

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool? There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated. Please try to attend. All are welcome. Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173. Berniemshaw@hotmail.com

STEP INTO THE ELEGANCE OF THE ART SCHOOL RESTAURANT

We are delighted to invite you to indulge in an unforgettable fine dining experience. Savour a beautifully curated seasonal menu that celebrates the very best of British ingredients, thoughtfully crafted into dishes that are as refined as they will be memorable. With a welcoming drink on arrival, impeccable service, and an atmosphere that blends sophistication with creativity this exclusive evening promises the perfect setting to relax, connect, and enjoy exceptional food in one of the City's most elevated dining destinations. The date you need to keep in your diary is **Wednesday 1 July 2026 from 6.30pm onwards**. Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room. We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones, whilst raising money for the Cathedral. Tickets are £50 per person. To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

FRIENDS EVENT

**Saturday 4 July 2026
1.00pm – 4.00pm.**

Step beneath the Cathedral into a hidden world! Have a glimpse into the vision and history that shaped our place of worship.

You are warmly invited to an exclusive guided tour of the Lutyens Crypt – a hidden architectural gem rich in atmosphere and heritage. Discover the vast, awe-inspiring underground space, hear its fascinating story, and experience a

side of the Cathedral few ever see.

Following the tour indulge in a delightful afternoon tea featuring delicate sandwiches and hand-crafted, artisan cakes.

A unique afternoon of story-telling, elegance and quiet indulgence. All dietary requirements can be catered for in advance. Places are limited so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. £35 per person. Email friends@metcathedral.org.uk for your ticket to this unmissable experience.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus,

You conquered death without weapons or violence:

You shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us Your peace,

as You did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,

as You did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.

Send forth Your Spirit,

the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire in us to trust in Mary, Your mother, who stood at the foot of Your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that You would rise again.

May the madness of war cease

and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life.

Hear us, Lord of life!

LEO XIV P.P.

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CRYPT

— THE MYSTERY OF THE —
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)