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Cathedral Record

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Jubilee Year

Looking through the new Diocesan Directory for this year I noticed that every one of our Bishops living within the Archdiocese has a significant anniversary this year – which must be something of a unique record. Cardinal Michael begins the year celebrating 30 years as a Bishop this month. Archbishop Kelly, now happily retired in St Marie's parish in Southport is next in line celebrating 60 years of ordination as a priest next month. Later in May both our Auxiliary Bishops celebrate anniversaries. Bishop Tom Williams celebrates 50 years of priestly ordination which took place within our Cathedral. Bishop Tom Neylon celebrates forty years, having been ordained by Saint John Paul II at Heaton Park in Manchester when he visited this country. Finally in June Bishop John Rawsthorne, retired Bishop of Hallam and now parish priest in Widnes celebrates 60 years ordination as a priest. Then last but not least Archbishop Malcolm celebrates his Fortieth Anniversary of ordination as a Priest. It promises to be a Jubilee year within the Diocese, mind you Her Majesty the Queen can boast a more senior anniversary than any of these.

This coming week we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning on 19th January and concluding on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on 25th January. We celebrate a Joint Cathedrals Evening prayer here next Sunday at 3pm with both our Cathedral Choirs and Clergy. The guest preacher at this Service will be Sir Mark Hedley.

This Sunday is set aside as a Day of Prayer for Peace in the World.

Reflection; Christ's coming disturbs the ways of the world. He comes in humility, denouncing the evil of injustice and oppression that accompanies the ambition for power, wealth and status. Jesus calls for a change of heart and a transformation of life, which will bring liberation from all that dehumanises. This creates disturbance precisely because he rocks the boat of those who seek only their own interests and neglect the common good. But for those who work for peace and unity, Christ's coming brings the light of hope.

We are invited to commit ourselves to act constructively to make justice a reality, acknowledging where we have strayed from God's ways of justice and peace. Then the answer to our prayer for Christian unity becomes visible as others recognise in us Christ's presence in the world. We can bring the light of hope to those living in the darkness of political unrest, social poverty, and structural discrimination. The Good News is that God is faithful, always strengthening and protecting us, inspiring us to work for the good of others, especially the victims of oppression, hatred, violence and pain.

Prayer

Lord, you led us out of darkness to hope in Jesus.

Unite us in our commitment to establish your reign of love, justice and peace, bringing light to those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment.

Shine your light upon us and surround us with the warmth of your love.

Lift us up to you, so that our lives may glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 16 January 2022

Sunday 16 January Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 17 January St Anthony, Abbot

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

Tuesday 18 January

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

Wednesday 19 January

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

Thursday 20 January

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

Friday 21 January St Agnes

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 22 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)

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

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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!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Sunday 23 January there will be a Joint Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3pm. It will be a service of Choral Vespers with the Choirs of Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedrals. You are warmly invited!

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week schools received new Covid guidance and included in this was to postpone all non-essential visits and visitors into school. We had arranged and were looking forward to a musical concert for the children to enjoy on the theme of well-being to begin the new term but sadly this could not now take place. Hopefully we can have our concert back very soon.

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Would you like to take a more active role in our Cathedral liturgy and become an Altar Server? We are always delighted to welcome new members to the team. We welcome boys and girls aged 8+ to join us, either in the Cathedral itself for the 11am Solemn Mass, or down in the Crypt Chapel where we need servers for the 10am Mass as well. Adults are also welcome. Please chat to one of the senior servers after Mass or email us at enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk and we can arrange a chat. You would be warmly welcomed.

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

At the moment we've got plenty of canned soups, but we're low on uht milk, cereal, and noodles. We're so grateful for the continuing gifts of food and financial support - they mean a lot to the entire Micah community.

Last week's collection: **£875.36**



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