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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. This Sunday also reminds us of the call that is made to all the baptised to live lives of witness to Christ. Whatever our hopes and resolutions for the year ahead, having celebrated the Feasts of Christs birth we pray that we will travel through the year with the Lord at our side guiding us and lighting our way.

Following the news of the death of Pope Benedict and the celebration of his Requiem mass at St Peters last Thursday we continue to pray for him echoing the words of Pope Francis at the funeral service 'Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever.' Archbishop Malcom will celebrate a Diocesan Mass in thanksgiving for his life and praying for the repose of his soul next Tuesday Evening at 7pm at the Cathedral. A big question remains as to whether Pope Benedict's decision to retire from Papal Office will now be the start of a new trend of popes retiring or was it a one off moment of papal history?

Following the celebration of the Lord's Baptism this Sunday we return to the ordinary time of the liturgical year. Next Sunday is Peace Sunday and the following Sunday is within the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a joint choral

service of Evening Prayer on that Sunday 22nd of January at 3pm in Liverpool Cathedral – Fr Derek Lloyd will be the guest preacher at this joint Cathedrals Service.

Last year ended here at the Cathedral with lots of staff illnesses, a range of sad news and along with heating failures, discoveries of further leaks and flaws within the Cathedral building. The national picture with strikes and disputes and increasing overheads has also affected all of us. Who knows what the New Year has in store but we look forward with hope and renewed energy to a more positive beginning of the year. It will certainly mean donning hard hats here later in the year as building projects and repairs get under way. As for what else that may be in store for us this year beyond the regular rhythm of Cathedral life, we leave that to the grace of the Holy Spirit and to the wisdom and discernment of those in higher authority. May this be a Blessed year for us all and for our families and Cathedral community.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 8 January 2023

Sunday 8 January

Baptism of the Lord

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Epiphany Carol Service
 * This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 9 January

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

Tuesday 10 January

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

Wednesday 11 January

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

Thursday 12 January

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

Friday 13 January

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 14 January

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
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 in the Crypt
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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MASS INTENTIONS

Edith Quinn, John Lucey (RIP), Donal McSweeney (RIP), Michael Burke (RIP), Sister Elizabeth Burke, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Rosaleen and David Conlon (Christmas), Rosaleen Conlon (Birthday), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Nora and Patrick Farragher (RIP), Bridget and Thomas Connole (RIP), Farragher Family and Ancestors (RIP), Connole Family and Ancestors (RIP), Niland Family and Ancestors (RIP), McMahon Family and Ancestors (RIP), Holy Innocents, Teresa O'Neill (Birthday Remembrance), Racheal Cain (Birthday Remembrance), Professor Luis Cuevas (RIP), Michael Cross (RIP Christmas), Jane Daly (RIP Christmas), Simon O'Neill (RIP), Brenda Wareing (RIP), Phil Harrison (RIP), Mr Les Milner (RIP), Mr Michael Howarth (RIP), Hallie Samantha McWilliam-White (RIP), Dr P D Jackson (RIP), Joseph Lamb (RIP), Kate Husain (RIP), Maureen Bird (RIP).

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

Start the New Year on the right foot (plus the left) and join the Cathedral walking group on Sunday, 8th January 2023, for a stroll round the city centre and along the waterfront. Meet in the car park at 12.30pm, suitably attired. En route there'll be plenty of places for a warming beverage if it's a cold day! Distance: about 4 miles. Contact: nicklightbearer@gmail.com.

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Archbishop Malcolm will be hosting another Diaconate Information Evening on **Wednesday 8th February, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre at St George's, Station Road, Maghull, L31 3DF, with refreshments available from 7.00pm.**

The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information email Fr Chris Fallon, c.fallon@rcaol.org.uk or Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk.

CATHEDRAL READERS

Cathedral Readers required - Come and Share the Liturgy of the Word! Would you like to join our group of readers at the many masses here at the Cathedral? We would love to hear from you and require new readers to join our team in this important role for all Masses. No experience is required, all you need is a clear voice! For more information please contact Danielle Myerscough dmmyerscough@gmail.com or 07919894918

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Anthony Wilson who died peacefully on New Year's Day. Sr Anthony, Artistic Director at the Cathedral for many, many years will be remembered fondly by many of the Cathedral family. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 17 January 2023 at Notre Dame Convent, Childwall.

Please also remember Peter Nugent who was a stalwart of the Cathedral for many years who also died over Christmas.

They will both be missed a great deal.

May they rest in peace.

MASS FOR EMERITUS POPE BENEDICT XVI

There will be a Requiem Mass celebrated by Archbishop McMahon on Tuesday 10 January at 7pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

PAX CHRISTI

Next Sunday, 15th January, is Peace Sunday. Archbishop McMahon will celebrate the 11am Solemn Mass and Pax Christi the Catholic Peace movement will have a stall in the foyer with resources and information.

WARM AND COSY

During the winter months, parish centres across the archdiocese will be open to all as 'warm and cosy' hubs. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits with access to TV and wifi and friendly company in a safe and warm space. The centres will be open from 1.00 pm-3.30 pm but opening days will vary, please see the link for more details and information on other places in the archdiocese offering similar support: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2561>

UPDATE FROM THE SYNOD DEANERY COUNCIL

We, as a council, would like to offer our love and support for the Parish of St. Francis

Xavier's after the announcement that the Jesuits will be leaving the parish next April. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Significant progress has been made with regard to electing a Patron Saint of the Deanery. We hope to be able to announce it shortly.

We are looking at ways to put the name of your Deanery Synodal Council (DSC) representative either on your church noticeboard or on your newsletter, so that you will know who to direct any feedback to.

We are arranging events to bring together groups of people, beginning with catechists, as a means of bringing our deanery closer as a community.

We are arranging a visit to the Liverpool Chaplaincy to talk about Synod and hope to arrange a reciprocal visit to the DSC so we can work together constructively for the benefit of the Deanery.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL

"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals, is looking for new volunteers to join our team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients, and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email peter.murphy@rhuht.nhs.uk or by calling 0151 706 2828.

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