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# Cathedral Record

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## Baptism of the Lord

The New Year seems to have got off to a shaky start with the announcement of a further lockdown due to infections dramatically on the rise across the country and news of needless public unrest and protests in Washington – incited by their own president! As they say ‘things can only get better’ and hopefully they will as the year progresses. We are thankfully able to continue with our current schedule of public masses but I need to stress that as much as we want you to join us for mass you should only do so if you feel that it is safe and appropriate for you to do so without putting yourself or those you live with at risk.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist marking the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. As we reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ we recognise how important our faith is to us especially at times of need such as this. Let us continue to pray for each other and witness to Christ in simple practical ways during this year.

Sadly last week Terry Gawne the former Senior Diocesan Surveyor who acted as part time clerk of works here at the Cathedral in the years following his retirement, died suddenly last week. Over the years Terry became a source of information on the inner workings of the Cathedral and we will miss that working knowledge of the building and his wise advice on maintenance schedules and development projects. One of my lasting memories was of Terry coordinating the lifting

of the glass structures into place on the Cathedral precinct in 2012 with a team partly made up of German engineers who couldn’t speak a word of English. We had the English crane operators below and the German fitters on scaffolding above and Terry directing operations in the middle through gestures and shouts. It was remarkable how he managed to coordinate the whole operation. He will be sadly missed by staff and contractors who work at the Cathedral.

The work to the Cathedral organ is due to start within the next couple of weeks, although we are still awaiting confirmation of the start date. This will involve the extraction of a major part of the instrument over a two week period. I was at first worried that we would just be looking at an empty void above the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for 12 months while the work was taking place off site. But we have now been reassured that at least some of the largest pipes will remain in place which should mean that on the surface we will not see much difference except that the parts that you see of the instrument will not be able to make any sound. Regardless of this the Sunday evening service of Choral Evening Prayer will restart and be available online from this Sunday evening as well as the live streamed Mass at 11am.

Canon Anthony O’Brien Cathedral Dean

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 10 January 2021

#### Sunday 10 January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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

#### Monday 11 January 12noon Mass

#### Tuesday 12 January 12noon Mass

#### Wednesday 13 January 12noon Mass

#### Thursday 14 January St Kentigern

12noon Mass

#### Friday 15 January 12noon Mass

#### Saturday 16 January 10.00am Mass 4.00pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION (Confession)**  
**Monday - Friday:**  
Following the 12noon Mass.  
**Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.**

**Saturday:** 3.00pm – 3.45pm

**There are no confessions taking place at the Cathedral at the moment.**

**Crypt**  
Crypt Chapel

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

**RLUH -**  
Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

#### CLERGY:

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Cathedral Community, Hospital Chaplains, Brian Coyne (RIP) Catherine Winifred Shields (RIP Anniversary), Annie Harten (Get Well), Choudhry Family (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Catherine Nweke (RIP), Elizabeth Pearson RIP.

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones Pastoral Associate wrote, 'I originally wrote this before the events unfurled in the USA: My prayers are that healing at all levels will begin in the political arena and for all of us suffering in these times. I have been so heartened by the number of emails, texts and phone calls received from people as far afield as the US and Japan (!) who along with many "locals" enjoyed the Advent Service – many thanks once again to all who contributed to this wonderful uplifting moment. I wonder if we can work on something for Lent? There are many opportunities for Scripture study online – look at thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk for details of monthly sessions from Menevia Diocese, a Dom Henry livestream from Brentwood on 23 Jan and more besides. We're running a seven week zoom Scripture session on David Mcloughlin's Echoes of God – looking at the coming of Jesus echoed in Old and New Testament scripture. It will be facilitated by some of the Pastoral Associates, is open to all online and should see us through this lockdown: it's friendly and informal – you don't need to have profound insights; we share what we are

comfortable with at all levels. Watch this space for details. Following on from Fratelli Tutti, the St Hugh's FCJs will be facilitating a reading/discussion group on Pope Francis' Let us Dream online Fridays from 15 Jan at 4-5pm – all are welcome. Contact [fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com). God Bless, Helen.'

## POLITE NOTICE

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.

## NEWS FROM MICAH

Donations over December have us in good stead for at least the next few weeks. The things we will be in need of first, though, are cooking oil, UHT milk, and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap). For those of you who donate, there's your shopping list. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed over the last few weeks. We have fed over 300 people a week in December.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL JUSTICE AND PEACE ANNUAL COMMISSION MEMORIAL LECTURE

**Sunday January 17th at 2pm (on Zoom)**  
This year's Memorial Lecture will be given by Mary Colwell, an award winning writer and producer specialising in natural history, environment, religion and human stories; she is also a Feature Writer

for the Tablet. The title of the lecture will be: **'To Prepare a Future Full of Hope Amid Chaos and Uncertainty'** To register your place please go to the J&P website [jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) or use the link <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/>

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

We pray for Pope Francis ... may his vision of a better, more just and peaceful world, through a fraternity and social friendship which welcomes the contribution of all, be born in our hearts and communities this Advent.

We pray for all who continue to face poverty and hardship ... that they may be guided to services which can provide them with enough for their needs in these days.

For those who grieve and mourn the loss of a loved one ... may they be comforted.

## GIVE BLOOD

On 7th January Liverpool Donor Centre will be temporarily relocating from its current venue to: Suite A, The Capital Building Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9PP. If you have an appointment booked it will remain on the same date and time, but please check your donation venue before you attend. During these unprecedented times, we need you to keep donating as normal to maintain blood stocks. If you haven't booked an appointment, please do so now...  
**Use the GiveBlood app visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23**

## LIVING LAUDATO SI' YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET

Zoom retreat, 22-25 January 2021. (led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria).  
**WHY?** Faith is the place to start.  
**WHAT?** Understanding is the place to start.  
**HOW?** Sharing experience is the place to start.  
**WHERE?** Your parish the place to start.  
**WHO?** Are YOU the place to start? What will happen? A long weekend of talks and discussion on Zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish. Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join in.  
**Times:** sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night and Sunday afternoon and night. Speakers include Trish Sandbach, John Paul de Quay and Sr Margaret Atkins. Voluntary donations are gratefully accepted but there will be no fee for the weekend.  
To apply please email Sr Margaret Atkins at [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

Last week's collection: **£687.24**



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