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Farewell from Fr Philip

As many of you will know by now, I am due to leave the Cathedral in September to take up the role of Parish Priest at Saint Julie, Eccleston and English Martyrs, Haydock.

This appointment by the Archbishop has come as quite a surprise as I was not expecting to be moved, certainly not this year, and I wasn't expecting to be appointed as parish priest so soon as I am a little over two years ordained. But when the Archbishop makes a decision, through obedience to him, we carry out his wishes.

I have been assistant priest here at the Cathedral since September 2018. On my arrival the Cathedral was in the throws of preparing for *Adoremus* the National Eucharistic Congress. This gave me a taste of what was to come, and a realisation that serving at the Cathedral was not going to be like any ordinary parish. But what a time to arrive.

I also had the great pleasure to work along-side Monsignor Peter Cookson, and it was a pleasure. He was very welcoming when I arrived and always willing to pass on words of wisdom from his many years of ministry and service, as well as his rather dry sense of humour. I am blessed to have known him and worked with him even for such a short time. As well as Monsignor Cookson there is also Canon O'Brien, Cathedral Dean. Having already served Fr. Tony as an altar boy many years ago it was a pleasure to have been able to serve with him again as his assistant priest. Again, he has been a great support and guide during my time at the Cathedral and I thank him for all his help. And Fr. Stephen who again welcomed me and has supported me throughout my time here.

I wish I could thank everyone who has supported me individually, but I've been limited to 500 words! Suffice to say, all the staff here at the Cathedral have been a great help and support from day one. From the security and maintenance teams who have gone above and beyond on many occasions to help me, and all at the Cathedral, making our lives easier and safer.

The team of sacristans who did all they could to help along the way. A particular word of thanks to Alison and Chris, the former and current head sacristans who again, have gone above and beyond to make my life easier. To the team of altar servers who have seamlessly made me look as though I know what I'm doing, Julian, Chris and the team are a credit to this Cathedral, and I cannot thank them all enough.

Our Choir, under the leadership of Dr. McElroy, always a joy to hear them sing and raise the roof of this magnificent building in worship of the Lord. I will miss all of this. It is something special and unique to Cathedral life. Finally, to all who work in Cathedral House, Claire and the team have made my time at the Cathedral all that bit easier and I truly thank them all.

Well I've gone over 500 words, but then brevity was never my strongest attribute as my homilies often proved! I thank you all for making me feel welcome from day one, and for the continued support you as the parishioners have shown me. I keep you all in my prayers as I move on and I ask for your continued prayers. Until we see each other again, may God bless you all.

Fr. Philip

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 2 August 2020

Sunday 2 August 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

Monday 3 August 12noon Mass

Tuesday 4 August St John Vianney 12noon Mass

Wednesday 5 August 12noon Mass

Thursday 6 August Transfiguration of the Lord 12noon Mass

Friday 7 August 12noon Mass

Saturday 8 August St Dominic 4.00pm Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Monday - Friday:
Following the 12noon Mass
Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

Robert Hastie (RIP Birthday)

MICAH

Just a reminder also that donations in kind can still be dropped off any time at the constable's lodge at the Anglican Cathedral, outside Liverpool Parish Church, and also at St Vincent's from 10am on Tuesdays and at St Bride's from 10am on Thursdays. As in past weeks the things that they need the most are pasta and tinned fish.

<https://micahliverpool.com/latestnews/>

PASTORAL FORMATION UPDATE

New resources now available include:

- . Reflection for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
 - . Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 - . Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism – a resource that can be used to help families reflect on the sacrament in these times when it is difficult to offer preparation as we may have done pre-pandemic
 - . 10 easy ways to share faith with your child as they grow.
 - . What sort of church do we want?
 - . Nugent's latest 'Let's stay in touch' newsletter.
 - . Nugent's latest 'Signpost' newsletter for the deaf community.
- All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>

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POLITE NOTICE

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

SYNOD 2020 TIMETABLE REVISED AND UPDATED JUNE 2020

1 September 2020
Reflections during COVID-19 Pandemic close

The online portal for receiving proposals in the light of the challenges of COVID-19 will remain open until this date.

18 October 2020
Synod Sunday

A leaflet will remind the people of the Archdiocese of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We

ask this of you in the name of your Son. Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for Pope Francis and all who serve on his COVID-19 Commission to consider how we Build Back Better following the pandemic ... may it bear much fruit and lead to renewed efforts to ensure the world's resources are shared amongst the poorest of the poor.

We pray for the communities facing renewed lockdown measures as a result of COVID-19 ... may local leaders work together to provide the best possible outcomes for the people they serve.

We pray for families in which there is tension and disharmony as a result of lockdown ... may they be supported to try to discover ways of talking through their issues and of coming to a place of peace.

We pray for a more compassionate society in which the needs of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable are prioritised.

We pray for all those who are close to death and those who have recently died ... may they know the eternal love of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember in your prayers the children who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday in the Cathedral.

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen.

Gerard O'Donnell

Lilly Feeney

Maisie Smith

Anthony Heller

Jack Heller

Georgina McMahon

Jessica McMahon

Nicholas Kaduk

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