



Mass Times and Intentions

Please feel free to request that Mass is offered for a particular intention: envelopes are available to make such a request. Mass intentions are allocated on a first-come basis: if you require a particular date submit a request as early as possible. Please make sure that all requests are given in writing. Thank you.

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Cathedral 18:30 Special intention
St Thomas More 9:30 Sr Maureen Intentions
Cathedral 10:30 Intentions of Gail Wiley
Cathedral 18:30 Pro populo

Monday: Feast of St Matthias

Cathedral 12:15 Brendan Carberry

Tuesday:

Cathedral 12:15 Intentions of Sr Patricia
St Thomas More 9:00 Roy King

Wednesday:

Cathedral 12:15 Private intention
St Thomas More 9:00 Intentions of Mary Sparks

Thursday:

Cathedral 12:15 Dec'd members O'Kane and Flanagan families
Cathedral 18:00 (Extraordinary form) Sanctification of priests
St Thomas More 9:00 Sarah Ann O'Neil

Friday:

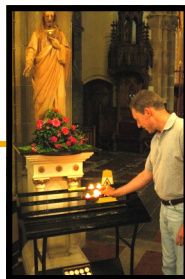
Cathedral 12:15 Intentions of the sisters of Nazareth House
St Thomas More 9:00 Sharon and Ella

Saturday:

Cathedral 12:15 An end to the culture of death & conversion of hearts
Cathedral 18:30 Phyllis Cragg

The Ascension of the Lord

St Thomas More 9:30 Joe Dixon
Cathedral 10:30 Martin McGrath
Cathedral 18:30 Pro populo



Please Pray For...

The Sick:

Frank Howard, Lorna HargreavesTownson, Jane O'Donnell, Mary Sparks, Sandy Hardy, Eva Smith, Marie Partington, Connie Barnes, Baby James, Doreen Williamson, Hugh McBride, Suniti Whitehead, Jean King, William Harrison, Kath and Peter Howarth, Marjorie Norman, Christopher McGrath, Sheila Thomas, Michael Toothill, Karen Sheehan, Louise Whalley, Harry Barker, Nicola Flowers, Keith Barstow, Philip Turner, Gail Ashby, Richard Jones, Jim Murray, Peter Noel Herbert, Moyra Lord, Christopher Browman, Fr John Hawkins, Lewis P, Catherine Kitchen, Peter Boylan, Doreen Colgan, Larry Bellis, Chris Halloway, Thriflin Smith, Betty Spencer, Veronica Forster, Colin and Dorothy Greenhall, Shirley George, Rose Garvey, Radha, Bellu, Daniel Pattinson, Parnell, Mary Christ.

The Lately Dead:

Alice Wilson, Roland Brotheridge, Mary Magdalene Pullen, Mick Hurst, Sarah Anne O'Neill, Martin McGrath

Anniversaries:

Winifred Gibbs, Jacqui King, Charles Joseph McMenamin, John Francis Wilson, Harry Hart, Dorothy Pye, Gerard Woods

"We have loved the departed during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St Ambrose of Milan



Devotions and Confessions

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 8:15am-9am at St Thomas More's: for vocations to the religious life.
Thursday 11:45am-12:15pm at the Cathedral: for vocations to the priesthood.
Saturday 11am-noon at the Cathedral: prayer for the parish, with Benediction.
Sunday 4pm at the Cathedral: Rosary and devotions, with Exposition.
Sung Vespers (evening prayer): Sunday 4:40pm at the Cathedral, with Benediction.
Lauds (morning prayer) is said on Thursdays at St Thomas More's, 8:15am.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Cathedral: Saturday 11:00 until 12:00 and 17:45 until 18:15.
St Thomas More's: Prior to Mass on Sunday Morning.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on request at Cathedral House.

PRIVATE PRAYER

The Cathedral is open for private prayer 08:30 -18:00 every day.
St Angela's Garden of Compassion (at St Thomas More's) open at all times.

DOORSTEP COLLECTION

Throughout Eastertide until Trinity Sunday (3rd June) the Doorstep collection will be for parish funds to help with the remaining heating bills. In the past financial year we have paid £16,978 for heating the Church alone!

From the 10th of June until the summer holidays we will collect for LIFE, especially for the work they do in and around Lancaster.



The Week Ahead

These events are open to everyone and free of charge unless otherwise indicated. In addition to things listed here, times of devotions and confessions are listed above, and Mass times and details of regular group meetings can be found inside the newsletter.

