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Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop

Dear Friends, The opening prayer of Mass today, the first Sunday of Advent, invites us to “run forth to meet Christ”. It is with this spirit of hope and joy that today I present to you the Pastoral Plan for the archdiocese. This is the first of the fruits of Synod 2020; of your prayer, listening, discerning and planning. The Synod journey gave us an experience of being what Pope Francis calls ‘the Synodal Church’ – a Church that listens carefully to how the Holy Spirit speaks through the lives, wisdom and concerns of all its members. The four years of the Synod invited us all to ask ourselves: what kind of Church is God calling us to become here in the archdiocese? What is the Holy Spirit saying to us at this critical point in history? I put before you today a vision for the future of the Church in this archdiocese which has arisen from the way the Synod members voted in June 2021. The Synod considered nineteen recommendations. The three that received the most votes were concerning evangelisation, lay ministry and young people. You will see how the Pastoral Plan tries to respond to these. But all nineteen were clearly endorsed by the people of the archdiocese. If we are to truly embrace these and all that we have learned from our journey over these years, then Christ must be our starting point. The first Sunday of Advent is the right time for us to reflect on this as we once again prepare ourselves to welcome Christ. In the writing of the Pastoral Plan, guided by the Synod, four issues have been highlighted that will underpin every part of our planning and thinking for the years ahead. We must be immersed in the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of humanity today; We need to be brave and creative in renewing local structures;

We will develop leadership to attend to changing needs; And finally we must make sure that synodality is embedded in every aspect of archdiocesan life. Thinking carefully about these issues, alongside all that the Synod has given us, has led me to place before you six action areas that will be our focus in the years to come. **1. Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life. 2. Becoming a Church that honours the vocation of all the baptised. 3. Becoming a Church where synodality is embedded. 4. Becoming a Church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission. 5. Becoming a Church where young people and young adults flourish. 6. Becoming a Church that cares for its priests.** I have used the word “becoming” not because we haven’t already been doing many of these things and often doing them very well, but because we are going to develop and strengthen our Catholic life, decision making and action in these areas. The call of Pope Francis, and of popes and ecumenical councils before him, to be a Church which accompanies people, walks with people, is the key change in attitude and approach that I want to place before you. Walking with others, accompanying others, will influence the way we live and work as Catholic Christians in the archdiocese. It will help us re-think our approach to Catholic life. Being together on the road has led us to this plan. It will serve as the way forward for us in the archdiocese in the years to come. I commend it to your prayers and your action. I wish you and your families a blessed season of Advent as we, together, become more and more the Church that God is calling us to be. May God bless you.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 28 November 2021

Sunday 28 November First Sunday of Advent

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 29 November

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

Tuesday 30 November St Andrew

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

Wednesday 1 December

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

Thursday 2 December

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

Friday 3 December

St Francis Xavier
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass
5.00pm Sung Mass

Saturday 4 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
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

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Betty McNally (RIP), Michael Davin (Birthday), Maureen Lamb (Birthday), Joseph Gregory (RIP), David Bone (RIP Anniversary), Raymond David McParland (RIP), Elizabeth Bimson (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Anthony Moulton (RIP Birthday Anniversary).

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to Father Peter for joining us last Friday at our weekly celebration assembly. As we are about to enter into Advent he shared with us the important messages that this time brings with it and blessed our Advent Wreath too which will now form a focal point of our assemblies to the end of term.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

In previous years the Cathedral has offered Parishioners the option to use Offertory Envelopes for their donations at Mass. The use of these envelopes has declined over the years as different methods of donating have become available. We need to decide if the demand is there to continue using them, if you are interested in registering to receive a batch of the Offertory Envelopes next year could you please email a.testo@metcathedral.org.uk

MICAH FOODBANK

Numbers are holding steady at present, but we expect an increase as Christmas approaches. To bolster our supplies, this week we launch our "Reverse Advent Calendar"

campaign. The calendar can be downloaded from the Micah website using this link: [Reverse-Advent-Calendar-with-Gift-Aid-no-date.pdf](#) (micahliverpool.com)

LGBTQ+ Catholics Liverpool Archdiocese Prayer and Support Group

Our next Mass will be at All Saints Anfield on Sunday 5th December at 12.30pm followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends but also to anyone who would like to come along. It would be helpful to know who might attend for catering purposes. If you are intending to come along you are very welcome but please do let us know : You can phone 0151 287 8787 or email frsmaloney@aol.com

LUKE, AN ADVENT GOSPEL – A SERIES OF TALKS

This Advent, we are hosting series of four talks on the Gospel of Luke. As we will be hearing from this Gospel on most Sundays next year, it would benefit us all to refresh our memories and gain some new insights into this rich and varied text. These talks will run on consecutive Wednesdays in the Gibberd Room, beginning on the 24th of November. We also anticipate an opportunity for discussion/Q&A at the end of each session. More details below:

Luke, a Gospel of Inclusion - 1/12/2021 at 7pm - Sr Bridget Folkard SSMN

Luke, a Gospel of Prayer - 8/12/2021 at 7pm - Canon Anthony O'Brien

Luke, a Christmas Gospel - 15/12/2021 at 7pm - Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
For more information please contact

Peter Ross - p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk. Admission is free and all are welcome!

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

We have been delighted with the uptake! There is one vacancy on Thursday and one on Friday, with two on a Saturday afternoon. So, if you want to be based at one of our welcome desks or move about as a guide, or both, we'd love to hear from you: Deacon Paul p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge has started once again, and is needed now more than ever before. As you start your own Christmas shopping please consider popping a little bit extra in for these families who have been through a tough time, and have found it more difficult than ever during lockdown. Please be as generous as you can.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower or plant in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The 10.00am Family Mass on Sunday 26 December will be offered for their names.

CATHOLIC VOICES

Have conducted a couple of interesting surveys about the impact of Covid on our parishes: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

SYNOD 2020

On this 1st weekend of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, we are delighted to be able to receive the pastoral plan. As the Archbishop has said: "This is to chart the way forward for the archdiocese in the years to come." The Plan will be available online at <https://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk> or you can arrange to purchase it from Pauline Books and Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool at a cost of £2 per copy.

There is a summary document for you at Mass this weekend and a postcard for you to take home containing some of the key words from the plan and details of how to access the pastoral plan online.

Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland

Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree

Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJlQkQ0> . Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

12.15PM MASS

Just to note that the 12.15pm Mass next Thursday and Friday will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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