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SYNOD 2020 Update

During the course of August we are taking a few cautious steps to return to normal procedures within the Cathedral. We are still asking all our visitors and parishioners to wear face coverings within the building. Most of the distancing arrangements for seating have been removed but we have kept one area of the Cathedral with these controls still in place for those who would feel safer sitting in this area. However there is plenty of room for the congregation to continue to spread around the Cathedral rather than congregating in certain areas. Communion will now be at the appropriate time in the mass straight after the priests have received communion. We returned to this practice at weekday masses last week and for the first two days half the congregation went out straight away thinking that was the end of mass instead of waiting for the final prayers and blessing – we very easily get into a new routine and it takes a few weeks to return back to our normal ways. We will also be returning to having a collection during mass from 31st July/1st August.

and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.

A note from the Archbishop and Synod Co-Ordinators

We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Synod 2020 Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 25 July 2021

Sunday 25 July
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9.00am Mass
 11.00am Mass
 This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube

Thursday 29 July
St Mary Martha
 12noon Mass

Friday 30 July
 10am Mass

Monday 26 July
Sts Joachim and Anne
 12noon Mass

Saturday 31 July
St Ignatius Loyola
 10.00am Mass
 4.00pm Mass

Tuesday 27 July
 12noon Mass

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

Wednesday 28 July
 12noon Mass

Crypt
 Crypt Chapel

SS -
 55 Seel St,
 Missionaries of
 Charity

RLUH -
 Royal Liverpool
 University Hospital

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tracey Donaghy (RIP), May Sweeney (RIP), Katrina (Sick), Rosemary, Michael and Family (Intentions), Grace Ryan (Intentions), Joan Donnelly, Frederik and Family (Thanksgiving), Jyothinazareth, Louis Gonsalves (RIP), Josie Hyde (Special Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Philip Clarke (Birthdays Remembrance RIP), Vernon New (RIP), Paul Ho (RIP).

CONFIRMATIONS 2021

An email was sent out by the Confirmation Core Team for the Liverpool South Pastoral Area. If you have not received an email, and the Cathedral is your regular place of worship, please let Fr Peter know as soon as possible, by emailing p.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk. It may be that you live geographically outside of our Pastoral Area and therefore have been registered elsewhere.

PLEASE NOTE

The Mass next Friday, 30 July will be at **10am, and not 12noon** on that day only due to weddings taking place. Please make a note! Apologies for any inconvenience.

SUMMER OPENING

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

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 in the first instance and we can then contact you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

ST PAUL'S BOOKSHOP

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. If you are unable to come and visit our centre, you can find us online at www.paulineuk.org. You can also contact us by phone: 0151 709 1328 or email: liverpool@pauline-uk.org. We will post your order to you! Pauline Books & Media - a registered charity - is an expression of the ministry of the Daughters of St Paul who are religious sisters dedicated to communicating the Word of God through all media.

GREETING OUR VISITORS AT THE CATHEDRAL WELCOME DESK

This is an exciting voluntary ministry that is all about greeting visitors with warmth and hospitality. We have our regular parishioners, others who call in to pray and reflect, and many who are visiting for the first time. For

those seeking a guided tour, we direct them to a member of our first-class guiding team, close at hand. Welcoming at the desk is a specialist ministry and thankfully, volunteers are coming forward. We have spaces. We would ask you please, to consider join us for one three-hour period each week at 10-1 or 1-3, Monday to Saturday. I look forward to hearing from you. Deacon Paul

p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

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Are you a retired or part time qualified teacher? You could be part of the cathedral's Education Service team! Come and help hundreds of school children and young people to learn about this wonderful cathedral.

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REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denise Pritchard, a Guide for many years at the Cathedral who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

ORDINATION OF CANON THOMAS NEYLON

The Archbishop of Liverpool announced on Tuesday 6 July 2021, that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Thomas Neylon of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool.

The Archbishop has confirmed that he will ordain Canon Neylon as Bishop on Friday 3 September at 12noon in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

There will be unreserved seats in the Cathedral for people who wish to attend, and whilst tickets are not being issued, it would be helpful if anyone intending to celebrate this special occasion and will be attending the Mass should be advised to register their interest by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

We look forward to this great occasion in the history of our Archdiocese.

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