

## Mass Intentions Received

Teresa O'Neill (26<sup>th</sup> RIP Anniversary), Gerard Webb (RIP). Holy Souls, Bobby Shacklady, Donnelly Family Deceased, Georgina Cummings (Mother's Day), George Disley (RIP), Michael Browne (Anniversary RIP), Ann Power (RIP), Tony Edwards (RIP), Peter Scalon (In thoughts and Prayers), Allan Williams (Good Health), Stuart Duggan (RIP), Peter McAvooy (RIP), Esther Deshaut (RIP), Anthony, Eddie and Stephen Connole (Intentions), Eddie, Helen, Finn and Ted (Intentions), Nora and Patrick Farragher (RIP), Bridget and Thomas Connole

(RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Marie McGuinness (RIP) Billy Ryan (RIP), Rowena Nelson (RIP), Pauline (RIP), Agnes Connolly (RIP), Lynn Duffy (RIP), Natalie Dowd (Thinking of you), Paula (Intention), Monica Tidgwell (RIP), Brannigan Family (Intention), Kyle McKenna (Get Well), Emily Owens (RIP), Peter Argent (RIP), John Gavin (Anniversary), Paul Midgley (RIP), David Turney (RIP), Peter White (RIP), Catherine Wells (RIP), Frank McNally (RIP), Lesley (Intention), Janet Rogerson (RIP), Franciscan Missionaries of the Renewal USA, Sr Anne Prendergast SMG (Intention).

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 31 March 2019

### Sunday 31 March Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8.30am** Mass  
**11.00am** Family Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Choral Mass  
**1.00pm** Polish Mass Crypt  
**3.00pm** Choral Evening Prayer  
**4.00pm** Mass RLUH  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 1 April

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Sung Mass

### Tuesday 2 April

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Sung Mass

### Wednesday 3 April

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Thursday 4 April

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass SS  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Friday 5 April

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Saturday 6 April

**8.45am** Morning Prayer  
**9.00am** Mass  
**6.30pm** Vigil Mass Crypt

### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

6.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday  
4.00pm – 5.00pm on Friday

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**Monday - Friday:**  
Following the 12.15pm Mass

**Saturday:** 11.00am – 12noon &  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

### Crypt

Crypt Chapel

### SS -

55 Seel St,  
Missionaries of  
Charity

### RLUH -

Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

### CLERGY:

#### PRIESTS:

Canon Anthony  
O'Brien Dean  
Mgr Peter Cookson  
Fr Stephen Lee  
Fr Philip Carr

#### DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings



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# Cathedral Record

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

**To ponder:** The father shares his love with both of his sons, but many things can stop us from doing the same.

**Pope Francis reflects:** In some people we see an ostentatious preoccupation for the liturgy, for doctrine and for the Church's prestige, but without any concern that the Gospel have a real impact on God's faithful people and the concrete needs of the present time. In this way, the life of the Church turns into a museum piece or something which is the property of a select few. In others, this spiritual worldliness lurks behind a fascination with social and political gain, or pride in their ability to manage practical affairs, or an obsession with programmes of self-help and self-realization. It can also translate into a concern to be seen, into a social life full of appearances, meetings, dinners and receptions. It can also lead to a business mentality, caught up with management, statistics, plans and evaluations whose principal beneficiary is not God's people but the Church as an institution. The mark of Christ, incarnate, crucified and risen, is not present; closed and elite groups are formed, and no effort is made to go forth and seek out those who are distant or the immense multitudes who thirst for Christ. Evangelical fervour is replaced by the empty pleasure of complacency and self-indulgence. [95]

**Question:** Is sharing the Good News of God's mercy something we have forgotten about? Is it something important in my parish and in my life?

**To ponder:** The Father's love is unconditional but Christians sometimes want to pick and choose who receives the Good News.

**Pope Francis reflects:** The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone ... No one is saved by himself or herself, individually, or by his or her own efforts. ... This people which God has chosen and called is the Church. Jesus did not tell the apostles to form an exclusive and elite group ... To those who feel far from God and the Church, to all those who are fearful or indifferent, I would like to say this: the Lord, with great respect and love, is also calling you to be a part of his people! [113]. Being Church

means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love ... It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. [114]

**Question:** Who needs the Good News of God's mercy today?

**To ponder:** Neither the elder son or the younger understood the father's mercy and so they were unable to share it. If we have understood then we have something to share.

**Pope Francis reflects:** In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41). ... So what are we waiting for? [120] **Question:** Whose job is it to share the joy of the Gospel of mercy?

