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Cathedral Record

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This Sunday afternoon there is our Annual Joint Choral Evening Prayer for the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year it will take place at Liverpool Cathedral at 3pm. Archbishop Malcolm will be the guest preacher who will share some pearls of wisdom about his experience of Ecumenism as he looks forward to retirement within the near future. At the heart of the reflections for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: 'Do you believe this?' (John 11:26). This same question resonated throughout the deliberations of the first Ecumenical Council, meeting in Nicaea in 325, which gathered Christian communities from around the world to strengthen their relationships as the Church of Jesus Christ. Read in isolation the question might appear as a stark challenge, but from the Gospel story it is clear that the words of Jesus are spoken in love and experienced as invitation as well as challenge. Similarly, while the Council of Nicaea was not without its challenges as a wounded and scattered Church sought to discern the truth of the Gospel message, there was an obvious desire to deepen connection and belonging and to live faithfully as disciples of Christ.

Reflecting on these moments we are reminded that the gift of our faith brings both support and challenge. The 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea this year has been embraced with a hopeful enthusiasm in the global Church and in ecumenical bodies, inspiring a wide range of events and dialogues. It is valued as a significant moment of shared history across the different Christian traditions, despite the many ways in which our paths may have diverged in the years

since. Some have remained closer to the Church envisaged at Nicaea with the Nicene Creed continuing to be of central importance as a statement of faith, while others have adopted non-Credal models of Church placing greater emphasis on other forms of expression of shared Christian faith. Looking back together from our different perspectives presents an opportunity to deepen understanding and relationships, strengthening our unity in diversity.

The Chapter of Canons are meeting at the Cathedral this Thursday. At the Chapter Mass which will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 12.15pm, Archbishop Malcolm will install a new Honorary Canon of the Diocese – Fr Sean Riley. Quite some years ago as a teenager Father Sean was a young server here in the Cathedral, he is now the Chancellor for the Diocese.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation/Candlemas a day when candles are blessed and Christ is honoured as the light to enlighten all nations. It is also the Chinese New Year and members of the Cantonese community will be greeting people after Mass with an oriental flavour to the reception after Mass. Later that afternoon at 3pm Archbishop Malcolm will preside at Choral Evening Prayer with the Men and Women Religious working within the Diocese.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 26 January 2025

Sunday 26 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 27 January

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

Tuesday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas

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

Wednesday 29 January

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

Thursday 30 January

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

Friday 31 January

St John Bosco

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

Saturday 1 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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MASS INTENTIONS

Albert Schoroah (RIP), Kathleen Clarke (RIP), Bernie Costello (RIP), John Bourke (Intentions), Noel Bourke (Intentions), Nancy Bourke (Intentions), Margaret Quinlan (Intentions), John Quinlan (Intentions), Amelie Wright (Get Well), Hamish MacDonald (RIP Remembrance), 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

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.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Sunday 9 February 2025 at 11.00am**. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those married in a Jubilee year. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. For those couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please register online for a certificate through this link <https://forms.office.com/e/LLbcUJpL85?origin=lpLink> For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group has started up again on Tuesday 14 January. The meetings will be held fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY). As usual, we will start at 6.30pm and refreshments will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. This year we will explore different types of prayer. The theme of next meeting will be 'Pilgrim of Hope'.

CASH CRESCENDO

We would like to invite you to join our weekly cash prize draw. This is a very easy way for you to become involved in supporting the fundraising efforts of the Choir Association for a small cash outlay and without the need for you to give up any of your time. For more information on how to join and to set up a standing order, please send an email to Jackie in the Music Office: j.larrosa@metcathedral.org.uk

BEER FESTIVAL 2025

On Wednesday 12 February 2025 we will be holding a private party for staff and friends ahead of the Beer Festival. The fun starts at 7pm – 10pm. All of the beers will be available for you to try, and there will be bowls of delicious home-made scouse to buy! Tickets will be £5 which you can purchase from Cathedral House or enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk, and then on the night you will need to buy a card for £10 which will allow you to buy the beer/cider! There will also be live music to enjoy. Get your tickets fast!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Civic Mass
Sunday 2 March 2025
11.00am
Celebrated by Archbishop Malcom McMahon OP. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome to attend.

VACANCIES

The latest vacancies from the archdiocese can be found here:

[Careers](#) - [Join the team](#) (liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

MASS OF CELEBRATION OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JACK TRAYNOR

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist our Finance Officer every Monday from 9.30am – 11.00am at Cathedral House. If you think you may be able to spare some time for the rewarding opportunity please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk for more details. No experience necessary. Full training, and lots of tea and biscuits, will be given!

Last week's collection: **£1,524.00**



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