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Baptism of the Lord

This week we celebrated the final Feasts of the Christmas Season and from Monday begin the start of Ordinary Time. As per last year we enter a New Year trying to plan ahead without any confidence or assurance that these plans or events will actually take place! But that seems to be the case for every organisation at the moment. The various University bookings that we had throughout January in the Crypt have all been postponed and we are waiting to hear whether the Joint Catholic and Anglican Bishops visit to both our Cathedrals at the beginning of February will still take place.

Thankfully the regular schedule of our Cathedral liturgical life will continue on throughout the year whatever the challenges faced. I would like to thank everyone who had some part in preparing for and contributing to the celebrations over the Christmas period. It is only with the help and involvement of a great many that the full range of services can take place here with all the dignity and ceremony that is required.

There are some things that are certain for this coming year. I am due to travel up to Durham next week to visit the workshop of the organ builders Harrisons. There are some final decisions to be taken regarding the repair of the Cathedral organ console which are better explained in situ. The refurbished and repaired instrument will return to be re-built and re-voiced on site at the Cathedral during the second half of the year. Also within the next few months we will urgently need to agree the scale and level of rebuilding work needed on the Cathedral Piazza Café and Gift Shop. So from the outset we will be declaring a deficit budget for this year and will

be in significant debt by the end of the year.

The major item of Diocesan news over the last year has been the finalisation of the Synod and formulation of the Diocesan Plan that has resulted from the Synod recommendations. Quite what the impact on the ground within parish life will be is not clear at present but it will begin to take effect and be implemented over the coming year. The Cathedral is now no longer a part of the South Liverpool Deanery of parishes, we are part of the Liverpool City Centre group incorporating a few inner city parishes from both the North and South sides of the City. Within the years that I have been at the Cathedral this is the fourth deanery change that we have been part of – I'm beginning to think that no one knows what to do with us!

A liturgical change that is due this year is the change of lectionary translation. A couple of years ago the Bishops Conference agreed to accept the Catholic English Standard Version of the scriptures to be used in parishes for the celebration of the Mass and other sacraments. As with any change there has been quite a bit of reaction to this decision – not least because the current translation in use is that of the Jerusalem Bible and many thought that we would adopt the new revised J.B. translation. It is taking a long time for the new lectionaries to be made available but this is scheduled for later in the year.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and may the Lord be with us, bless us and may his face to shine on us throughout this coming year.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 9 January 2022

Sunday 9 January

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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 10 January

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

Tuesday 11 January

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 12 January

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

Thursday 13 January

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

Friday 14 January

St Kentigern
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 15 January

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jake Cathcart (Thanksgiving), Diane Fanning (Birthday), Maureen Kearns (Seriously Ill), Mrs Joan Ford (RIP), Lee Leaf (In loving Memory), Edward Malone (RIP), Pat Brennan (RIP), Michael Quinn (RIP), Ava White (RIP), Bp Vincent Malone, Norah Spargo (In Loving Memory), Harold Spargo (In Loving Memory), Spencer Leigh Cahill-Spargo (In Loving Memory), Sarah McGann (In Loving Memory), James McGarry (In Loving Memory), James Terence McGann (In Loving Memory), Bernie Gardener (Get Well), Ivory Davies (RIP), Catherine Keeley (RIP), Noel Wright (RIP), Tsika-Kabalai Family (Thanksgiving for God's Protection), Iokabe-Itouai Family (Thanksgiving for God's Protection), Bobongo Family (Thanksgiving for God's Protection), Keto-Bouesso Family (Thanksgiving for God's Protection), Meadow Mary Canavagh (RIP), Teresa Brown, Bernard Wise (RIP), Iroma Wise (RIP), Joseph Wise (RIP), Ruby Mortier (RIP), Antoinette Mortier (RIP), Zadi Mortier (RIP), Iris Mortier (RIP), Christopher Clinch (RIP), Isabella Ali, Joan Coburn (RIP), Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Ted Corrigan (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Catherine Winifred Shields, Margaret Mary Roberts, Antoinette Mazuel.

PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be now be open to visitors for the whole of January. Please do consider a visit!

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Daley, mother of Julian Daley, who died this week. The Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 20 January at 12.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. May she rest in peace.

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new term started for all staff and pupils last Wednesday and it was lovely to see everyone again after the Christmas. As was the case in so many other places of work we were quite anxious to see how many children and staff would be able to start the term as usual but thankfully our first day of term went very smoothly. Here's hoping this continues over the coming weeks for us all. Best wishes for a successful 2022.

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

UNIVERSAL SYNOD

Submissions: 10 January 2022 – 10 March 2022

Synod 2021-2023 for a synodal church: communion, participation, mission called by Pope Francis for 2023 was opened on 9 October 2021. Due to the proximity of the launch of our own archdiocesan **Pastoral Plan**, the start of our reflection process was delayed in Liverpool until the New Year.

As an archdiocese, we are providing opportunities to participate, albeit in a somewhat "lighter" way than our recent Synod 2020 listening and discussion processes. Resources and submissions are online from **Monday 10 January – Thursday 10 March 2022**. The submissions received for the universal Synod will be combined with those from Synod 2020 and will form our archdiocesan response.

We have streamlined the submission process as much as possible without losing the breadth of focus that has been provided by the Vatican Synod Office. **The preferred method of submitting responses is online**

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023 although email and postal submissions are, of course, possible. **The deadline for all responses is 10 March 2022**. A summary of the process and the themes are available to view and download on the **diocesan website**. Further information and resources are on the Bishop's Conference website **www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/** or the Vatican website **www.synod.va**.

The coordinators for the Archdiocese are Fr Philip Inch and Helen Jones whose contact details can be found at the end of this bulletin. The email for all universal synod enquiries: **vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

After a period of consultation the decision has been taken to discontinue the use of the

Offertory Envelopes Scheme for donations at Mass. The use of the envelopes has declined significantly as different methods of donating have become available and the demand is not sufficient to continue their use. A stock of White Gift Aid Envelopes will be available in both the Cathedral and Crypt on the donation boxes if anyone wishes to use one of these. For further information on ways to donate please get in touch with Amanda Testo our Finance Officer, you can phone 0151 709 9222 or email a.testo@metcathedral.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE

That Choral Evening Prayer sung by the Cathedral Choir will now take place immediately after the 5.00pm Mass on Fridays. A perfect end to the week and to start the weekend.

MICAH FOODBANK

We had 220+ on Thursday. Tuesday was cancelled due to the bank holiday, so the 100+ who came the week before got double bags. At the moment we've got plenty of canned soups, but we're low on uht milk, cereal, and noodles. Thanks very much to all those who helped out this holiday season so far. We're so grateful for the continuing gifts of food and financial support - they may not be gold or frankincense, but they are still an offering that means a lot to the entire Micah community.

Last week's collection: **£921.65**



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