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# Cathedral Record

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## Pastoral Letter

'Last weekend our synodal process, Synod 2020 - Together on the Road, reached its climax in a great gathering of synod members which took place online because of the pandemic. It was a truly amazing event with contributions from the papal nuncio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, and Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, Dr Jessie Rogers from St Patrick's College, Maynooth in Ireland, and, most importantly, from the synod members themselves. In a truly wonderful way, all this took place online using Zoom. It has been a long journey since we began our year of prayer with the National Eucharistic Congress in September 2018. You will remember that this was followed by an extended period of listening: learning to listen to the Spirit speaking in our hearts and in our parish and school communities which resulted in over 25,000 comments and suggestions. During the period of discernment these were grouped into four themes which resulted in 19 recommendations which were considered and voted on at our Synod Day last Saturday. On Sunday the synod members with ecumenical observers met to celebrate Holy Mass in the Cathedral to give thanks to almighty God for sending his Spirit to accompany us on our journey together. We had so much to be thankful for - not only the clear recommendations but also the whole experience of being Together on the Road which has strengthened us as an archdiocese. It was very striking that Cardinal Grech emphasised the role of the Holy Spirit in leading us through our synod process. Among the recommendations which were considered a priority by the synod members are young people, evangelisation, inclusivity, the role of women, lay ministry and love of neighbour. You might say that there are no surprises there, but what they express is a genuine desire among our people to reach out to others and not to be an inward looking and closed community. How we do this in practice will be made clear when our archdiocesan pastoral plan is launched on the First Sunday of Advent later this year. Each of these headings when considered in detail will open for us a more committed and sometimes different way of being a disciple of Jesus. All the recommendations will give shape to how we act as good stewards of our resources and how we focus our energies. There is still much work to be done analysing the full experience of the Synod Day, but I would like to share with you my immediate reaction to the outcomes of our journey so far. In the first place, we care about our children and young people, whether it is in our schools or later as they make their journeys through life as young adults. We have heard a great deal about the challenges

they face; and that we should place their Christian formation, care, and education among our list of priorities is good, and natural. My second reaction is that the priorities which have been identified suggest that being an outward-looking church is essential - evangelisation, love of neighbour and inclusivity all go together. Indeed, our journey through time as God's pilgrim people is undertaken in the midst of humanity, and you have reminded us of the need to be alert to the joys and hopes, the griefs and sorrows of all humanity, and to be, each in our own lives, ministers of God's mercy, love and healing. I was also impressed by something else of which Cardinal Grech reminded us, namely, that synodality is not just a one-off event but is part of the DNA of the church. The synod members asked that we continue to journey together and embrace the rich gifts of ministry that the Holy Spirit has poured out upon all the baptised - some to ordination as bishops, priests and deacons, some to consecrated life, but also to all the lay faithful who have an important part to play. By prioritising our aims for a future direction, we are by no means playing down the many other dimensions of life in the church that emerged across the synod process. As a Catholic community, the celebration of the sacraments and the ministry of the ordained remain at the heart of our life of worship. From my visits to your parishes, I am aware of the great emphasis which is placed on liturgy, especially Sunday Mass, which is always celebrated in a dignified and prayerful way throughout the archdiocese. We must not take that for granted, as it is the outcome of much effort by priests and people collaborating to worship God so fittingly. Another aspect of diocesan life which is embedded in our common practice is ecumenism. So much of what we do as Christians in the archdiocese we do with members of other Christian traditions and our way forward is one that we take joyfully alongside them. Archbishop Worlock and Bishop David Shepherd left us a living ecumenical heritage which is a vibrant witness to God's love for his people. We cannot heed Pope Francis's call to synodality, which he says is the way for the church of the third millennium, without also hearing his environmental challenges, and his call to a greater fraternity between communities and nations. He has set an agenda which takes us beyond the boundaries of our archdiocese. Pope Francis's challenges can seem daunting as we take our archdiocesan synod proposals forward. We will need courage and a sense of daring, and I ask you to keep the archdiocese in your prayers. The discernment goes on and challenges lie ahead but we have confidence that the Holy Spirit will be our guide and helper. Finally, many people contributed to Synod 2020, and they are deserving of our gratitude, but above all I want to thank you, the people of the archdiocese, from the bottom of my heart for your prayerful support for Synod 2020. May God bless you and your families.

