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Week of Prayer

It has been like living within two continents this week at the Cathedral. We have needed every layer possible to cope with the temperatures around the main Cathedral. However, the Crypt is almost tropical in comparison and the layers have to be shed to stay cool. As per normal for our Cathedral when the going gets tough our Cathedral heating decides to either pack in altogether or develop a mind of its own. Thankfully it seems as though milder weather is scheduled for this coming weekend.

The Chapter of Canons will be meeting for the first time this year on Wednesday and Archbishop Malcolm will join us at the 12.15 Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for the Chapter Mass and Midday Prayer. Hope University will be holding their Winter Graduations Ceremony within the Cathedral this Thursday beginning at 12noon. The Cathedral will have to be closed to the general public before this in preparation for the Ceremony.

We keep the week of Prayer for Christian Unity this week concluding next Sunday 28th January with our Annual Joint Cathedrals Service of Evening Prayer which this year is at our Cathedral at 3pm. Professor Gerald Pillay, former Vice Chancellor of Hope University, will be the guest preacher at this joint service with the clergy and choirs from both Cathedrals taking part. The theme for the Week of Prayer this year is 'Go and do likewise' based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity the Church is being challenged to stop and tend to the wounded and, in so doing, to recognise our own wounds as churches and as communities. Facing the reality of our own brokenness helps to connect us to the suffering of others from a place of humility and deep

empathy, creating a sacred space of encounter inspired by Christ's healing love. The resources for prayer this week can be found online just search – 'resources for the week of prayer for Christian unity 2024'.

Prayers for the Holy Land; His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, has stressed that our prayers must continue after more than 100 days of war in Gaza:

"The 100 days of warfare in Gaza and Israel illustrate, yet again, the horrors of war and the reinforcing of the barriers of hatred that it creates.

"Our 100 days of prayer are not futile and our prayer must continue, not only for peace in the wider Middle East but also in Ukraine and all other areas riven by conflict.

"The local Church tells us that the parish of the Holy Family in Gaza continues to be a place of safety for over 600 people, including over 50 severely disabled and very vulnerable children. They need our prayers and practical help financially.

"So, too, we pray for all those involved in current negotiations to bring additional humanitarian aid to the beleaguered people of Gaza and medical aid to the hostages. Tireless efforts in negotiations are essential. This war and violence against the innocent must end. The hostages must be released. People must be able to live in peace.

"The long, slow work of reconstruction has to begin, sooner or later, on the ruined foundations of life in Gaza and in Israel. The challenges are immense and the dangers facing the world immediate and deeply troubling."

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 21 January 2024

Sunday 21 January 3rd 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 22 January

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

Tuesday 23 January

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

Wednesday 24 January

St Francis de Sales
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Chapter Mass BSC
5.15pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 25 January The Conversion of St Paul

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

Friday 26 January Sts Timothy and Titus

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 27 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

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?

The Commission exists to stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching; and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Read this month's NW J&P newsletter, and find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

JIGSAWS AND GAMES

We are looking for any unwanted jigsaws and games that you may have and are willing to donate to us? The seafarers who are often away from home for long periods of time are looking for these items to help pass the time when they are in port. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. Please drop off at Cathedral House.

MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Diocesan celebration for the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of prayer for the Sick. 12noon. Christ the King, Queens Drive. Bishop Tom Neylon presiding. All welcome.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND

for Women (20s & 30s). Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life
Dates: 16-18 February 2024
Location: Liverpool. 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

GIBBERD ROOM

Please note that refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after the Solemn Mass on Sundays. All are welcome to come along and have a chat with friends and make new acquaintances. Everyone made to feel part of the Cathedral family.

Invitation from the Cantonese Catholic Community in Liverpool

Come and Join Us for a Delightful Experience of Traditional Chinese New Year Snacks.

Date: February 11 (Sunday)

Time: After the 11am Mass

Venue: Gibberd Room

We extend a warm invitation to you to share in our joy as we celebrate the Chinese New Year. The upcoming year is the Year of the Dragon for us Chinese, with the first day of the Lunar New Year falling on February 10th.

We would be honoured to have you join us on Sunday, February 11th, immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass, at the Gibberd Room during the Tea & Coffee session. Let's come together and relish the flavours of our traditional Chinese New Year delicacies. Looking forward to a delightful gathering with you all.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Joint Service in Liverpool
Sunday, 28 January 2024, 3pm
A service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 28 January. The preacher is Professor Gerald Pillay, former Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University, now president of the NGO Initiatives of Change International. Everyone welcome!

CATHEDRAL FRIENDS EVENT SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024 11.00AM GIBBERD ROOM

The Friends are delighted to announce that there will be a talk on 'Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die' by Elena Curti.

Precious Heritage: Masterpieces and hidden gems among the Catholic churches of England and Wales.

In this talk, Elena Curti will take you on a journey of discovery exploring churches featured in her new book, Another Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die. Elena shares stories of the architects, benefactors, priests and poor Catholics who raised these extraordinary places of worship. And she looks at hopes and challenges for their future conservation.

Elena's books, Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die, and the sequel, Another Fifty Churches, are part of her mission to make Catholic churches better known and appreciated. Tickets, which are limited, are £12 to include refreshments, a chance to meet the author and to purchase her book at a reduced rate. Please purchase tickets using the link below. Any queries please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-on-another-fifty-catholic-churches-to-see-before-you-die-elena-curti-tickets-788008453497?aff=oddtcreator>

Last week's collection: **£1,424.00**



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