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Cathedral Record

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Synodal Process

Following the early Mass I will be attending the Annual Judges Service at Liverpool Cathedral this Sunday. It is an occasion for the wearing of formal traditional gowns and an opportunity to gather to pray for those in the legal profession. I always look forward to hearing the guest preacher chosen for this service as it is the one public opportunity for them to share reflections from a faith-based perspective on topical issues with those who are responsible for the law and meting out of justice. On Merseyside this is always held at Liverpool Cathedral but there is an annual Catholic legal service known as the Red Mass, celebrated at Westminster Cathedral – a tradition dating back to the early 14th century in this country. The red symbolising not the presence of the Cardinal, but the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

On the theme of topical issues the whole church worldwide has been asked by Pope Francis to embark on a Synodal Process of reflection leading to a gathering in Rome in 2023. Here in Liverpool we have already held our Diocesan Synod and are now awaiting the publication of our forthcoming Pastoral Plan in Advent which will provide a roadmap for the way ahead. This afternoon at 3pm Archbishop Malcolm will preside at Choral Evening Prayer to pray along with the whole church at the start of this International Synodal Journey and for our own forthcoming Diocesan Plan. In order that we don't end up with Synod Overload I am hoping that our main focus will be our own Diocesan Pastoral Plan, whilst not ignoring what is happening in the wider church.

During the various periods of lockdown it wasn't possible for people to join together at a time of death for the normal funeral rites. At times it wasn't even possible to have any form of church service. There are a number of opportunities during the month of November to remember those who died during this difficult time and offer Mass and know that they are still remembered and prayed for here at the Cathedral. What would be helpful if people could send in names of those that you particularly want prayed for and included in our Pious List for the November List. There will be a full sung Requiem Mass at 5pm on the Feast of All Souls to mark the beginning of this month of prayer for all our deceased loved ones. Please do come and join us for this Mass particularly if you have lost family or friends during this time.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 17 October 2021

Sunday 17 October 29th 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 18 October St Luke

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

Tuesday 19 October

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

Wednesday 20 October

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

Thursday 21 October

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

Friday 22 October

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

Saturday 23 October

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:
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O'Brien *Dean*
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Fr Peter Murphy

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MASS INTENTIONS

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Sharon (Special Intention), R (Special Intention), Lisa, 50 (Birthday Remembrance), Sandra Ambrose (Birthday Remembrance), Carl Peterson (Intention),

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the moment we are continuing to collect donations for our annual Harvest Festival Assembly. Each year we are very touched at the generosity and the variety of donations received from both our wonderful school community and our fabulous staff. The assembly, which the children lead, reminds us how fortunate we are. All donations are taken to The Sisters of Mercy in Seel Street to help with their fantastic work with helping the homeless in the city.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

There are many ways to become a Catholic! Here at the Cathedral, we like to gather a group of interested people for an hour or so each Monday evening. Together, we learn from each other, share, listen and belong. It's totally informal and above all, friendly. We already have a little group of about four, ready to meet soon and explore. Why not get in touch? You'd be so welcome! 0151 709 9222 (Ext 201) enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will start this weekend at the 10.00am Family Mass. All children attending this Mass would be welcome to join in. An announcement will be made during the Mass. If anyone would like to help out on a rota basis for the Children's Little Church please contact

c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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 put you in touch with the Readers co-ordinator.

CATHEDRAL BOOKCLUB

We are delighted that after meeting on Zoom since March 2020 we are now meeting in person. If anyone is interested in joining our friendly reading group please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

Our recent requests for more members have been very successful. We are now focusing on Friday and Saturday afternoons, 1-4pm. Would you like to join us? We'd need a regular weekly commitment. Our work is to welcome our visitors and if you like, to assist in providing guided tours. Some of our members choose to offer desk welcome, or guided tours or both. If you are interested, I'd love to hear from you: Deacon Paul: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

VOLUNTEER YOUR TEACHING TALENT

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. *'It's a joy to watch children be amazed by the sheer beauty of John Piper's lantern of light and colour and be able to bring the cathedral to life for the generations of the future'*. For more information about what is involved please contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

MICAH FOODBANK

Although in August the foodbank has returned to normal operations after 18 months under restrictions, we are now preparing, along with many other agencies in Liverpool, to welcome and support refugees expected from Afghanistan in the coming weeks. Full details, including a full shopping list, can be found

on the Micah website: [Plan for Afghanistan - Welcome to Micah Liverpool](#). For anyone without online access, items particularly needed for the women and children we expect to see include jars of baby food, sanitary products, nappies (sizes 4 - 6) and toiletries in general. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

LECTIO GROUP

A group of young adults meets in the student house by the cathedral every Friday evening to pray together using the Sunday readings and share some food after. If you would like to find out more please email

James: djmoroney@cantab.net

UNIVERSAL SYNOD

For a Synodal Church: On Sunday 17 October, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is going to mark the opening of the local phase of the universal Synod 2021-23 with Choral Evening Prayer in the Metropolitan Cathedral AT 3.00pm. This will also be an opportunity to pray for the forthcoming pastoral plan, the fruit of our own archdiocesan Synod 2020. All are welcome to attend.

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

Is meeting again. New members always welcome. For further details email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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