Day	Fourth	Location and time
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Rosary, Vespers and Benediction	Masses as usual 4:00pm & 4:40pm
Sunday	May Devotions, Vespers and Benediction	4:00pm & 4:40pm
Wednesday	Lunch is served in the Cloister café after Midday Mass	12:45pm
Thursday	Prayer for Vocations for religious life and priesthood	STM: 8:15—Mass Cathedral: 11:45-Mass
Sunday	The Ascension	Masses as usual
Sunday	May Devotions, Vespers and Benediction	4:00pm & 4:40pm

Forthcoming events:

7th—10th June Forty Hours
17th June First Holy Communions

More events can be found listed at www.lancastercathedral.org.uk

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST PETER & ST THOMAS MORE



Altarpiece: Lady Chapel
Left: The Annunciation; Centre: Immaculate Conception; Right: The Nativity

Sixth Sunday of Easter

13th May 2012

Psalter Week 2

Today's Readings

Acts 10:25-26; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Mass Responses:

Psalm:

The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: If anyone loves me He will keep my word
And my Father will love Him and we shall come to him.

Evening Mass hymns:

326, 532, 54

CLERGY

Very Rev. Canon Stephen Shield [Cathedral Dean]
Rev. Fr Stewart Keeley
Rev. Deacon Jim Wood

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Headteacher: Miss A. L. Goddard
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OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Headteacher: Mr B. Conboy

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Porta Fidei—The Door of Faith

Pope Benedict XVI's has called for a "Year of the Faith." It will take place from October 11th 2012 until November 24th 2013.

Below is the Second part of an introduction to the 'Year of Faith.'



The purpose of the Year of Faith is intended to lead us into a renewed conversion of our hearts to Jesus and to rediscover the great gift of faith. In so doing we will become more joy-filled witnesses to the Risen Lord in the world of today, and become more able to lead those who are seeking truth to the "door of faith." This "door" opens wide our gaze to Jesus Christ, present among us "always, until the end of time" (Mt 28:20). Through His love, Jesus draws to Himself people of every generation and in every age He entrusts the Church with the proclamation of the Gospel by a commandment that is ever new. Today too, there is a need for stronger commitment to new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith.

St Paul wrote "I know Him in whom I have believed" (2 Tm 1:12). These words help us to understand that faith is first of all a personal call to each of us from God. At the same time, it is also our free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. Our faith is a personal trust in the Lord and the faith which we profess in the Creed are inseparable; they depend on each other. There is a deep bond between the lived faith and its contents. Our faith is the same faith as that of the Martyrs and Saints it is also the faith of the Apostles and Doctors of the Church. It is our faith and we too are proud to profess it.

Faith can be our lifelong companion that makes it possible to see with new eyes the wonders that God works for us. Faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world. So, faith is both a personal and a communal act, it is a gift from God that is lived in the communion of the Church and must be communicated to the world.

Hopefully our initiatives for the Year of Faith will be joyful opportunities to rediscovery our faith. The Year of Faith invites all of us to share that which is most dear to us: Christ Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind, Universal King, "leader and perfecter of faith" (Heb 12: 2).

The Year of faith initiatives will be finalised shortly and will appear in the Newsletter at the end of the summer term.

Prayer for Increased Faith

Almighty God,
every good thing comes from You.
Fill our hearts with love for You,
increase our faith,
and by Your constant care,
protect the good You have given us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, disciple of the Lord, pray for us
St Peter, pray for us
St Thomas, pray for us

DROP IN FOR PRAYER

at **STM Monday 14th May**
Meditation at Noon and 4.00pm with Evening Prayer. Spirituality Session at 7:30pm to 9.00pm with night Prayer. We shall continue our reading of Mark's Gospel beginning at chapter 9 - the Transfiguration. Church Centre and garden open for prayer, tea & coffee, company etc available. ALL WELCOME

Tuesday

The Cathedral Chapter will be meeting. Noon– Midday Prayer 12:15pn Mass with Bishop Campbell

Friday 25th May

Catholic Teaching interfaith work. A talk by Chris Robson in the Cathedral library at 7:30pm. Free admission.

Next Tabletop Sale

Sunday 27th May. If you would like a stall please contact the office. 384820

Communion and Confirmation

Confirmation will be administered at 10:30 Mass next Sunday, **27th** Bishop Campbell will be with us. First Holy Communion will be on **17th June** at the 10:30am Please pray for the candidates and their families.

The Problem of Church Heating...

As you know, only too well, we have had a great deal of trouble, and expense, with the Church boiler in recent years. It seems that its time has about come and it is entering its last stages of existence! As a consequence we need to begin looking seriously at what to do next.

