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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 20 September 2026

Sunday 20 September

25th 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
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 21 September

St Matthew

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

Tuesday 22 September

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

Wednesday 23 September

St Pius of Pietrelcina

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

Thursday 24 September

Our Lady of Walsingham

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

Friday 25 September

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

Saturday 26 September

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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End of Life Bill - Rejected

A message from Archbishop John Sherrington

'You will no doubt have heard that the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which sought to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales, was rejected today at Second Reading in the House of Commons.

I wish to give thanks first to Almighty God, and then to all those across the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese who, through prayer, witness, campaigning and writing to MPs, helped to bring this about.

Thank you for your faithful efforts, and please be encouraged to continue to uphold the dignity of every human life with charity and conviction.

We are a people dedicated to the good and dignity of life in all its stages. May the Lord continue to bless those in authority, those who make decisions, and those who implement them, so that public life may always be marked by justice, compassion and respect for the vulnerable.

I also thank all healthcare professionals, hospice staff, chaplains, carers and volunteers who serve those who are terminally ill and dying with skill, tenderness and respect.

We must now renew our commitment to excellent palliative care, advocating for wider hospice provision and practical support for those nearing the end of life and for their families.

May God bless you all.'

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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – 20 SEPTEMBER

On Home Mission Sunday, previously known as Evangelii Gaudium, Catholics across England and Wales are invited to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support the Mission Directorate of the Bishops' Conference through the annual second collection.

The day is a reminder that we are all called to share the joy of the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, parishes and communities, witnessing to Christ in our everyday lives.

For resources, reflections and further information, visit: cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday

Tel: 0151 709 9222

Email: enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk



Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Sheila McCormick (Get Well), Ann Franklin (RIP), Irene Webster (Birthday), Thelma O'Regan (RIP), Alexandra Clarke (Birthday Remembrance).

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 24th and Friday 25th 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.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

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!

CANTONESE MASS (廣東話彌撒)

Date: Saturday, 3 October
Time: 2:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ. All are warmly welcome to join us. For enquiries: 074034 89931 (Flora)

YOUNG ADULT LECTIO GROUP

Meets every Friday 6.30pm following 6pm Mass at St Vincent de Paul's Church, 13 Hardy Street. We share Sunday readings followed by snacks and social. Contact: 07546667394 djmoroney@cabtab.net

A ROUTE TO BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Thanks so much to those who have expressed an interest in finding out more. The first session is on Monday 28 September at 6.30pm in the Cathedral meeting room. This is below the Cathedral itself, and the only access is via the car park. The

first session is an exploratory question and answer event. For those wishing to carry on, all sessions will continue to take place on Mondays at the same time and place. Any who are already Catholic and seeking the sacrament of Confirmation should let us know in advance, because there is a separate programme for you. Also, if any of you are students at our universities please consult instead with your own chaplaincies. We look forward to establishing our community. The point of contact is Deacon Paul: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

The Staff and PhD Group of the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities meets fortnightly, from 18:00-20:00, starting 7th October (Mass beforehand in the chaplaincy from 17:30) at the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy. Entrance: Blackburne Place, behind St Philip Neri Church, L8 7NL; tel.: 0151 709 3858; For more information: contact Fr Neil Ritchie (chaplain); email: unichap@rcaol.org.uk ; m: 07927 346 219. In the 2026-2027 academic year, we will be discussing *The Afternoon of Christianity* by Tomáš Halík.

YOUNG ADULTS MASS AND DINNER

With Archbishop John Sherrington – Thursday 3 October

Archbishop John Sherrington invites young people aged 18-35 to celebrate Mass with him on Saturday 3 October, at 5pm at St Philip Neri Church, Liverpool L8 7NL. The meal following the Mass is now fully booked, but all are still **very welcome to the Mass.**

For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

ADOREMUS

Saturday 10 October - 9am – 6pm.

Join us for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "We Are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed! Sign up for workshops here:

archdioceseofliverpool.org/adoremus2026

NUNCIO VISIT

We were honoured last week to welcome the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain to the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Many of you will have met him while he visited locations around the archdiocese, including St Marys Church, Leyland, St John Rigby College, Wigan, and St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church. The Nuncio also visited the Carmelite Monastery, Allerton, enjoyed a concert at St Francis de Sales, Walton, celebrated Mass at St Oswald's Church, Old Swan, to mark 175 years of Sisters of Mercy, and enjoyed afternoon tea & Evensong at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. The visit ended on Sunday after solemn Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 11am, and Evening Prayer and drinks reception that afternoon, where many got the chance to speak with the Nuncio. Following 'A Concert for the Nuncio' on Saturday evening at St Francis de Sales Church, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía addressed the people of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and said: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

Last week's collection: **£1,894.00**

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Golden Book of Remembrance

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