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Jubilee Year of Hope

The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the 'Holy Door' in St Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholic's the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

over. With this sure and certain hope we may live through the uncertainties of the age. May our prayer for this Jubilee Year be robust and heartfelt: that God will guide our poor efforts here, enabling us to contribute to the harmony of the world and all its people, and that God will bring us, in due time and through his mercy, into the fullness of life and joy for which we have been made.

A Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

A little while ago I was given a most astonishing gift. It was an exact replica of the Papal Bull establishing the first ever Holy Year. It is dated 22 February 1300. It is signed words 'So that the people of the present time may know and so that those who come in the future may remember'. Now, 725 years later, it is our turn: to both remember and to ensure that future generations may understand.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

The Holy year of 1300 focussed on the forgiveness of sin. The Holy Year of 2025 has as its theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The two themes are intimately connected across the centuries, for there can be no hope unless there is forgiveness, for everyone of us has need of the mercy of God as we make our pilgrim way. Indeed, the naming of 2025 as a Year of Jubilee carries the same message, for a Jubilee Year is a time for resetting our relationship with God, with one another and with the world around us.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform
from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

Some may well feel that hope is in short supply just now. Certainly our world is beset with problems that can overpower us and leave us feeling somewhat helpless. Yet the Christian virtue of hope is something different. Christian hope is the sure and certain conviction that we have been created and called into being in order to come into the full presence of God and filled with the glory of God when this pilgrimage is

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 24 November 2024

Sunday 24 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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

Monday 25 November St Martin de Tours

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

Tuesday 26 November

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

Wednesday 27 November

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

Thursday 28 November

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

Friday 29 November

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

Saturday 30 November

St Andrew

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:
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Anthony Lippo

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jimmy Kirk (RIP), Nicola Edwards (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Mariamma Varghese, Annakkutty Pailo and Paulosegeorge Joseph Parambil, Paulose Joseph Parambil, For all my ancestors and all ancestors of my children and for all souls in purgatory, The O'Donovan Family, Joe Walker (RIP), Dr V McDonald, Isabella Laird (RIP), The Wilks Family (Peace of Mind), Pat Johanson (Healing of Mind).

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.

COME AND BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE & WELCOMER!

Please give us the gift of three hours a week of your precious voluntary time. Learn on the job for as long as it takes. Answer queries at the welcoming desk. Listen to the stories of our wonderful visitors. If you like, take large or very small groups on tours. Give the job your own creativity. Be part of a ministry of welcome. Add your own dimension to a large and flourishing team. Be a consistent part of your group throughout the year. Contribute toward presenting our Cathedral as a living Christian community, able to embrace everyone as valued individuals. Make new friends.

Enjoy a fresh challenge. This random list could go on! Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See. Contact Dcn Paul Mannings: p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk

LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

Sunday 8 December
The LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass will be at 2.00pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome. Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN 2 4HD.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Saturday 14 December 2024.
7.00pm
Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedra

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF AND PhD GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group! We meet every two weeks during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion, using Church documents such as the Synod's material. The meetings take place every other

Wednesday at 18:00 in the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities (30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL, access through the gate on Blackburne Place). Any questions? Get in touch with us (unichap@rcaol.org.uk; WhatsApp: +07515821079).

FRIENDS EVENT

Creative Christmas Workshop at the Cathedral

Experience the joy of the holiday season by joining our Christmas wreath and table-centre making event. The perfect opportunity to indulge in self-care whilst getting creative!

A fun way to spend the day getting into the Christmas spirit whilst learning a new skill under the expert guidance of Muir Simpson. You will impress your family and friends with the wreath and centre-piece you will take home with you. Please bring a packed lunch as well! Refreshments throughout the day will be provided. Christmas jumpers – optional!! Let's celebrate the season together!

Saturday 7 December 2024
10am – 3.00pm
Gibberd Room, Metropolitan Cathedral
£45 per person.

For further information on how to book, and to receive the list of 'ingredients' you need to bring on the day please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge in our area has started. Anything you can spare for the women and their families will be

appreciated. Please drop in to Cathedral House/Cathedral Security Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The 10.00am Family Mass on Sunday 29 December will be offered for all their names.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will be an extra Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

JIGSAWS

If anyone has any jigsaws or games that they have finished with we can pass them on for you to the Seafarers at Stella Maris. Please just drop them in to Cathedral House or to the Security Office. They are always so grateful for anything that we can send on.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter will be read at all Masses this weekend and there are copies at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt for you to take home with you.

ADVENT SEQUENCE

Sunday 1 December, 5.00pm.
As the season of Advent begins, the Cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the liturgical journey, including works by Britten, Byrd and Sandstrom. All welcome.

Last week's collection: **£1,394.00**

Open Monday – Saturday: First Admission: 10am, Last Admission: 3.30pm
Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.
Please call **0151 707 2107** or email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk for more information.