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Season of Creation

During the last eighteen months, many of us have been aghast at those who remain sceptical about the Covid-19 pandemic and see it as some sort of conspiracy.

Sadly, there are plenty of people who view the constant warnings about climate change in a similar way. However, the evidence is undisputable, and the latest report from the United Nations warns us that if we don't take action now, the damage to the earth, our common home, will be irreversible. Just this month we have heard about terrible fires in Europe and the United States, as well as unprecedented flooding in various cities.

In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, about these issues and established a Season of Creation in the Church's Year to help us to focus on the cry of the earth. The season begins this week with the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' on 1 September and runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.

A prayer for our earth was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. *It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.*

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 29 August 2021

Sunday 29 August
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

Thursday 2 September
12noon Mass

Friday 3 September
St Gregory the Great
12noon Ordination of Canon Thomas Neylon

Saturday 4 September
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

Monday 30 August
St Edmund Arrowsmith
12noon Mass

Tuesday 31 August
12noon Mass

Wednesday 1 September
12noon Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
(From 4 September onwards)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass
Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 10.00am – 11am & 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

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Eve Wilkie (RIP), Brian Smith (RIP), Joan McGivern (RIP), Emily Cairns (RIP), Kelsy and Baby Tom Brown, Marie O'Neill, Mr Terry Smith, Amelia Flynn, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Freddy Numa Hidalgo Valera (RIP).

COMMEMORATE KEY WORKERS SERVICE

Dean Sue from Liverpool Cathedral and Dean Tony from the Metropolitan Cathedral warmly invite you to join them for a service to commemorate the Key Workers on Sunday 19th September 2021 at 3pm at Liverpool Cathedral. You are asked to please be seated by 2.30pm. RSVP to Jayne Bainbridge Tel: 0151 702 7204 Email: jayne.bainbridge@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

JOB VACANCY

An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to be based at Philip Neri House, 30 Catharine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL. The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the parish priest, Fr Neil Ritchie. This is a permanent post working 4 hours per week, Monday and Thursday 10.00am-12.00pm. The salary is £1,903.20 per annum (equivalent to £9.15 per hour), 5 weeks holiday plus bank holidays (prorata) and pension scheme are available. The successful candidate will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service ensuring the chaplaincy areas are clean at all times. The

successful candidate must have;

- Experience of cleaning in a similar role
- An appreciation for the need of sensitivity and confidentiality
- Flexible approach to working hours and duties undertaken
- Ability to work alongside the Priest Chaplain, students, volunteers and general public Closing date: Friday 10th September 2021 This post is not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check

CLEANER IN CATHEDRAL

An opportunity is available for a cleaner to join the wider cleaning team based at the Cathedral. This is a permanent post, requiring the successful candidate to undertake general cleaning duties to exceptionally high standards for clergy, staff and visitors. Details about the post are below:

- Cleaner (Chapels, Choirs areas, Gibberd Room and other designated areas)**
- 20 hours per week**
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday**
- 9.00am – 1.00pm each day**
- £9,516.00 per annum**

Candidates must have empathy with the ethos and mission of the Roman Catholic Church and a commitment to the work undertaken by all at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Applicants must have cleaning experience, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, an ability to work unsupervised and on own initiative, an ability to carry out verbal and written instructions, manual handling ability and a flexible approach to cleaning tasks. **Closing date is 17 September 2021.** To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs or ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

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 out 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

ORDINATION OF CANON THOMAS NEYLON

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021, that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plectia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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