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# Cathedral Record

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## Easter Sunday

### 2021 Easter Message from the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

The events of the first Easter morning began quietly, in stark contrast to the violence and baying crowds which accompanied the crucifixion on Good Friday. Mary Magdalen went to the tomb early in the morning on the first day of the week – while it was still dark – while it was quiet with no people around and none of the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem, the busy city. Things began to change when she saw that the stone had been rolled away, she ran to Simon Peter and the disciple John saying, ‘they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him’. The disciples ran to the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, they believed. Mary though was not joyful, she did not have hope, she stood outside the empty tomb weeping asking where the body of Jesus had been taken. Yet as she recognised the risen Jesus her life was transformed moving from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy and from despair to hope.

For over a year now we have been living under the darkness of the pandemic, just as the light of the Risen Christ is always with us so we have seen light in that darkness

through the bravery, generosity and kindness of others.

The light offered to us by the heroes of our NHS, carers, and all who have worked to keep our country going.

Easter is always a time of reawakening and this year as a country we are approaching our own reawakening. Our villages, towns and cities have been quiet, but they are slowly and cautiously coming back to life.

We are seeing hope through the vaccine, developed through the gifts of science, giving us hope for a better and safer future. There have been times of grief, loss, doubt and despair during the dark days, and we hold in prayer all who have suffered. We bring those times to our celebration of the resurrection which begins in darkness in our churches with the lighting of the Easter Candle symbolising the risen Christ. A life-giving light overcoming the darkness, bringing healing to a broken world. Just as the lives of Mary Magdalen and the disciples were transformed on the first Easter morning so too our lives may be transformed as we embrace the light of the Risen Lord who sheds his peace on all humanity.

May God bless us all on this glorious Easter Day.

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 4 April 2021

#### Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday

**10.00am**  
**9.00am** Mass  
**11.00am** Mass  
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

#### Monday 5 April 12noon

Mass

#### Tuesday 6 April 12noon

Mass

#### Wednesday 7 April 12noon

Mass

#### Thursday 8 April 12noon

Mass

#### Friday 9 April 12noon

Mass

#### Saturday 10 April 10.00am

Mass

**4.00pm** Mass

**RECONCILIATION (Confession)  
There are no confessions taking place this week.**

#### Crypt Crypt Chapel

**SS -**  
55 Seel St,  
Missionaries of  
Charity

**RLUH -**  
Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

#### CLERGY:

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Ashcroft Family (Intentions), Loretta Ashcroft (Special Intentions), Heather Kelly (Special Intentions), The Kearney Family (Intentions), Margaret Robinson, Simon and Muriel O'Neil, A and B Abercrombie, Carley and Staff, Sheila Mak (RIP), Baby Sofia, Special Personal Intentions, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to those who were able to donate towards our Easter flowers that decorate the High Altar. Many thanks for your generosity. It is so much appreciated.

## NEWS FROM STUDENT HOUSE

There will be a simple 'retreat' aimed at young adults running from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. There will be a number of activities both online and outside (within Covid restrictions) aimed at supporting you to encounter Christ crucified and risen this Easter. All the activities will be centred on and timed around the main celebrations at the Cathedral. If you would like more information and to receive a 'retreat' booklet please contact James based at the Student House next door to Cathedral House or email [diloroney@cantab.net](mailto:diloroney@cantab.net).

## MET CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults aged 18 to 35(ish) from the Cathedral community are meeting together each week via Zoom.

Worship Wednesday - every Wednesday. A time of prayer,

and reflection of some shared reading.

Currently we are reading Pope Benedict XVI's 'School of Prayer'. Social Sunday - 1st Sunday of the Month. An opportunity to socialise with each other, and hear some input.

Sycamore Sundays - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays (begins 14th March)

Using videos and discussion points from the popular Sycamore project we will explore and deepen our appreciation of our Christian faith. If you would like to join them please contact Fr Peter by emailing [p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk) or calling Cathedral House.

## 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.

## NHS BLOOD TRANSPLANT

"NHS Blood and Transplant needs your help. We have lots of available appointments at Liverpool Donor Centre over the Easter period. You could help by booking an appointment to donate blood today! We are working closely with the rest of the NHS to keep supplying lifesaving blood to hospitals during the coronavirus pandemic and we need people to keep donating as normal. We have

extra safety measures in place and every precaution is being taken to eliminate the risk of covid-19 transmission at our blood donation sessions. Having an appointment to give blood is classed as essential travel and will be exempt from any local or national travel restrictions. Black, Asian and minority ethnic donors are also specifically needed right now, because:

- Some patients who receive frequent blood transfusions need blood to be closely matched to their own
- A number of blood conditions, like sickle cell disease which is treated through blood transfusions, most commonly affect black, Asian and minority ethnic people
- The best match typically comes from blood donors from the same ethnic background

While people from all communities and backgrounds do give blood, fewer than 5% of our blood donors who gave blood in the last year were from black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. This is despite BAME communities representing around 14% of the population. We want to try and readdress this balance. Whether you are a new or regular donor, please visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk), download the NHS GiveBlood app or call us on 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment today. Thank you for helping us to save lives.

## NEWS FROM MICAH

This week has seen numbers rise yet again - 108 people at St Vincent's and 418 at St Bride's have been provided with essential food, thanks to the continuing generosity of our donors. The crisis is clearly far from over. Needs in particular are for long life milk, Weetabix type cereal, tinned beans, tomatoes or other veg and pasta. Please drop off any items of food that you have at the Cathedral Security Office.

## THANK YOU

To all those who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make Holy Week 2021 possible. It is a challenging time for everyone but with the contribution, no matter how big or small, of many people - staff and volunteers, all playing their part, and simply doing what they do best - we appreciate all your help and support, guidance and dedication. Thank you.

## EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION

On Easter Day we still feel pain, Our own pain and the pain of others. But a new element has been introduced. It does not remove the pain, But gives it a meaning, and lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive And speaks his word of peace to us. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us, and a deep sense of peace. Jesus has broken the power of death, And given us the hope of eternal life. Lord, guard this hope with your grace, And bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.

Last week's collection: **£714.32**



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