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Cathedral Record

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Cathedral Organ

The first images that catch the eye as we enter our Cathedral are those of the altar that has pride of place as the central focal point of the building. Our gaze is then drawn upwards to the Archbishops Chair and onwards to the central arrangement of organ pipes displayed above the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with the magnificent trumpets pointing outwards on each side. For probably the next 18 months the harmony of that image that we are used to will be broken as work begins to renovate and refurbish the grand Cathedral Organ. After 54 years the organ is in desperate need of repair with preliminary discussions regarding this work taking place almost five years ago. It has taken this long for work on site to begin and during that time we have had a few occasions when the instrument has developed faults which have rendered it almost unplayable. Despite the significant disturbance at present and the longer term inconvenience this is essential work to enable the Cathedral organ to accompany our liturgies and support the musical life of this place for the next 50 years.

campaign which will not be easy at such difficult time when individuals and organisations everywhere are facing huge financial difficulties. I could go on the streets busking but probably wouldn't make much. Mind you it is much cheaper to change the strings on a guitar than repair an organ!

Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February this year. There will be two masses on that day at the Cathedral at 12 Midday and 5pm.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

The scaffolding structure should be completed by this weekend. The organ console has been stripped down and taken off site already and for the next five weeks the process of removing most of the pipes and working parts of the instrument gets underway. The largest organ pipes will remain. After everything has been stripped down this will be taken offsite to be worked on and then returned and rebuilt in 15 months time. All of this at a cost of roughly £1.2 million. As with everything within our cathedral everything is on a grand scale particularly when it comes to repairs and costs. We will in the near future have to start up a major fund raising

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 7 February 2021

Sunday 7 February 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday 8 February 12noon Mass

Tuesday 9 February 12noon Mass

Wednesday 10 February St Scholastica 12noon Mass

Thursday 11 February 12noon Mass

Friday 12 February 12noon Mass

Saturday 13 February 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

There are no confessions taking place at the Cathedral at the moment.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Mary Welsh and John Lawrence Gallagher (RIP), Rachel Helen Donnelly (RIP Remembrance), Moira Shipley (90th Birthday), George Nielson (RIP), Nora Nielson (RIP), Nora Rukin (RIP), Brian Dooley (RIP), Michael Wadsworth (RIP), Hilma Gornall (RIP), Veronica Sinnott (RIP), Maureen Dowdall (RIP), Monica Matthews (RIP), Jean Price (RIP), May Bellis (RIP), Jacqueline Cain (RIP), Sheila Evans (RIP), Marjie Coffey (RIP), Mary Furey (Get Well).

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones Pastoral Associate writes 'Spring must be on its way! Maybe you able to venture out a little and perhaps even consider walking 10,000 steps a day for water (sign up for CAFOD's Lenten appeal). I do hope you will take advantage of Zoom if you can and join us on Tuesday evening for Sr Imelda's talk on the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita – patron of the victims of human trafficking. In this time of pandemic much of the trafficking may be invisible. These victims are our brothers and sisters on the margins and our increased awareness can help end their ordeal and restore their dignity. St Wilfrid's will be facilitating Stations of the Cross during Lent – all are invited and if you'd like to read a station (we have a few weeks' worth!) do get in touch. A Zoom drop in is on Wed 17 Feb for anyone wishing to become more familiar with Zoom either as a participant or a "host". You can try out buttons or features from 2:30 – 3pm.

Echoes of God is proving very popular – do join any week. St Josephine Bakhita: *"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate! God bless, keep safe. Helen.'*

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We join Pope Francis in his prayer intention for February: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in America as a new Presidency begins that they will grow together in unity, forgiveness, and compassion.

We pray for the countries in our world where there is a limited supply of vaccines against the coronavirus that the most vulnerable will be given preferential treatment.

We pray for all who are called to the contemplative life that their gift and ministry might bear much fruit.

FISH WITH MARK

God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view at www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk Voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel

of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper.

NEWS FROM MICAH

Foodbank operations carry on safely and efficiently regardless of the lockdown! The number of people Micah has provided with food at St Bride's on the last three Thursdays of January has been, respectively, 327, 350 and 320. In addition there are around 50 or so coming to St Vincent's on Tuesdays each week. We continue to value all your support, whether by way of donations in kind, cash or prayer.

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEAST DAY Tuesday 9 February 2021 7:00 - 8:30pm

An Economy without Human Trafficking with **Sr Imelda Poole** IBVM. We are delighted that Sr Imelda will join us virtually from Albania. We will also be able to view a short film produced by RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation) and guided by Sr Imelda. Julia Bayton who works with early action anti-trafficking support from Refugee Women Connect will also give some input from a local perspective. There will be an opportunity for small group discussion followed by a Q&A with Sr Imelda and Julia. Please do register and join us to help understand Human Trafficking and what we can do. **Registration for Zoom Link: <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> or www.liverpoolsouthpastoral.org.uk**

This event is open to all people of faith and of none. **All are welcome.**

Facilitated by Liverpool South Pastoral Area Justice & Peace and supported by the Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice & Peace Commission.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

By way of illustrating what we have been doing, this week, the music department has held, via Zoom:

- **1** Junior Choir rehearsal
- **1** Youth Choir rehearsal
- **1** Musical Appreciation class
- **1** Keyboard Skills class for our organists in training
- **4** staff meetings
- **12** probationer rehearsals
- **16** chorister rehearsals
- **49** individual singing lessons
- **42** individual chorister theory tutorials

Things have not been quiet!

Last week's collection: **£301.58**



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Golden Book of Remembrance

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

Please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk or telephone 0151 709 9222 where a member of the team will assist you.