

## *Being in Communion*

### **MEMORÁRE PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*During this time of conflict in Eastern Europe we invite everyone to put the people of Ukraine under the protective mantle of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace.*

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy  
protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence  
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of  
virgins, my Mother.

To thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word

Incarnate, despise not my  
petitions, but in thy mercy  
hear and answer me.

Amen.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace,  
pray for us.**

A feature of late May and early June each year is the celebration of the Sacraments, occasions now come and gone for another year.

Every year, for a period at least, it is a joy to see our First Communicants returning with great excitement to receive the Lord again and make their second, third and fourth Communion, always approaching the altar with special attention, concentration and reverence, as they are taught to do in their preparation lessons. Sadly, but perhaps inevitably, as the weeks and months pass, this excitement and attentive reverence wanes; receiving Communion becomes no longer extremely special but mundane and ordinary.

*Corpus Christi* this weekend challenges us all to re-evaluate our attitude to Holy Communion, rediscovering that reverent attention and excitement at receiving the Lord in the Communion of the Church. All of us can profitably be reminded of the ease with which we slip into almost disregard for the precious gift that is offered to us at Mass. Jesus himself, present amongst us, is inviting us to share in his life. He mysteriously draws us into his saving sacrifice and spiritually feeds us, in communion with our brothers and sisters.

For Catholics, this communion is not achieved because we share at the table. Rather, we share at the table because we are in communion, responding in faith to the objective reality of Jesus' presence. I believe because it is true, it is not true because I believe.

This weekend, therefore, may this wonderful solemnity re-invigorate our faith in the true presence of Christ. Let us each reflect on *my* disposition and reverence in receiving Him, who comes to us in this most remarkable way. *'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof... but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed'*

*Fr Brian O'Mahony*

## DAY FOR LIFE

The focus of the Day this year is the care of the elderly. The pandemic highlighted the plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic sickness. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by minimal funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing. We invite everyone to reconsider the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make choices to build bridges between generations. There will be a retiring collection to assist the work of promoting the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life through the support of national organisations and groups working in this field. For more information, see <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/day-for-life-2022/>

## RETURNING TO MASS

Following the recent plenary meeting of the Bishops of England and Wales in Cardiff, all Catholics are now invited to return to Mass. The invitation states that *"the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply... and that (...) "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation."* (...) *It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded (...), because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation."*

To read the entire document please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

## TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10am MASS

Please join us for tea and coffee after the 10am Sunday Mass in Cathedral Hall. It is a wonderful

opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners. Everyone is welcome.

## SVP BOOK SALE

The SVP book sale will take place in Cathedral Hall this **Sunday 19 June from 10.30am–2.30pm**. Do please come along and pay us a visit.

## GRAND ORGAN FESTIVAL

The next recital in the series will be given on **Wednesday 22 June** at 7.30pm by Peter Stevens, our Assistant Master of Music. He will perform Widor's Symphonie VI, Chaconne from Partita by Middelschulte, Le Banquet Céleste by Messiaen and Toccata by Pott. Tickets are £15, or £12 concession, and are available on the door

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**Friday 22 to Friday 29 July 2022**

Fr Brian O'Mahony will accompany the Cathedral Parish Group to Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage this year. If you are interested in joining the group please collect the information and the booking form from the back of the

Cathedral or from Clergy House Reception. Please ensure that you indicate 'Cathedral Parish Group' when sending your booking form to Tangney Tours.

## VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

Vincentian Volunteers are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During the year, the young people live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. Recruitment for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) is still open. For more details please visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk/>.

## RCIA

If you are an adult living in the Cathedral parish boundary, or come regularly to the Cathedral for Mass, and desire to become

a Catholic or want to explore the Catholic faith you are welcome to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Course which will commence in September. This course is also for Catholics who were baptised young but did not receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For further information and to enrol please contact Fr Vincent on [chaplains@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chaplains@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to him after the Sunday Mass.

