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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 2 August 2026

Sunday 2 August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 3 August

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

Tuesday 4 August

St John Vianney
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.00pm Mass BSC

Wednesday 5 August

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass BSC

Thursday 6 August

Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Friday 7 August

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

Saturday 8 August

St Dominic

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 or following funerals.

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 Record

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The August Lull

During the month of August with many staff and parishioners away on holiday the range of activities and events at the Cathedral is greatly reduced. There will be a cantor rather than choirs leading the music for Masses on the Sundays throughout the month. Throughout the weeks of August there is a summer season of organ recitals at 2pm every Sunday. This week the visiting organist is Stephen Hargreaves and next Sunday Daniel Mansfield. The weekday Masses continue at the regular times and on Wednesday this week there will be a funeral Mass at 12.15 for Callum O'Flaherty which will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

It is now over two years since 3 of the panels of glass from the columns at the East and North ends of the Cathedral site were vandalised and had to be taken away to be repaired. They needed to be shipped back to Germany where they were originally assembled for repair. The panels are now back from the Derrix Glass Studios and are due to be reinstalled this Friday. This will take a considerable amount of engineering and skill to reassemble these panels into place involving having a crane on site. How sad is it that a mindless act of vandalism by two teenagers on one evening has resulted in such a level of cost and time and effort to rectify.

For all those who are travelling on holiday this week I hope you have a safe journey and enjoyable time away.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien
Cathedral Dean

CATHEDRAL JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL – MAY 2027

Floral arrangers are needed for next year's event to celebrate the Metropolitan Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. It will take place over **Thursday 14 - Monday 17 May 2027** and the theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms.

If you, or someone you know, whom you think may be interested in creating one of the floral displays which will decorate the Cathedral please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

MAKE THE CATHEDRAL BLOSSOM

You can help make our Cathedral bloom for the Flower Festival by making a £30 donation to sponsor an orchid for a pew-end display. As a thank you for your generosity, you will be invited to write a short personal message, dedication, or remembrance. Your note will be beautifully attached to one of the orchids creating a meaningful and personal part of the festival display.

Whether your message celebrates a loved one, marks a special occasion, or simply offer words of hope and gratitude your support will help create a stunning floral celebration for everyone to enjoy, and best of all you can take it home once the festival is over.

To register your interest please contact Claire in Cathedral House at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Or you can pick up a form from the back of the Cathedral and Crypt.

Details of how to make the payment will be sent to you or you can pop the cash in an envelope with your message enclosed.

Tel: 0151 709 9222

Email: enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Uche Family (Special Intentions), Dennis Conlon (Birthday Remembrance), David Price (RIP), Marie Fofana (RIP), Lynn Teresa Toy (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.

PLEASE NOTE

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

ADVANCE NOTICE CAR PARK CLOSURE

Please note that on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September the Cathedral Car Park will be closed to all visitors so alternative parking will need to be sought. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TEACHING TALENT

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the Cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful Cathedral.

"It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the Cathedral to life for the generations of the future." Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

CANTONESE RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
廣東話 成人慕道班

We warmly invite individuals who are interested in exploring the Catholic faith to join us on this faith journey. Baptized Catholics are also welcome.

我們誠意邀請對天主教信仰有興趣的人士加入我們的慕道之旅;

亦歡迎已領洗的天主教徒參加再慕道。

Program Duration: 22 August 2026 – 16 May 2027

Zoom Sessions: Tuesdays, 8:00–9:30pm

Physical Gatherings: Every 3rd Saturday of the month, 11:00am–12:30pm at Metropolitan Cathedral (L3 5TQ) For

Enquiries/Contact: Flora (07403 489931) / Candy (07488 585588)

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER TEAM

Due to the growing need to support Catholic patients at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital and Broadgreen Hospital, the Chaplaincy Management invites kind and caring individuals to join the Catholic hospital volunteer team. This apostolate involves listening, praying, bringing Holy Communion to patients, and offering a comforting Catholic presence. **To get started:** Contact the Catholic Chaplaincy at the Royal Hospital via the Chaplaincy Office on 0151 706 2828 or email the Lead Chaplain at faustinus.ugwuanyi@rlbuht.nhs.uk. We look forward to welcoming you!

HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

There are many ways to do this, and you might like to explore further by joining us here at the cathedral! You are warmly welcome to make initial contact and then meet with our already growing group of enquirers at the end of September. The first session will be exploratory with questions and answers. We meet on Mondays from 6.30pm. Please contact us for more details:

p.mannings@rcaol.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 the safeguarding team direct at:-



Or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

SUNDAY SUMMER ORGAN RECITALS

All start at 2.00pm. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection. A series of organ recitals on Sunday afternoons lasting 40 minutes by performers from around the UK.

2 August - Stephen Hargreaves (Liverpool)
9 August - Freddy Harvey (Liverpool Cathedral)
16 August - Ivan Linford (Oakham)
23 August - Alan McGuinness (Llandudno)

30 August - Simon Leach (Edinburgh). All welcome.

EVENING PRAYER WITH APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

Sunday 13 September at 3pm

All are invited to assemble as our archdiocesan family at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 13 September at 3pm for the culmination of the Apostolic Nuncio's visit to the archdiocese. This date coincides with the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Metropolitan Chapter of Liverpool.

The celebration will take the form of Evening Prayer sung in the Cathedral. There will be a drinks reception following.

The Apostolic Nuncio will also celebrate the Solemn Mass at 11am in the Cathedral on that date.

CONTACT YOUR MP TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading on 11 September. Those wishing to express their opposition are encouraged to contact their MP using the online resources provided by CBCEW in association with Right to Life UK. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

PLEASE NOTE

The 12.15pm Mass on Tuesday next week is a Requiem Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Last week's collection: **£1,241.00**

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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.



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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)