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Second Sunday of Lent

One of the in phrases that everyone seems to be using at the moment is 'planning a roadmap'. Being a person who still relies on reading roadmaps rather than a satnav it has instant relevance for me but I would have thought for most people a more understandable descriptive phrase would be 'satnaving the way ahead'. I suppose the problem with using a satnav is you don't have to plan whereas using a map planning and making choices is an essential part of the journey itself.

The Prime Minister indicated certain stages over the next three months to set a course for the easing and ending of lockdown restrictions. This has prompted us at the Cathedral to begin setting out our own stages to gradually open the Cathedral up to more activity.

From March 8th Schools will reopen. Churches within the Archdiocese that have been closed for public worship will reopen during this month. However the restrictions regarding numbers attending funerals and for weddings and baptisms remain the same. The services during Holy Week at the Cathedral will be subject to various changes. The mass of Christm will be open to a limited invited congregation and live streamed. The Good Friday Services may have to be ticketed and we will have an extra morning mass on Easter Sunday morning. More details to follow on these various celebrations during the next couple of weeks.

Pentecost is celebrated on 23rd May this year. From this date we hope to open up the Crypt Chapel for mass on Sundays and also offer a more extensive choice of daily masses. However as with everything else this will not automatically mean that we will revert to times and schedules that were the normal routine prior to the

pandemic. From this date all weddings, funerals and baptisms can have a congregation of up to 30 people attending.

The Diocesan Synod will take place over the weekend of 19th and 20th June and following this weekend if all goes to the PM's plan all restrictions for social mixing will be lifted. We are planning and hoping to fully open the Cathedral and Crypt from the first weekend in July.

We move forward still with considerable care and caution but now with some light and hope that an end is in sight. Whether that will be a final or temporary end to the restrictions is the real unknown.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 28 February 2021

Sunday 28 February Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 1 March St David

12noon Mass

Tuesday 2 March

12noon Mass

Wednesday 3 March

12noon Mass

Thursday 4 March

12noon Mass

Friday 5 March

12noon Mass

Saturday 6 March

10.00am Mass
4.00pm Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 10.30am, and again between 3.00pm – 4.00pm on Saturdays.

Crypt Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, James Patrick Hynes (RIP), Anthony Ormseher (RIP), Lindsay Sumner (RIP), Granny Kelly (RIP), Mrs Margaret Hegarity (RIP), Johnson Family, Mary Furey (RIP), Nelly Flynn, Raymond Furnival (RIP), Lottie Isabell Platt (RIP Birthday), Lillie Ellen Platt (Sick) and Hayley Louise Ambrose, Doreen Guyers (RIP), Margaret Rusk (RIP), John Pollard (RIP), Mrs Tsai (RIP).

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones Pastoral Associate writes, ' I have been out on the highways and byways getting in my 10,000 steps for CAFOD's Walk for Water through sunshine, wind and rain, through mud, fields and on the pavements. The slight discomfort I experienced when walking my steps is nothing compared with the 10-hour daily trek for water which was so starkly illustrated when we prayed the CAFOD stations online along with Colette our CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator last week. You can see the edited version on the St Wilfrid's, Garston YouTube channel: they are moving, inspiring and thought provoking. On Monday do look out for the Synod Talk on coping with the COVID crisis given by John Bell (Iona Community) which promises to be excellent (7pm www.zoom.us Meeting ID 822 3528 9988). Much of our activity has gone online and I know all our communities are doing their best to reach out to those who are not on the virtual

network and keeping in touch. Our prayers combine spiritually for a safe end to this enforced isolation. A quote by the Japanese author Haruki Murakami from Kafka on the Shore. "And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. ... When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about".. God bless, keep safe! Helen.'

'FROM ASHES TO EGGS: A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT.'

Lent meditations by Fr Chris McCoy. Available each Monday from 5pm during Lent on our Facebook and Youtube channels. Each session lasts about 20 minutes and consists of prayers, poems, stories on different Lenten themes. We hope you can join us.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember in your prayers this week John Pollard who died last week. John was a huge supporter of the Cathedral and he volunteered as Cathedral Steward and he loved the time he spent at the Cathedral and especially his work within the Education Department - he had a number of 'favourite' school groups who made regular visits. His passion was for Church Choral Music and he loved listening to the organ and the choir. He attended Evensong almost every evening in a Cathedral or major Church somewhere in the country. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord God, With all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

For leaders of nations, for economists and for politicians ... that God's radiant light will shine on them and that they will bring true peace, with justice, to their people.

For all who have material, political or spiritual power ... that they may resist any lure of corruption.

For the work of CAFOD, our Catholic aid agency ... that through its service, people in need all over the world will experience our support.

For all in particular need in our neighbourhoods and parish communities ... that they may receive sufficient support to live hopefully in these difficult times.

NEWS FROM MICAH

Following the Foodbank at St Bride's Church we smashed our previous record of people we dealt with. Previously, the most people fed with emergency food parcels was 368. This week we

fed 394 people, plus a further 76 at St Vincent's - 470 in total. This time last year, 180 was considered a very busy session - with twice the number of volunteers there. None of this could be achieved without everyone's continuing generous support. Thank you! Please drop off any items of food that you have at the Cathedral Security Office.

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is hosting a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis each Tuesday in Lent at 7.30pm.

Pope Francis on: Refugees & Migration, Sr Imelda Poole, 2nd March

LGBTQ+ Ministry, Fr James Martin, 9th March

Church Hierarchy, Christopher Lamb, 16th March

The Environment, Dr Lorna Gold, 23rd March

Women in the Church, Sr Gemma Simmonds, 30th March

<https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

IN CONVERSATION THROUGH HURTING, HEALING AND LOVE

'Listening with Love' is a seven-session resource inviting people to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals and the Church. The material is designed for use in small groups, with a leader and participants. The survivors who generously offered their time to produce this resource, identified the themes and decided that, in conversations, the voice of the survivor could be heard.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/listening-with-love/>




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