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Week of Prayer

In February we will be welcoming Fr Anthony Lippo who has been appointed to serve as an assistant priest here at the Cathedral. Thankfully he is not replacing any of our existing priests. As Fr Anthony is a newcomer to this Diocese, having the chance to serve at the Cathedral will provide a period of induction into pastoral ministry as a priest in this country. It will be a real blessing to have another priest here as an extra pair of hands working alongside the other Cathedral clergy.

This Sunday afternoon we have our Annual Joint Cathedrals Service at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is at 3pm and the guest preacher for this service is Professor Gerald Pillay, former vice chancellor of Hope University. Both Clergy and Choirs of both our Cathedrals will be taking part in the service as will many of the church leaders on Merseyside.

Recently Pope Francis gave a talk to some young choristers in Rome regarding the importance of their role singing in church and leading the people. Here is an extract of some his words.....

'What you do is very important because your voices help communities to pray, to open their hearts to the Lord, and this is fundamental for the life of the Church. I thank you very much, and I would like to reflect with you on three key words for your service: joy, prayer and humility.

Let's start with joy. Singing is joy, especially when it is done in choir. The joy you have in singing is a gift that you have received from those who composed the music you perform, from those who teach it to you, and from those who have handed it down to you, sometimes even through the centuries. When you put enthusiasm into your singing, you give a great gift to those who hear

you. How much we need joy in our world! Today, many people, even young people, feel unhappy or bored. Singing and music can touch hearts, give beauty and restore zest and hope in their lives. This is what gives us joy!

The second word is prayer. You are not just any type of artists, you are not "performers". You help others to pray by your prayerful singing. So it is important for each of you to keep your heart close to Jesus, not only when you sing, but always, and this is done in prayer, every day. If your heart is full of love for Jesus, it shines through in your voices; it is like an arrow that hits the mark, reaching people's hearts. Saint Augustine once said that "singing is proper to those who love" (Sermo 336, 1: PL 38, 1472) and that those who sing pray twice. By singing and praying together, in harmony, listening to one another, waiting for one another, adding your own voice and movement to those of everyone else, you help the larger community to do the same. You teach how good it is to walk together.

Finally, humility. Singing is a school of humility, because the singer, even in solo parts, is always part of a choir, and each is at the service of all, even the director. Your singing, is all the more humble because it is at the service of God: while it helps others to encounter the Lord, it is also able to step aside at the right moment, to leave room for silence, so that everyone can listen quietly to the words that only Jesus wants to say to each one of us. Singers who try to draw attention to themselves, or to stand out from others, are not good singers; indeed, they often risk spoiling everyone's work, and this can be heard immediately. So, do not try to stand out, seek to sing as one, with the unity that comes from humility; in this way your singing can express true friendship, with God and with one another.

Let me say one last thing. Singing together well requires effort, just as living together well requires effort. With the harmony of your performances, the light in your eyes and the beauty of your voices, you help us to understand that the effort is worth it!

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 28 January 2024

Sunday 28 January 4th 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 29 January

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

Tuesday 30 January

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

Wednesday 31 January

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Sung Mass BSC

Thursday 1 February The Presentation of the Lord

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

Friday 2 February

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

Saturday 3 February

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

CLERGY:

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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.

THE LIVERPOOL PILGRIM WAY

Phil McCarthy, who designed the Liverpool Pilgrim Way, has updated this pilgrimage route to include Bishop Eton Shrine and Church of the Holy Family in Cronton. For the updated route, as well as a few lovely photos taken en route, click here: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/the-liverpool-pilgrim-way-is-ready-to-walk>

LOUDFence EVENT AGAINST ABUSE

Saturday 9 March

The first annual Ecumenical LoudFENCE Event will be taking place in Liverpool on Saturday 9th March 2024. This will start with a Non-Denominational Blessing and Ribbon Tying Ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral, followed by a walk along Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral where a Prayer Service and Ribbon Tying Ceremony will also be held. This event aims to give people who have suffered harm and pain from abuse a voice and an opportunity to express their pain in a positive environment where they will be believed and supported. This event is free and open to ALL who have suffered any type of harm or abuse for example Domestic, Faith Based, Sexual, Emotional, Financial, or Familial. Please come along and tie a ribbon to show support of all victims and survivors of abuse. This event aims to give people who have suffered harm and pain from abuse a voice and an opportunity to express their pain in a positive environment where they will be believed and supported.

EASTER RETREAT

Easter retreat young adults: there is an opportunity to join a group of young adults and students to go for Easter at Ampleforth Abbey near York. Each year hundreds of guests are welcomed with all the main Easter services, meals, talks and time to enjoy beautiful countryside. It runs from Thursday 28th march to Easter Sunday 31st March. If you are

interested in joining please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net, 07394503911.

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!

Last week's collection: **£1,001.00**



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