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# Cathedral Record

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## Jubilee Year

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany recalling the visit of the Magi who journeyed to do homage to the Christ Child, born in the stable at Bethlehem. If you ever have the chance of visiting the Shrine of the Magi in Cologne on a day when you are allowed to file past the shrine, you will quickly discover that you have to bow low to pass under the shrine before the altar and the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle. Just like the wise men we must bow low in humility and simplicity before this child born for us all. From the greatest to the least. The Magi show us that we must open our hearts in simplicity and humility so that Jesus can abide in us. I wish you all a happy Feastday and Christ's Blessings for this New Year.

Last week Archbishop Malcolm inaugurated the start of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' within our Diocese. For this Holy Year the Baptistry of the Cathedral will be left open and pilgrims will be encouraged to enter into the Cathedral through the Baptistry blessing themselves with Holy Water as a symbol of entering through the Holy Door to make pilgrimage here. The pilgrimage prayer for the Jubilee year is printed below.

This week we welcome Fr Faustinus who will be joining the team of priests here at the Cathedral. He has been serving for a while at the parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth's in Litherland. He will be taking on the role of the senior priest chaplain for the Royal and Clatterbridge hospitals as well as being resident here at the Cathedral.

### 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.

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.

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 5 January 2025

#### Sunday 5 January

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

**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 6 January

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

#### Tuesday 7 January

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

#### Wednesday 8 January

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

#### Thursday 9 January

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

#### Friday 10 January

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

#### Saturday 11 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

#### CLERGY:

**PRIESTS:**  
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean  
Fr Derek Lloyd  
Fr Anthony Lippo  
Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Judith Cartwright, Denise Marie Creighton (RIP), Kathleen Holland (RIP), Mary and Lorraine Jacob (Christmas Intentions), Francis Wheeler (Christmas Remembrance), Margaret Tracey (RIP), Richard Hartless (RIP), Kate O'Sullivan (RIP), Margaret McNeillis (Christmas Wishes), Joe Rigby (RIP), Odhran and O'Donnell Family, Matthew Morton (RIP), Julia McElroy (RIP), Patricia Wise (Christmas Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

## 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](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk)

## 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.

## PEACE SUNDAY

19 January 2025, Mass and Lecture. Join Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and Pax Christi Merseyside for Solemn Mass at 11am to mark Peace Sunday. You are also invited to the Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace commission's annual memorial lecture in the Gibberd Room at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Join Gee Walker who will talk about the murder of her son Anthony, forgiveness, reconciliation and justice. This is a partnership event by Pax Christi and the Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission. For more details and registration click here [A Mother's Forgiveness: Gee Walker talks about the tragic death of her son Anthony \(19-Jan-2025\)](#). [ChurchSuite Events](#) For more details contact [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk)

## LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF & 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](mailto:unichap@rcaol.org.uk); WhatsApp: +07515821079).

## PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be closed to visitors from Thursday 2 January – Monday 20 January 2025. Watch this space for more closures over the coming weeks, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## AN INVITATION FROM THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY

Please celebrate Chinese New Year with us – A taste of Tradition  
**Date:** Sunday, February 2nd  
**Time:** After the 11am Mass  
**Venue:** Gibberd Room  
We warmly invite you all to join us in celebrating the Chinese New Year, a time of joy, renewal, and togetherness. As we usher in the Year of the Snake, which begins on Jan 29th, we would be delighted to share the flavours and traditions of this festive season with you. Together, let's enjoy traditional Chinese New Year delicacies and share in the spirit of celebration as one Church community. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this joyful occasion together.

## AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

*"A Bishop's task is to preside over a local Church as a visible principle of unity within it and a bond of communion with all the Churches." (69). "This is why the Assembly desires that the People of God have a greater voice in choosing Bishops." (70)*

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on: **Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm- 9.30pm) and Saturday 18th January 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)**

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop. This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place at one of the meetings please fill in the online form in the link below: [bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL](https://bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL). If you are unable to take part in person, but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please follow the link below on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

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