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## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 27 June 2021

**Sunday 27 June**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**9.00am** Mass  
**11.00am** Mass  
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

**Monday 28 June**  
**St Irenaeus**  
**12noon** Mass

**Tuesday 29 June**  
**Saints Peter and St Paul**  
**12noon** Mass

**Wednesday 30 June**  
**12noon** Mass

**Thursday 1 July**  
**The Birth of St John the Baptist**  
**12noon** Mass

**Friday 2 July**  
**12noon** Mass

**Saturday 3 July**  
**St Thomas More**  
**10.00am** Mass  
**4.00pm** Mass

**RECONCILIATION (Confession)**  
**The Sacrament of**  
**Reconciliation will take place**  
**at 10.30am, and again**  
**between 3.00pm – 3.45pm on**  
**Saturdays only.**

**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:**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Professor Kypros Nicoladies (Get Well), Maureen Fletcher (Get Well), Vincent Marron (RIP), Carmel Breen (RIP), Mary Dillon (RIP), Ernie Richards (RIP), Geoffrey Fitzsimmons (Sick), Gary (Birthday Intentions), Veronica McLoughlin, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Luisma Almudevar Arnal, Margaret McKenzie (RIP), Mrs Maureen Derry (RIP), Desmond Baboolal (RIP), Maureen Hyner (Birthday Remembrance).

## DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

New Shop: 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm email: [liverpool@pauline-uk.org](mailto:liverpool@pauline-uk.org) Tel: 0151 709 1328. Do pop in and take a look – the Sisters will be delighted to welcome you.

## CONFIRMATIONS 2021

If you are in Year 8 (or above) at school, and wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are now invited to register your interest. You must register both by going online to [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) and by emailing Fr Peter at the Cathedral ([p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk)). If you know of families from the Cathedral who have children in Year 8 please bring this to their attention - especially if they do not attend a Catholic Secondary School. There will be an initial meeting before the Summer Holidays, and then further preparation sessions in the autumn term.

## PLEASE NOTE

The Mass on Friday 2 July 2021 and also Friday 23 July will be at 10am, and not 12noon on that day only. Please make a note! Apologies for any inconvenience.

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE

Helen Jones writes, 'The soft rain has been a welcome relief for the verges, gardens and allotments. I hope some of you have had a chance to look at the results of the Synod voting on the Synod2020 website – these have come from all those original listening sessions we held, reflecting the voices of the archdiocese. Synod is not ended with the voting or even the pastoral plan, we are journeying and learning to "be" synod in the way we are church. It's not an easy path – sometimes it's unclear and messy, sometimes it's counterintuitive or contradictory, but it's also filled with the blessings of listening to one another and building on foundations set millennia ago at the foot of the cross. Confirmation candidates will be contacted shortly, so if anyone else in (year 8s +) wishes to join the programme please register this week at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk)

## JOB VACANCY

Animate is the youth ministry team for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, working with over 10,000 young people a year. The Team Co-ordinator will support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese; as well as helping lead the Gap Year Team. More information on the work of Animate can be found at [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org) The salary for the post is £14,603.40 Applicants are invited to contact Fr Simon Gore (Director of Youth Ministry) on 01744 740 467 or [s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk) for an

informal chat about the role. To download a full job description and application pack please visit [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs) Closing Date: Monday 28th June 2021 This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check by the Disclosure and Barring Service

## SYNOD 2020

The Synod took place last weekend and 420 people took part by zoom and at the Cathedral Mass. Votes were taken on the 19 Synod Recommendations and the full results can be found in the July edition of the Catholic Pic and at [synod2020recommendations.org.uk](http://synod2020recommendations.org.uk) Thank you to everyone who has helped on the journey so far. As was said on Saturday: "The fire is in our hands!" Thanks for your support through our Synod journey.

## FROM 5 JULY

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open for private prayer. The public toilets will be open Monday – Friday and closed at the weekend.

The Cathedrals summer opening times will be;

Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm  
Saturday 9am – 5pm  
Sunday 8am – 4pm

There will be a full team of Guides/Welcomers on duty during the weekday and on a Saturday.

Our Sunday 11.00am Mass will continue to be live streamed.

## 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](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance and we can then get you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

## JOIN US A CATHEDRAL WELCOMER/GUIDE

After a highly successful year of maintaining a welcoming presence in the Cathedral during lock-down, we are looking to recruit more voluntary members to this excellent team. From July, our plan is to revert to our former scheduled duty periods of 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm, Mondays to Saturdays. We warmly invite you to consider joining us for one of these duty periods. You might wish to actively guide groups or individuals. You may prefer to specialise in active Welcome Desk Ministry at the Main Entrance and Crypt. Alternatively, you may prefer to mix both roles within one duty period. Training will be given on-the-job. If you enjoy meeting people, answering queries and overall being personal ambassadors to our visitors, we would love to hear from you! Contact: [p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk)

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## Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book is open and accepting your entries but on a limited basis for the time being. Please email [goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk) or telephone 0151 707 2107 where a member of the team will assist you.