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

If you wish to sponsor one of the sanctuary lamps which perpetually burn in the Cathedral, please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/spiritual-life/sponsor-a-sanctuary-lamp>

### CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS) in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in a world famous choir, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 – 13.

All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. Contact Lucy Auger to find out more. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com).

### UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Our weekly newspaper downloads to your smartphone or tablet so you never need to go out in the cold or rain for a paper. A quarterly subscription costs just £20. Ring Michelle on 07436 617650 or email [sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or visit <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/subscribe>.

### CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open at the following times: **Friday 11am-4pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10.30am-3.30pm.** We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in the shop. Retail/customer service experience would be helpful but is not essential as full training will be given. To apply please contact [petermcnulty@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:petermcnulty@rcdow.org.uk)

### CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

The Café is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm for drinks, lunches and snacks. Please do pay a visit the next time you are in the Cathedral.

### HOW TO CONTACT US

**Postal address:**  
42 Francis Street,  
London SW1P 1QW

Clergy House  
Reception is open:  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am – 4.30pm  
(Closed 1.00pm-1.20pm for lunch)  
and weekends 10am - 1pm

Telephone: 020 7798 9055  
**Email:**  
[chreception@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chreception@rcdow.org.uk)

The Chaplains can be contacted through Clergy House Reception if you wish to speak to them or are in need of assistance.

**Cathedral website:**  
[www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

**In an emergency:**  
When someone is gravely ill or has died, and a priest is required outside Reception opening hours, please call 07340 288978.

### REMEMBERING THE CATHEDRAL

When the time is right for you to remember a charity in your will, please remember the Cathedral. Every gift makes a difference. Simply add 'Westminster Cathedral – registered charity number 233699'. For more information, call Marie-Louise on 020 7798 9058 or email [mlvanspyk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:mlvanspyk@rcdow.org.uk).



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No cash? Or prefer to make your offering by 'phone?  
Scan the QR code with your smartphone.

## This week's Diary

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**The Cathedral is open from 7.30am until after the evening Mass each day.**

\* Live streamed via the Cathedral website.

### Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer: 7.35am, Sung Vespers (Choir, except Tuesday) 5pm

Mass: 8 and 10.30am (Latin), 12.30\* and 5.30pm (Choir)

Confessions: 11.30am-12.30pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 1.15-4.30pm

### Saturday

Morning Prayer: 7.35am, Sung Vespers (English) 5.30pm

Mass: 8 and 10.30am (Latin, Choir), 12.30\* and 6pm (Vigil, Sung)

Confessions: 11.30am-12.30pm and 5-6pm

### Sunday

Sung Morning Prayer (English) 9.30am, Solemn Vespers and Benediction (Choir), 4pm

Mass: 8 and 10am (Sung)\*, 12 noon (Solemn, Choir), 5.30 (Sung) and 7pm

Confessions: 10am-12.30pm, 5-6.45pm

### Sunday 19 June

10.30am-2.30pm Cathedral Hall

1.30pm St Patrick's Chapel

3.00pm

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

SVP Book Sale

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Organ Recital: Marko Sever (Westminster Cathedral)

### Monday 20 June

1.30pm Hinsley Room

6.15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

7.00pm Hinsley Room

St Alban, Protomartyr

Legion of Mary

Guild of the Blessed Sacrament

Lectio Divina

### Tuesday 21 June

5.30pm

6.15pm Lady Chapel

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral choir sings with

Westminster Cathedral Choir

Guild of St Anthony

### Wednesday 22 June

12.00pm St Joseph's Chapel

7.30pm

SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

Meditations

Grand Organ Festival Recital: Peter Stevens

### Thursday 23 June

### THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Friday 24 June

7.00pm Cathedral Hall

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** *No Friday abstinence*

Charismatic Prayer Group

### Saturday 25 June

10.00am Lady Chapel

10.30am

12.30pm *Mass cancelled*

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary Group

Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood (Cardinal Nichols)

### Sunday 26 June

1.30pm St Patrick's Chapel

3.00pm

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Organ Recital: Nicholas Tall (Croydon)