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Congratulations Bishop Tom

Now that many of the University students have returned there are a lot more people and a great deal more general activity around the Cathedral throughout the day and even into the night for some young revellers. It is good to see life returning gradually to this part of the city centre. I hope that any new students who may be joining us for Mass will be made to feel welcome amongst our congregations.

Bishop Tom Williams will be conferred with the Honour of the Freedom of the City at a ceremony in the Town Hall this Thursday, 30th September. Part of the ancient privileges of being a Freeman of the city was that the freeman had the right to herd his cattle and sheep through the town centre. Bishop Tom certainly possesses a couple of Shepherd's Crooks but as far as I know hasn't any intentions of herding any sheep through the town centre. We have within our archive collections the ornate scroll and mahogany casket that was given to Archbishop Worlock many years ago when he received a similar honour. I guess the city would not be able to bestow such lavish gifts today, but I shall look forward to seeing what Bishop Tom receives. I offer Congratulations to Bishop Tom on receiving this well earned honour for the many years that he has ministered in the City of Liverpool both as a Priest and Bishop.

We are also experiencing a gradual increase in the number of general visitors coming to the Cathedral. The new welcome desk seems to work well within the entrance area of the Cathedral with the Welcomers and Guides now having an obvious engagement point for those entering the Cathedral. I am grateful to the many volunteers who give their time providing this valuable service of welcome and helping people to get the most out of their visit to our Cathedral. Having the online facility at the welcome area for providing tickets seems to have also resulted in an increase in the numbers of people visiting the Lutyens Crypt.

Looking ahead to Sunday 3rd October. Archbishop Malcolm will preside at the 11am Mass. During this Mass he will be welcoming members of the Knights of St Columba who will be attending Mass and installing those undertaking senior office. Later at 3pm there will be the 'Pause for Hope' Service for all affected by cancer.

Throughout most of next week the Cathedral will be the venue for Liverpool Hope University Graduation Ceremonies. The original end of the summer term conferment of degrees had to be postponed and rescheduled until this time of the year. The University will be setting up on Monday with the graduation ceremonies taking place on three sessions each day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The 5pm Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week will be held in the Crypt Chapel.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 26 September 2021

Sunday 26 September 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 27 September St Vincent de Paul

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass

Tuesday 28 September

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass Crypt

Wednesday 29 September Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass Crypt

Thursday 30 September St Jerome

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass Crypt

Friday 1 October St Teresa of the Child Jesus

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass

Saturday 2 October Guardian Angels

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

RECONCILIATION (Confession) (From 4 September onwards)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass Crypt
Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.
Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Stephen Lee
Fr Chris McCoy
Fr Peter Murphy

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Theresa Anders (RIP), Christine O'Reilly (RIP), Veronica Maxwell (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, David Callaghan (RIP), Joan Bostock (RIP), Barry Rossiter (RIP), Mary Eileen Joyce (RIP), Daniel Lynch (RIP), June Lynch (RIP), Dr Meg Whittle (RIP).

"WITH YOU ALWAYS" PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

We are looking forward to supporting families in preparing their children to receive the great gifts of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and now invite you to register your interest.

If your child is in Year 4 (or above) at school and is wanting to celebrate these two Sacraments this year, please contact Fr Peter by emailing p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk

before Friday 24th September.

PILGRIMAGE

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11th October 2021. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

The children have returned refreshed and enthusiastic for what we hope will be another

fantastic year at St. Nicholas'. It has been a busy start to the year and the children have settled back in really well. After a long break we are able to start organising and planning for trips out of school. Years 5 & 6 enjoyed their visit to the Cathedral for the Eyes of the World Conference. The children and staff are also looking forward to our Maths Party Day on Friday and with our Macmillan Coffee Morning taking place as well, I am sure they will be full of cake by break-time!"

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will start this weekend at the 10.00am Family Mass. All children attending this Mass would be welcome to join in. An announcement will be made during the Mass. If anyone would like to help out on a rota basis for the Children's Little Church please contact

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL READERS

We are actively looking for people to come forward who are interested in becoming part of our Guild of Readers. This is a really important ministry within our Cathedral community. As we start to think about our own road map and adding in more Masses to our timetable we need people to come onto our Readers rota. You don't need any previous experience and full training will be given, and any concerns or queries will be answered. All you need is some confidence and to be reliable. If you would like more details, or are interested please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and we can then put you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

CATHEDRAL BOOKCLUB

We are delighted that after meeting on Zoom since March '19 we hope to meet again in person from September. If anyone is interested in joining our friendly reading group please email

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

GREETING OUR VISITORS AT THE CATHEDRAL WELCOME DESK

This is an exciting voluntary ministry that is all about greeting visitors with warmth and hospitality. We have our regular parishioners, others who call in to pray and reflect, and many who are visiting for the first time.

For those seeking a guided tour, we direct them to a member of our first-class guiding team, close at hand. Welcoming at the desk is a specialist ministry and thankfully, volunteers are coming forward. We have spaces. We would ask you please, to consider join us for one three-hour period each week at 10-1 or 1-3, Monday to Saturday. I look forward to hearing from you. Deacon Paul p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

VOLUNTEER YOUR TEACHING TALENT

Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful cathedral. 'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future'. For more information about what is involved please contact us

at education@metcathedral.org.uk

MICAH FOODBANK

Although in August the foodbank has returned to normal operations after 18 months under restrictions, we are now preparing, along with many other agencies in Liverpool, to welcome and support refugees expected from Afghanistan in the coming weeks. Full details, including a full shopping list, can be found on the Micah website: Plan for Afghanistan - Welcome to Micah Liverpool. For anyone without online access, items particularly needed for the women and children we expect to see include jars of baby food, sanitary products, nappies (sizes 4 - 6) and toiletries in general. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY

As we enter the last week of the Season of Creation, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of creation and the fruits of the earth which sustain us. Many churches and schools do this through Harvest Festivals – bringing the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and sharing these offerings with those in need. In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day on the first Friday in October. So, this coming Friday, 1 October, we are invited to give thanks by going without a meal or some form of amusement and giving what we save in this way to CAFOD. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don't have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters. You can find out more about this Friday's Fast Day here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

Will meet on Sunday 10 October. All welcome. For further details email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Last week's collection: **£951.00**



— THE MYSTERY OF THE —
LUTYENS CRYPT
 — LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

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 Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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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 goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk or telephone 0151 707 2107 where a member of the team will assist you.