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Gaudete Sunday

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the announcing of the joyful news that the Lord is near to us, he is coming with salvation for his people. We hear in the second reading St Paul's words of encouragement: 'What I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone; the Lord is very near.....' The lighting of the rose coloured candle on the wreath is a final wake up call to make sure everything is ready for Christmas. May the Lord help us to be more understanding and considerate at this time and to respond to the needs of others when the opportunities arise and have a joyful spirit.

The afternoon service at 3pm in the Cathedral this Sunday is a shortened version of Evening Prayer followed by Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols'. This was written for treble voices and harp and composed by Britten when he was travelling by sea from the United States back to England. The texts that he used as his theme for the piece were a collection of Medieval Christmas poems.

A number of school events that had been planned to take place this week have been cancelled recently due to the incidence of Covid cases amongst staff and pupils. At the time of writing there will just be a prize giving evening on Monday for St Mary's College, Crosby and 'The Big Help Project' charity carol concert in the Crypt on Friday evening. Also the final talk of our Advent series on St Luke will be held in the Gibberd Room on Wednesday at 7pm entitled 'Luke a Christmas Gospel' given by Archbishop Malcolm.

Our own Cathedral Christmas Festival Carol service involving all our musicians and singers will take place next Sunday at 5pm. It is a traditional service of Carols, Christmas Verse, Readings and Prayer. It offers us a lovely opportunity to begin to anticipate the Feast of Christmas after the celebrations for the Fourth Sunday of Advent have concluded - why not take the opportunity invite your friends and extended family to come and share in this service with us.

At present the G7 Foreign Ministers are meeting in Liverpool with the Hope Street Hotel being one of the accommodation venues for the delegates. The last time there was this much security presence on Hope Street was when Condoleezza Rice and Jack Straw held meetings here some years ago now- it raised the profile of the city for a short while but I'm not sure what their talks achieved. The meetings this week cover a number of issues such as climate change, the movement of peoples and the global effects of Covid. This has been part of a number of meetings in the UK this year, the others being in Cornwall and Glasgow. Let us hope and pray they have a lasting positive influence on the long term future of our world for the generations that will follow us.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 12 December 2021

Sunday 12 December Third 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 13 December St Lucy

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

Tuesday 14 December St John of the Cross

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

Wednesday 15 December

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

Thursday 16 December

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

Friday 17 December

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

Saturday 18 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

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

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MASS INTENTIONS

Dr George Lwin (RIP), Mrs Pauline Symon (Speedy Recovery), Mr Raj (Rajesh) Patel (RIP 6 months Anniversary), Mrs Monica Lovelady (RIP Anniversary), Joan Ford, Prof Malcolm Molyneux (RIP), Dennis and Rosaleen Conlon (Christmas Intentions), Mrs Eileen Connell (RIP), Andrew Kelly (RIP), Tony (Get Well), Michael Brannigan (Get Well), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, William Anderson (RIP), Mary Hand (Christmas Wishes), Patsy Osborne (Christmas Wishes), Ann O'Gorman (Christmas Wishes), John McDonagh (Christmas Wishes), Joe McDonagh (Christmas Wishes), Nora Fanning (Christmas Wishes), Nicola Richardson (RIP), Rita and Danny McCaughley (Special Intentions), Laura Growney (Special Intentions), Jean New (Special Intentions), Rose Langan (Special Intentions), Michael Maxwell (In Loving Memory), Helen Coulson (In Loving Memory), Veronica and Charles Allen (In Loving Memory).

ADVENT INVITATION

FCJ Centre St Hugh's
15th December 7.30pm – **Write for Rights** – An evening to write greeting cards for prisoners of conscience whose cases from around the world have been highlighted as being particularly vulnerable. Join us in this simple action of solidarity and enjoy some mulled wine, minced pies and a Christmas-y atmosphere.

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday we had a Wear Your Christmas Jumper Day (for £1) for all staff and children. The variety of colours and patterns throughout the school were quite vivid. Some jumpers were, of course, more trendier than others but one thing remained constant through the day and that was the smiles and laughter we all shared by those seeing some of the original and very clever designs. All funds raised went to Save the Children charity.

MICAH FOODBANK

Food bank weekly update: we had over 320 guests last week. We're well stocked with canned soups but are quite low on sweets! That could be jams, honey, biscuits... why not bring in your favourite? Thanks to all who've donated recently! 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-Calender-with-Gift-Aid-no-date.pdf](https://www.micahliverpool.com/reverse-advent-calender-with-gift-aid-no-date.pdf) ([micahliverpool.com](https://www.micahliverpool.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 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.

Young People invited to meet with Regional Church Leaders

If you are between 18 and 35 you are invited to an evening with Merseyside's Church Leaders with an opportunity to meet other young Christians sharing in conversation, friendship and refreshments. Churches Together in the Merseyside Region (CTMR) brings together a gathering of young adults over 18 with different experiences from right across our traditions. They have invited their Church Leaders and would be delighted to welcome other young adults to this open forum.

When: Monday 13th December, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Liverpool ONE, Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, L1 3BT

Programme includes: Refreshments, Music, Reflections, Conversation among all To take part in the event please contact Elisabeth at the CTMR office Tel: 07394 075 951 (WhatsApp is fine) or email office@ctmr.org.uk; to leave a voice message please call: 0151 709 0125 It will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and have a dialogue with all present. The event will be friendly and informal and will also include a prayerful reflection.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No passes are being given out for the Car Park – it will be first-come- first-served.

Last week's collection: **£874.21**



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