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 19 May 2019 where once again we will meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park. Previous walks have been excellent! Further details from [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) New walkers are always welcome.

## CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be Thursday 11 April at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room when we shall meet to discuss A Man with one of those Faces by Caimh McDonnell. All are welcome.

## CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Is now selling a great selection of Mother's Day Cards and Gifts. Pop in and get yours today.

## LADIES DAY

Back by popular demand is Ladies Day which will take place on Saturday 29 June in the Crypt Concert Room from 4.00pm until 9.00pm. Tickets are £35 each and includes a glass of fizz on arrival, and a delicious 3-course summer meal. We are delighted that Frankie Connor from Radio Merseyside has agreed to act as our compere for the evening and providing the entertainment will be Danny Morris who formed part of the Eton Road Band and came to our attention on the X factor. Danny has kindly agreed to come out of retirement for our event! As last time the ballet dancers from Aspirations Theatre School will also be entertaining us. Fantastic prizes for the raffle. All in all a

great afternoon event and a chance to put on your best dresses and get glam? What are you waiting for? Get your tickets from Cathedral House and for more information email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

## NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Next week we have a very special day here in school. We will be hosting a visit for a group of overseas teachers from China. They are visiting Liverpool University and as part of their visit they inquired about the possibility of visiting a primary school. We were delighted to be considered for this and so on Tuesday we will meet the teachers and share some time with them through the day. They will see the school in action meeting and talking with our wonderful children and our dedicated staff. They will watch a variety of lessons being delivered to eager learners. What a fantastic learning opportunity for us all here at school to learn fmore about the Chinese culture and their education system too. I will let you know how the day goes!

## EASTER EGGS

Please would you consider donating an Easter Egg to the Cathedral this Lent. We will be sending half of anything we receive to the Women's Refuge on the Wirral and also to the 2 Refuge Houses that are in Liverpool, charities that are so deserving and in real need. The other half will be raffled after the Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday.

## EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life. You are invited to buy a lily in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the 10.00am Family Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for their names.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation course will start on Sunday 5th May at 11am, immediately following the 10am Family Mass. This session had originally been planned for 28th April but due to other commitments has had to be changed. Thank you for your understanding.

## STONEHURST TRIP

Is planned for Tuesday 9 July 2019. We will be given the opportunity to see the various chapels and historic rooms within the building, and the tour will also give an insight into the daily life and routine of Stonyhurst pupils, past and present. It is also hoped that we will be able to visit Theodore House. Depending on numbers the estimated cost for the visit will be £37.00 per person if 20 people sign up, or £27.00 if 40 people attend – both figures will include the entry fee and return coach travel from the Cathedral. Lunch is offered for an £15.00 a head, or we can bring our own lunch. If there is sufficient interest then the visit will be arranged. A non-refundable

deposit will be required for each person of £20.00 at the time of booking. If you are interested in attending this trip please let Malcolm Ranson know either by email: [malran@btinternet.com](mailto:malran@btinternet.com) or phone 07785 306572.

## LENTEN TALKS 2019

**Walking in the footsteps of the Saints  
Five Reflections on practical ways  
to deepen our Spiritual Life**

**Tuesday 2 April Fr Denis Blackledge SJ**

St Ignatius of Loyola  
The Spiritual Exercises

**Tuesday 9 April Archbishop McMahon**

St Augustine  
The Confessions

*'You have made us for yourself and our hearts  
are restless till they rest in you'*

On Tuesday evenings we have Exposition 6.00-7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Talks will begin from 7.00-8.00pm in the Gibberd Room. All welcome.

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Flannery who has died this week. Joe was a great supporter of the Cathedral and acted as a Cathedral Steward for many years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace. Details of funeral not known at time of printing this newsletter.

## EASTER FLIER

Detailing all the services over Easter is available at the back of the Cathedral and Crypt for you to collect and take home with you.

Last week's collection **£1,198.00**

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9.00am – 5.00pm  
Sunday  
10.00am – 4.00pm

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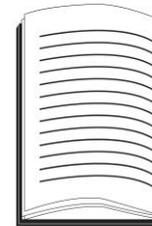


## GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

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The 5.15pm Mass on the first Friday of every month will be offered for all those who are recorded in the Golden Book.

Monday – Friday  
10.00am – 3.30pm



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CRYPT

— THE MYSTERY OF THE —  
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— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —  
**ARCHITECTURAL SECRET**

Open Monday-Saturday: First Admission: 10.00am Last Admission 3.30pm

Crypt Admission Charges: £3 Adults, £8 Family (2 adults + 2 children) £2 School Parties (per person)