



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

**BIENNIAL MASS
FOR THE KNIGHTS OF
ST COLUMBA**

**CELEBRANT
ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON OP**

**ON THE VIGIL OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY 12 JUNE 2021 AT 3.00PM

The Principal Celebrant is Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Ecclesiastical Adviser.

The Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and members of the Board of Directors will be present, and the Provincial Grand Knights.

The music of the Mass is led by Cantor and Organist.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS We have put in place some new measures to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. This may mean that Mass feels a little different to the way we are used to celebrating. Please read our guidelines below:

WHEN YOU ARRIVE You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward. You will be directed to the hand sanitizer.

All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times.

You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place. Any children accompanying you must do the same.

Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.

There will also be contactless donation points available for those wishing contribute via debit card.

Toilets will remain closed at all times except for a genuine emergency. The Gift Shop will be closed.

DURING MASS There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no congregational singing.

HOLY COMMUNION Will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass.

The words “The Body of Christ” and the reply “Amen” will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.

The volunteer stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.

You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.

Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister’s hands.

You must then step to one side, lower your face covering and place the Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the Cathedral immediately.

AFTER MASS Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Use only the designated exit.

Please do not gather in the Cathedral porch or on Cathedral property for conversations.

Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

If you are experiencing a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change of taste / smell please return home and consult your GP.

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.

Please be advised that this Mass is streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT *the Cantor sings*

Exaudi Domine vocem meam,
qua clamavi ad te:
adiutor meus esto, ne derelinquas
me neque despicias me,
Deus salutaris meus.

*Lord, hear my voice when I call to you.
You are my help,
do not cast me off,
do not desert me,
my Saviour God.*

Gregorian Chant

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION AND PENITENTIAL RITE *after welcoming the congregation the Archbishop leads the Penitential Rite.*

All join in saying

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

GLORIA *the Cantor sings 'Mass XI' – Gregorian Chant*

COLLECT

Let us pray.
O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Brother Bertie Grogan, the Supreme Knight*
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91 *the Cantor sings the psalm*

R. It is good to give thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING *read by Brother Ray Pealing, Provincial Grand Knight (Liverpool Province 2)*
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *the Cantor sings the acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY *Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP*

PROFESSION OF FAITH *all join in saying*

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL *the Archbishop begins*

God is greater than our hearts and knows all our needs. Counting on the Father's boundless mercy, we now pray.

Sean Mulligan, Director for Spirituality and Welfare continues

For the Church, especially our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Malcolm, all our bishops and all in positions of leadership in the Church, may their obedience to the Gospel of God's love bear fruit in the lives of all those for whom they care.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

For all world leaders and politicians, especially in countries which have undue influence over other countries, may the people that represent us always serve the common good and work for peace and justice.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, may all divisions in the world be healed, violence cease, and the peace of God's Kingdom reign on earth.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

Lord you chose your disciples to spread your word, as you speak to those who are to follow them in proclaiming your Gospels, we pray that their hearts and minds may be open to your calling to enter the priesthood and religious life.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

For the Brothers and family members that are sick and housebound and for all who care for them; may they be strengthened by the risen Christ.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

For all our deceased Brothers and family members, may all the good they done on earth allow them to be positively judged on their journey to Christ's kingdom. May the merciful Lord forgive them their sins and welcome them into his home.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

In silence let us place our own intentions before the Father, and with Mary our patroness, who already shares in the resurrection, we pray:

Hail Mary...

The Archbishop concludes

Heavenly Father, help us to love one another and to remain in your love. Hear these prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *the Archbishop takes the Book of Remembrance and says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. You have made us all and call us all to spend eternity in your presence. Keep in your tender care our deceased brothers in Christ whose names are contained in this book. May it be a reminder to us to keep them always in our prayers and to prepare ourselves by a life of integrity and charity for everlasting life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

The Book is then placed in the Sanctuary beside the banner while the Archbishop offers the bread and wine.

The Archbishop says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food
and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,
that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

SANCTUS *the Cantor sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus,
Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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All kneel and the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

**R. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

GREAT DOXOLOGY *the Eucharistic Prayer concludes*

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE *all stand as the Archbishop invites everyone to join in saying the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

The Archbishop continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

AGNUS DEI *the Cantor sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world. Grant us peace.*

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The Archbishop says
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Archbishop's Communion.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *the Cantor sings*

Unam petii a Domino, hanc requiram:
ut inhabitem in domo Domini
omnibus diebus vitae meae.

*One thing I seek:
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

Gregorian Chant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Before the blessing the Supreme Knight, Brother Bertie Grogan, addresses the congregation and presents a cheque to the Cathedral Dean.

HYMN *all stand and the Cantor sings 'Floreat Columba', whilst the Remembrance Books are taken to the St Columba Chapel*

- 1 Come men of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry rank and station,
Come rally round the Standard of Columba's valiant sons,
For Fatherland and freedom, for homes and altars free
And the old faith of our fathers in our land and o'er sea.
Columba, Columba, Floreat Columba,
May God protect our holy faith,
Our Fatherland and thee.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL *the Archbishop says*
The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

A Deacon says
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNION *please remain in your seats until you are asked to come forward by one of the Cathedral Stewards. The Cantor sings*

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum,
pauper pauper servus et humilis.

*The bread of heaven
is made the bread of men;
The bread of heaven
puts an end to all symbols.
What a wonder!
A poor man partakes of the Lord,
a poor and humble servant.*

César Franck (1822-1890)

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