Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

ON THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
8 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 11.00AM

WELCOME

Welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, the mother Church of the Roman Catholic Community, and seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool. We hope you will fully participate in this celebration of the Mass, and that – along with so many others – you will experience the presence of God in this holy place.

THE MASS

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, or the Mass, to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again.

The Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God for his saving work; it is a sacred meal which nourishes us spiritually and anticipates the heavenly banquet, and it is a holy sacrifice, making present the one true sacrifice of Christ our Saviour.

Roman Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is truly present at the Mass; in the assembly gathered as the Body of Christ, through his Word made present in scripture, but supremely under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Eucharist the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is wholly and entirely present.

Strengthened by this sacred food, we go forth to build up the Body of Christ in this world, and to bring his healing and salvation to all peoples.

The Celebrant for today's Mass is Mgr Anthony O'Brien.

The wreaths will be laid by a member of the Cathedral Community and by the Head Boy and Head Girl from St Edward's College.

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The Mass setting for today's Mass is taken from the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

At 11.00am, two minutes' silence is observed and wreaths are placed on the Sanctuary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT *during the incensation of the altar the Choir sings*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine:	*Give them eternal rest, O Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis.	*and may your light shine on them forever.*
Te decet hymnus Deus, in Sion;	*To you our praise is due in Zion, O God*
et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem.	*Give them eternal rest, O Lord,*
Exaudi, orationem meam ad te omnis caro veniet.	*To you we pay our vows.*

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
R. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL RITE *the Choir sings*

Kyrie eleison,	*Lord have mercy,*
Christe eleison,	*Christ have mercy,*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord have mercy.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who rule both the living and the dead and are merciful to all,
we humbly beseech you,
that those for whom we pour out our prayers
may obtain pardon for their sins through your tender mercy,
rejoicing together, blessed in your sight,
and praising you without end.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62 *all join in singing the response* ***R.*** *after the Cantor and again after each verse*



O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ***R.***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***R.***

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R.***

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. ***R.***

SECOND READING *from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *all join in singing the Gospel Acclamation after the Choir and again after the verse*



Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of man is coming.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
R. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *25:1-13*
R. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH *all join in saying*

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MOTET *a collection is taken for the upkeep of the Cathedral or please use the QR codes at the back of the booklet, meanwhile the Choir sings*

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu. O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis ne absorbeat Tartarus. O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, ne cadant in obscurum.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit. O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the lion's mouth that hell not engulf them. O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, may they not fall into darkness.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semine eius.

Sacrifices and prayers to Thee O Lord, with praise, we offer; do Thou accept for those souls whom this day we commemorate; Make them, O Lord, from death to pass to life, which Thou once promised to Abraham and his seed.

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu. Ne cadant in obscurum. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of the departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit. May they not fall into darkness. Amen.

The Celebrant says
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All stand and say
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

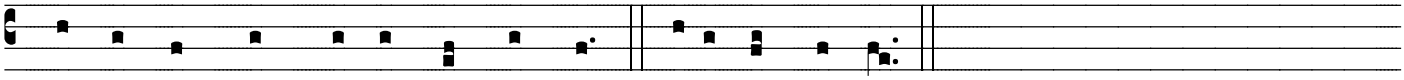
By your acceptance of this sacrificial offering, O God,
grant that your servants
may be sharers in the abundant riches of Christ,
so that with him they may be raised again to life
and receive a place at his right hand.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

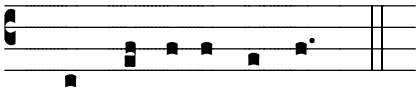


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

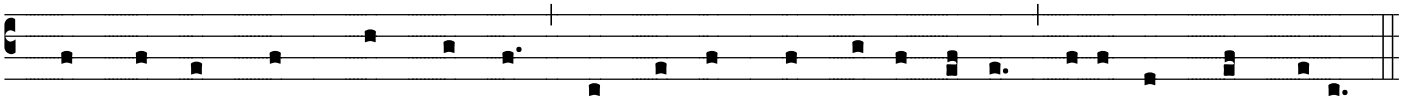
SANCTUS *the Choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus,	*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Deus Sabaoth.	*God of hosts, heaven and earth are full*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	*of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *all join in singing*



The mystery of faith.



We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

A Chorister sings

Pie Jesu Domine,	*Gentle Lord Jesus,*
dona eis requiem sempiternam.	*grant them eternal rest.*

GREAT AMEN *all join in singing*



A-men. A-men. A- men.

COMMUNION RITE

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. **And with your spirit.**

AGNUS DEI *the Choir sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi,
dona eis requiem.
lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum santis tuis in aeternum,
quia puis es.
Requiem aternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant them eternal rest.
May eternal light shine upon them,
O Lord, with your saints forever,
for you are rich in mercy.
Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.*

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All join in saying
R. **Lord, I am not worthy**
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Those who are not Roman Catholic, or do not wish to receive communion, are welcome to come forward in spiritual communion. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest or eucharistic minister that you would welcome his or her words of spiritual communion.

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings*

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Deliver me Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that dreadful day, when the heavens move and the earth, while Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Tremens factus sum ego et timeo dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra. Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae. Dies illa, dies magna et amara valde. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

I tremble and fear for the reckoning will come and wrath befall, when the heavens and earth are moved. That day, day of wrath, of calamity and misery. That day, a great day and most bitter. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda, quando coeli movendi sunt et terra, dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal on that dreadful day when the heavens and earth are moved, and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear, O God, your children,
nourished now by the Sacrament of salvation,
and, as through the Holy Spirit,
you raised Christ, your Only Begotten Son, from the dead,
so grant to your faithful servants
the joy of life and immortality.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
R. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings

In Paradisum deducant te angeli:
In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in
civitatem sanctam Ierusalem.

May flights of angels lead you to paradise, and heaven's eternal day. May martyrs greet you after death's dark day, and bid you enter into Sion's light!

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

May choirs of angels sing you to your rest with once poor Lazarus, now for ever blest!

SILENT RECESSION

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