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Ordinary Times

One of the most significant details concerning the Gospel accounts is what is not mentioned or covered. We are told nothing about the earlier adult life of Jesus and the briefest information on only a few of the Apostles even though some were authors of, or at least were an influence and source of information, in writing the Gospels. This weekend's Gospel passage begins simply that after John had been arrested Jesus settles in this busy crossroads of a town called Capernaum and from there begins his preaching and gathering together a group of disciples. We can only surmise that this is all that we need to know, namely the message and ministry of Jesus from that time on. Also that the apostles were ordinary people from various different backgrounds with similar doubts, struggles and weaknesses as us. As we begin the ordinary weeks of the year we are reminded that we are called to journey with Matthew's Gospel and in doing so be caught up in the mystery and significance of Christ's life and the same invitation is made to us to follow, as it was to Peter and Andrew and James and John.

Shortly before Christmas I attended a farewell service to mark the retirement of Professor Gerald Pillay as Vice Chancellor of Hope University. He had been in this role for almost 20 years and during that time Hope was granted full University status. Over these years of Gerald Pillay's tenure Hope University has transformed its college campuses, enlarged its facilities and gained a growing reputation for teaching and research. The University will hold their Winter Graduation Ceremony here on Thursday. This will be during this short interim period awaiting the arrival of their new Vice Chancellor Professor

Claire Ozanne who is due to take up her position in March this year. In church terms the person in charge during an interregnum is called a Diocesan or Apostolic Administrator. I'm not sure what the term is for someone who takes on similar temporary authority in university circles, whether it is Dean or Pro Chancellor etc so I will have to make some enquiries before I have to welcome everyone to the Cathedral next week.

We have had a successful series of trials for the forthcoming children's trail that will be launched and available from the end of February this year. The trail is accessed via a link on a mobile and as I witnessed the young children are quicker at using it than many adults. As part of this testing I invited four great nieces and nephews aged between 6-8 years to act as a group of market testers and they thoroughly enjoyed it and it sparked lots of questions and interest. One of the serious questions why the trumpets were up in the air above the chapel, and how did someone sitting at the organ blow air through them from the ground level? Which sparked a whole discussion about the organ. Maybe a couple of the children should have been on the organ refurbishment committee they may have come up with a more interesting remodelled design.

Just a reminder that we have a Joint Celebration of Choral Evening Prayer this Sunday afternoon at 3pm at Liverpool Cathedral to mark the week of prayer for Christian unity. All welcome.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 22 January 2023

Sunday 22 January Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 23 January

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

Tuesday 24 January

St Francis de Sales
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Mass BSC

Wednesday 25 January

Conversion of St Paul
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 26 January Saints Timothy and Titus

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

Friday 27 January

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

Saturday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas
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

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

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Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

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PRIESTS:
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Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Chris McCoy
Fr Peter Murphy

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Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Anne Gee (RIP), Terence Davey (RIP Anniversary), Misha Taylor (RIP), Michael Howarth (RIP), Zbigniw Tarnawski (RIP), Maureen Harris (RIP), Barbara Gowland (RIP), John B Livesey (RIP), Kate Husain (RIP), Joan O'Leary (RIP), Liam Dowling (RIP), Joanne Thomas (RIP), Hughie Shacklock (RIP), Ronnie Fitzhugh (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

As we start the new school term we talk with the children about new beginnings, the new year starting and new year resolutions being made after reflecting about what we could improve upon or do that bit extra. We have started a staff food donation box this week which I am sure will be filling up very quickly with donations from our staff with all the tins and packets of food items contributed going to local food banks/shelters.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Following our appeal for items for the Women's Refuge running up to Christmas and your very generous donations we received a card saying, 'To everyone who donated to our Home we cannot thank you enough for all your kindness and generosity with your donations. Our world is a nicer and kinder place because of people like you. Thank you all so much!'

NOTE FROM NUGENT

We sometimes receive a gift that was given with love but it is something we will never use or just don't want, or we get two of the same thing. It may be a toiletry set that we don't use, two separate gifts of a pair of slippers or just a gift that we know we will never use. Although you all give wonderful and thoughtful presents you know the sort of thing – your great auntie gives you a floral oven glove and matching tea towels, or the neighbours give you something that they clearly didn't want from last years presents! A great way of continuing the spirit of the Christmas gifts is to pass them on to Nugent where they will be sold in the charity shop or used directly in their services. It's also a great way of honouring the original gift giver and continues the joy of Christmas. Also at this time we have received new gifts that we actually want and keep and so are sorting out space in our cupboards and shelves and now have donations of clothes, books, handbags, bric-a-brac etc. So once again please bring in your unwanted gifts and good quality spare items and we will donate them to Nugent. If you have any such items please pass in to Cathedral House or Security Office and we will ensure they get passed on. Thanks.

CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

The January issue of the Catholic Pic is now available in print and online. The latest edition is available to download at tinyurl.com/bdhud3d9

PILGRIMAGE

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th June 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 dmyerscough@gmail.com or 07919894918

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life
Dates: 3-5 Feb 2023
Location: London
The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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.

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Celebrated by Archbishop McMahon will take place on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11.00am. All are warmly invited.

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