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A Warm Welcome Back

It is great to be able to have public Masses once again and share Mass with those of you who feel able and safe enough to attend Mass at present and welcome people back to services. During the last four weeks of lockdown the Cathedral has been very quiet with very few private visitors. It almost felt as though we had gone into hibernation for that short period. Behind the scenes there was a great deal of work going on with filming and recording to complete online services and reflections for Advent. Fr Peter and Dr McElroy have been busy producing these and I think the results have been very impressive. They are the Cathedrals' equivalent of Steven Spielberg and George Lucas! I hope you are have found them a helpful part of our Advent journey for this difficult time.

Not only did the clergy miss our Sunday congregations over these last few weeks. The Cathedral sound system also went into a sulk and misbehaved over the last few weeks for the live streaming services. We eventually discovered that the problem was all to do with having to tone the volume down due to the echo and reverberation within an empty building without a congregation. This meant that the balance of the two systems, one for the sound of the choir and the other for the spoken word was all out of sync with each other which affected the volume and clarity of some of the sanctuary microphones. Now that we are returning to congregational volumes we are hopeful that this problem should be resolved for the live streaming. I have made a mental note not to turn down the microphones even if we have an empty Cathedral when we are streaming even if we hear our voices echoing back at us in an empty building.

Looking ahead to the celebrations at Christmas-time in the Cathedral we have now published all the times of Masses and services. The uncertainty of the numbers attending, along with our much reduced capacity in order to maintain everyone's

safety has meant that we have had to introduce a ticketed system for attendance at the major services over the period. It is not a decision that has been taken lightly as we would normally want to have services open to all who come but we have been left with either this or the chaos and awkwardness of having to turn people away. We are however aware that not everyone will be able to book online, and that some services have already been fully booked prior to us reopening for public worship. For those of our regular congregations if you need help obtaining a ticket or have any queries regarding the various services please do get in touch with the Claire at Cathedral House as soon as you can on 0151 709 9222 or enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk.

The online ticketing site is 'Eventbrite' and this can be accessed from the link on our website. The times of our services for Christmas are as follows. The First Vespers and Blessing of the Crib is at 3pm on Christmas Eve. There is Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm and Midnight Mass (with people being requested to arrive 30 minutes in advance to allow for everyone being safely seated). On Christmas Day there are Masses at 8, 9 and 11am. There are also two 'Carols at the Cathedral' services at 6pm on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th December. There are 250 tickets available for all of these Masses and services. The Midnight Mass, 11am Christmas Mass and First Vespers Service will all be live streamed. Once again if you have any problems regarding tickets please contact Cathedral House and if for any reason you have booked tickets and are not able to come please do cancel them so that those places can be available to others. We do expect that there will be a considerable demand for tickets.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 6 December 2020

Sunday 6 December Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 7 December St Ambrose

9.00am Mass
12noon Mass

Tuesday 8 December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12noon Mass

Wednesday 9 December

12noon Mass

Thursday 10 December

12noon Mass

Friday 11 December

12noon Mass

Saturday 12 December

10.00am Mass
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

Confessions will take place in the St Columba Chapel.

Crypt

Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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PASTORAL FORMATION UPDATE

New resources now available include: Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent (also available as an audio download). Readings for Christmas. Week 13 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ. Key characters of Advent: John the Baptist. All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

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.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones writes, '...I will be putting images of the O Antiphons online (www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk) and invite you to consider downloading them and displaying one each day from 17th until 23rd December on your windows. You can colour them yourselves, perhaps using the piece of scripture as a meditation or ask someone to colour them with you or use the pre-coloured ones. It may be a beautiful way of tangibly expressing our Christian identity in these times. "One kind word can warm three winter months" Japanese proverb. God Bless, Helen.'

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We pray for Christians throughout the world as we enter this second week of Advent and especially those in the land of Jesus' birth ... may they know true peace in these troubled times.

We give thanks for the advances being made in the search to find effective vaccines against the coronavirus ... may they be shared generously across the world, especially in the poorest countries.

We pray for all who feel their work is undervalued ... may this time of prayerful preparation bring them peace.

We pray for those who are ill in mind or body ... that the healing and unconditional love of God will make a difference in their lives.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge has started once again, and is needed now more than ever before. As you start your own Christmas shopping please consider popping a little bit extra in for these families who have been through a tough time, and have found it more difficult than ever during lockdown. Please be as generous as you can.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower 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 11.00am Mass on Sunday 27 December will be offered for all their names.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Things will look and feel slightly different this year for our Christmas Masses. So that we can keep everyone safe and adhere to the guidelines everyone has to have a ticket. We hope that we have catered for everyone. Please see the Dean's Record on the first page on how to apply for tickets. Please don't leave it until the last minute as tickets are limited due to our capacity. We look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral at Christmas.

CATHEDRAL MUSIC STAFF TO RUN MARATHON FOR MICAHA

Music staff from the two Cathedrals in Liverpool are coming together to raise money for MICAHA, the social justice

charity set up by Liverpool Cathedral, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and St Bride's Church to relieve Liverpool residents from social injustice and poverty. Christopher McElroy is Director of Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Stephen Mannings is the Director of Music Outreach at Liverpool Cathedral. The pair will be running a marathon on New Year's Eve 2020 to raise money for MICAHA Liverpool. Chris and Stephen are hoping to raise £2000 for MICAHA, to assist them in their current projects to combat unemployment and deliver emergency food aid and affordable food at this difficult time for so many people. It is also hoped to raise public awareness of issues relating to poverty and social exclusion, which are particularly acute in our city at this time. The pair have launched a JustGiving page to help them reach their target.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/micahmarathon>. If you would feel able to make a donation and sponsor Chris & Stephen this would be greatly appreciated, and would go a long way to supporting the work of MICAHA in our city, amongst our most underprivileged communities. Please pray for good weather (or at least not high winds and gales!) The full route will be posted on the just giving page, as well as regular updates as the date draws closer.

Last week's collection: £-



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The Golden Book is open and accepting your entries but on a limited basis for the time being.

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