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Pastoral Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated the ordination of four new priests for the archdiocese. It was truly a great occasion when so many people from our parishes, priests, deacons and consecrated women and men, came to the cathedral to pray for the four men on the day of their ordination. Prayer is something that defines us as the Christian people. Prayer is the "sunshine of the soul", it is as the Catechism describes, "the raising of our mind and heart to God". Like the air we breathe into our lungs to live, so prayer is the supernatural air that helps us to live in God's presence and to know that God is present to us, and present for us in our everyday lives.

This last week has seen us as the archdiocese on pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine of Lourdes in France, where we go, as it were, "on tour" as the church of Liverpool. It is always a grace-filled time for me as we go on pilgrimage to be together and to pray. Following on from September 2018, when 10,000 people came to Liverpool from across England and Wales for the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress, the Bishops' Conference is holding a national event at St Mary's seminary, Oscott in Birmingham, in mid-September. On **21 September** here in Liverpool Archdiocese, I would like us, as the family of the archdiocese to gather for "**Adoremus Liverpool**" to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the two cathedrals in Liverpool and Douglas, to come on pilgrimage to the cathedral church from our parishes, families of parishes and deaneries to make a localised pilgrimage, a shared pilgrimage for a couple of hours to journey together, to pray, to be together before God, to be still, to be silent and to pray in adoration of the Lord Jesus in the

Blessed Sacrament. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, opportunities throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a shared time of prayer during the afternoon for all.

2024 is a time designated by the Holy Father as a "year of prayer" in preparation for the great Jubilee 2025 which reminds us of the Lord's life and ministry among us. This coming Jubilee year also commemorates the 1700th anniversary of the council of Nicea in 325AD which gave us one form of the creed which we pray each Sunday.

We gather every Sunday at the Holy Eucharist, at the Holy Mass, as we are "blessed to be invited to the Supper of the Lamb". We gather to hear His word and to receive His body and blood and to make communion with Him and each other as the Christian people. I invite each of you listening to or reading this pastoral message to come to either of our cathedral churches on 21 September, and to invite someone to come with you, to pray together as the archdiocese, as the family of parishes, as the family of God in Liverpool. In the coming weeks, the programme and resources will be made available to help us prepare together from the Pastoral Development department. If you have any questions or enquires regarding "**Adoremus Liverpool**", please feel free to contact adoremus@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

I hope you have a blessed time of rest and family time over these summer weeks. With my prayers and good wishes to you and those you love.

In Christ's love,
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 28 July 2024

Sunday 28 July

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass * Cathedral
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 29 July

St Mary, Martha and Lazarus

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

Tuesday 30 July

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

Wednesday 31 July

St Ignatius Loyola

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

Thursday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori

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

Friday 2 August

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

Saturday 3 August

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:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Peter Murphy
Fr Anthony Lippo

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Norman Roache (RIP), Les Powell (RIP), Gerard Arbuthnot (Sick), Mrs Claire Finlow (née McKnight) (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Anne Dibb (RIP), Barbara and Tony Forshaw (RIP).

CANTONESE RCIA

Cantonese Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring the Catholic faith to join us. Baptised Catholics are also welcome to join us on this faith-journey.

Duration: 31st August 2024 – 24th May 2025

Programme Components:

a. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm AND

b. Physical Gatherings: 3rd Saturday of each month

at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ. For enquiries, please contact Candy at 07488 585588.

A JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

An exploration of prayer in 12 sessions. Journey into Prayer aims to give us a taste of a variety of ways of praying. The aim being a closer relationship with God. We are an ecumenical team of Ignatian trained, practising Spiritual Directors. We plan to meet about once a fortnight from 10 – 3pm on a Tuesday, at the Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW. The course will run from the 24th September 2024. The cost is £160 which can be paid in instalments. Application forms are available from The Cenacle,

(Journey into Prayer), address by email to cenacleliverpool@gmail.com Closing date for applications is Monday, 29th July 2024.

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.

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'. Contact us at education@metcathedral.org.uk

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC!

At about this time each year we ask you to think about this and consider joining our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Journey in Faith process. This year we have had a head start because a community of interested people has already been established without advertising. Now we ask you to consider further enriching our group which will meet at the Cathedral during Autumn on Monday evenings from 6pm with a view to your being received into the Church at Easter. We would love to hear from you and then to establish another orientation/questions/

answers event during July. A warm welcome awaits you! Deacon Paul Mannings p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

We are seeking two new voluntary adult members for Wednesdays (1pm-4pm) and Fridays (1pm-4pm) respectively. If you would like to assist us at the welcome desk and/or conduct guided tours for our many visitors, we would be delighted to hear from you. Full training would be given. Please contact Deacon Paul: p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk

VOLUNTEER ROLE

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

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals (The Royal, Broadgreen, and Aintree) 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@ribuht.nhs.uk or by calling 0151 706 2828.

MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts

and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater,
Sunday 4 August, 14.00

Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield,
Sunday 11 August, 14.00

Summer Organ Recital: Peter Morrison,
Sunday 18 August, 14.00

Summer Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples,
Sunday 25 August, 14.00
For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

OSCOTT ADOREMUS EVENT 2024

St Mary's College, Oscott, 14 September.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales: bishops, priests and people from all dioceses, will gather at the College for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist. Around 1,500 Catholics in total are expected. For those who would like to go, our Archdiocese has organised a coach, which will depart from St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Saturday 14 September at 8.00am in time for a 10.15 arrival at Oscott with events beginning at 11.00am. We are aiming to return to the St Margaret Clitherow Centre by 8.00pm. The cost per person is £20. o book a place: www.archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/zm5sh2jf Any questions or queries, please contact Fr Ged Callacher on g.callacher@rcaol.org.uk

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The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

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