To ensure that we do the right thing - since what we do will have an impact on the years ahead - we need to have a feasibility study done. There is little point in exchanging one inefficient boiler with another of the same. Any work we do needs to be an improvement on what we presently have; it needs to be more efficient, and considerably less expensive to run. A feasibility study is costly but will give us options. If we approach heating firms directly they will, of course, want to sell us their best product. However, it may not be necessarily be the best product for us. A feasibility study sees things with new eyes and wider experience than we have, so it can offer us alternative ways of "thinking outside the box!"

To this end there will be a **fundraising BUFFET SUPPER**, generously sponsored the Johnson family in the garden of **Quernmore Park on 16th June, starting at 7:15pm. Tickets will cost £17.50 (including a glass of wine).** There will be a raffle and a cash bar. We will no doubt have to raise a considerable amount of money in the months ahead, and this is the start. If at this evening event we can raise sufficient to pay for a feasibility study to be undertaken (around £2500) we will begin from a very positive place.

If you would like tickets, or help with transport, please contact the Office 384820, or speak to Caroline or one of the priests.

Next Sunday

...is the transferred feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

Friday Afternoon School Benediction:

At 2:30pm on Friday afternoons the children of the primary school will be in the Cathedral for a time of quiet prayer and Benediction. Parishioners are welcome to come along to join the children. (Lasts about 20 minutes)

150 Club

6th May - C Madhusudhan
No 99 - Congratulations!

"LIFE"

If anyone has any no longer needed baby clothes (0-3months) or equipment LIFE would very much appreciate it. Please leave them at Cathedral House

Also from LIFE:

The "**Flowers & Fizz**" evening will be held at **St Bernadette's social area from 7.30pm on Thursday 24th May.** Cost £8 to include a glass of sparkling wine (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) on arrival, a floral art demonstration by Helen Kitchen plus much more.

Cathedral: Ministries Next Weekend

SATURDAY 6:30pm

Welcomer: P Breslin
Readers: R & S Gerrard
Eucharistic Ministers: M & J Bolton, A Lee

SUNDAY 10:30am

Welcomers: A Goddard
Readers: E Dargue, S Sykes
Eucharistic Ministers: N Hayes, P Sherry, C Dargue, J Booth
Offertory: J Redmayne, M Gardner
Coffee: K Hill
Children's Liturgy: C Hoare, Vazquez
HC: A Houghton, B May

SUNDAY 6:30pm

Readers: E Goodridge, S Armstrong
Eucharistic Ministers: S Talbutt, S Phillips

St Thomas More: Ministries Next Weekend

SUNDAY 9:30am

Readers: P Marshall, R Beveridge
Eucharistic Ministers: M Rawlings, A Gott
Church Cleaning: First Monday of the Month at 1:30pm
Children's Liturgy: Louise W, Siobhan

Information for Readers:

Next Sunday's readings (The Ascension):
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Regular Events and Groups in the Parish

If you would like more information on any of these events or would like to get involved then please contact the Parish Office on (01524) 384820.

MARSH AGE LINK Wednesday morning 10:30 until 12:00 for over 55's. Held at St Thomas More Centre. Tel: 849369.	KEEP FIT TO MUSIC Monday 19:00-20:00 in the Social Centre.	MARIAN DEVOTIONS In the Cathedral Lady Chapel on the first Saturday of each month at 5:15pm. More info from Ruth and Stephen on 840497.	Did you know that the social centre is available for hire?	DROP IN FOR PRAYER Second Monday of each month at St Thomas More's.
CATHEDRAL SHOP Open every Sunday after 10:30 and 18:30 Mass, in the Social Centre.	PLAYGROUP Monday-Friday mornings in the Cathedral Social Centre. Open to all pre-school children.	BELLRINGERS New bell ringers are always welcome to join the team. Contact the Cathedral Office for more details.	CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS Rehearse on Fridays and Sundays. Call the office for more details.	LADY BELL RINGERS Monday evenings 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Moving to the White Cross thereafter! Tel: 384820
CHOIR The adult choir meets to rehearse in Cathedral House each Thursday, 19:15-20:00.	SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION For details of the parish programmes contact Ann-Marie Houghton on 65442.	LENDING LIBRARY Free of charge and open in the Social Centre after both Masses on Sunday.	IMPACT GROUP for young people in school year 9 and above. Meets at St Thomas More's. Call Maureen on 382342.	MEDITATION Hala - 25 Barnacre Close on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm. Telephone 65442 for details.

From the Records:

Attendance last Sunday:

Cathedral: 443 Vespers: 22
St Thomas More: 57

Collections last Sunday:

Cathedral: £529.47 SPUC: £214.69 STM: £76.13

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