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Pope's Easter Greeting

Pope Leo XIV held an audience on Monday, 27 April, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, and prayed with her in the Chapel in the Apostolic Palace.

In his greetings, the Pope shared his joy to receive the Archbishop during the Easter season, recalling the historic encounter between Pope St Paul VI and Archbishop Michael Ramsey, which took place 60 years ago.

He also expressed appreciation for the ministry of the Anglican Centre in Rome, greeting its Director, Bishop Anthony Ball, who represents the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Holy See.

Pope Leo then shared his Eastertide greeting of Christ's peace, which he said offers an invitation to all Christians.

"I have often mentioned that the peace of the risen Lord is 'unarmed'," he said. "This is because He always responded to violence and aggression in an unarmed way, inviting us to do likewise."

Among Christians, he added, divisions weaken our ability to effectively bear Christ's peace to the world.

"If the world is to take our preaching to heart," he said, "we must, therefore, be constant in our prayers and efforts to remove any stumbling blocks that hinder the proclamation of the Gospel."

Pope Leo recalled the many decades of efforts of theological dialogue between Catholics and Anglicans that have been made along the path to restore "complete communion in faith and sacramental life."

Despite its complexity, he said, this ecumenical journey has borne fruit regarding various historically divisive issues, noting that the Anglican Communion

is currently facing "many of these same questions at this time."

"Nevertheless, we must not allow these continuing challenges to prevent us from using every possible opportunity to proclaim Christ to the world together," he said.

Recalling the words of Pope Francis to Primate of the Anglican Communion in May 2024, the Pope said it "would be a scandal if, due to our divisions, we did not fulfill our common vocation to make Christ known."

"For my part," said Pope Leo, "I add that it would also be a scandal if we did not continue to work towards overcoming our differences, no matter how intractable they may appear."

Concluding his address, the Pope thanked Archbishop Mullally for her visit and prayed that Anglicans and Catholics continue to journey together in friendship and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Archbishop Sarah was joined at the papal audience by the Most Revd Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster; the Rt Revd Anthony Ball, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

With Monday being a Bank Holiday there is just the one daytime mass at 10am. Also University finals exams continue throughout this coming week in the Crypt so the 12.15pm Mass each day will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien

Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 3 May 2026

Sunday 3 May

Fifth 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 Choral Evening Prayer
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 4 May

BANK HOLIDAY

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass BSC

Tuesday 5 May

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

Wednesday 6 May

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

Thursday 7 May

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

Friday 8 May

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

Saturday 9 May

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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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.

PENTECOST

'Many Voices - One Faith' Sunday 24 May 2026, 3-5pm

The Churches of the Liverpool City Region invite you to join together as we celebrate Pentecost with a march from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. We will be gathering for this family friendly event at 3pm on Sunday 24th May on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral before walking together along Hope Street to the Liverpool Cathedral. The theme for this year's march is 'Many voices, one faith'. We will be welcoming people from many different cultures and backgrounds to participate in this symbol of Christian unity and togetherness. The march finishes at the Anglican Cathedral with family friendly activities and numerous stalls from local charities advertising their work. Do join us. All are welcome.

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

PRAYERS PLEASE

We were very sad to hear about the death of John Cain this week. John was a member of the Cathedral Choir for many, many years and was a true inspiration for all the choristers and lay clerks. His funeral will take place on Monday 11 May at 12.30pm at All Hallows Church and then on to Springwood. May John now rest in peace. Please remember him, his family and his many friends in your prayers.

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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