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Cathedral Record

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John 'Jack' Traynor

On Tuesday evening in the Cathedral we come together as an Archdiocese to celebrate the official recognition of the miraculous cure of John Traynor. Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Bishop of Lourdes will be joining us for this evening mass of celebration of 71st Miracle Cure of a severely disabled Liverpool pilgrim at the shrine of Lourdes just over a hundred years ago.

John 'Jack' Traynor (1883 – 1943) was born and raised in Liverpool. His Irish mother died when he was quite young but her faith, devotion to Mass and Holy Communion and trust in Our Lady stayed with him as a memory and example. He attended St. Patrick's Primary School, and upon leaving education became a sailor in the merchant navy.

When the First World War broke out Jack was mobilized with the Royal Navy Reserve. He took part in several operations, including in 1915 with the landings at Gallipoli. During this, Jack was severely injured due to being hit by machine-gun fire. Numerous medical operations took place in Egypt and England which were unsuccessful. Jack eventually returned to Liverpool and lived in Grafton Street with his wife and children. By 1923 Jack had been seen by ten doctors, he was unable to stand or walk, experiencing frequent epileptic fits, three open wounds, and no feeling or movement in his right arm.

Jack discovered there was to be a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 1923 at a cost of £13 with a deposit of £1 to book a place. Many people, including the priest in charge of the pilgrimage, tried to persuade him not to travel. Jack was determined and travelled from Liverpool by train, by sea to France, and another train to Lourdes. During the journey Jack was very unwell, and arrived in Lourdes on 22nd July.

Despite his condition, Jack was able to take part in bathing at the baths and other services. On the afternoon of 25th July, he was again taken to the baths and then onto the Blessed Sacrament Procession in the Rosary Square. When Jack was blessed by the Blessed Sacrament, he realised a great change had taken place in him. His right arm became agitated, and he was able to bless himself for the first time in many years. The three Liverpool doctors, when he was back in the Aisle, examined Jack and found he had recovered the voluntary use of his legs and he could walk with difficulty. The next morning, Jack was able to run to the Grotto and pray in thanksgiving to Our Lady. The news spread throughout Liverpool pilgrims.

The three Liverpool doctors examined Jack before he left Lourdes and, in their statement, witnessed that he could walk perfectly, had recovered the use of his right arm, the opening in his skull had diminished, and that there had been no more epileptic crises. The day before, he had taken off the last of the bandages and every one of his sores was healed.

When Jack returned to Liverpool there were great crowds to welcome him and see him walk down the station platform with his wife. It made the headlines of local papers. The official report, issued by the Medical Bureau at Lourdes in 1926, declared that "this extraordinary cure is absolutely beyond and above the powers of nature". Now it has been officially recognised as the 71st miracle of Lourdes.

Jack, having recovered from his war injuries, started a coal and haulage business. He also returned to Lourdes each year to help as a brandcardier.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 16 February 2025

Sunday 16 February Sixth 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

7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 17 February

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

Tuesday 18 February

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
NO 5.00PM MASS ON TUESDAY

Wednesday 19 February

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

Thursday 20 February

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

Friday 21 February

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

Saturday 22 February St Peter the Apostle

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

RLUH Mass

Sundays at 4.00pm

Monday and Friday at 12noon

CLERGY:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Gibbons (RIP), Anthony Andrews (RIP), John McNulty (RIP), Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Deceased Friends of Helen Corrigan, Valerie McKenna (RIP), John Brennan (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

LGBT+ CATHOLICS

The next gathering will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025. All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

PASTORAL LETTER

Please collect a copy of the Pastoral Letter from the back of the Cathedral and Crypt.

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.

FRIENDS EVENT

Saturday 22 March 2025 at 10.30am.

The Secrets of the Archives. Join Archdiocesan Archivist Neil Sayer with the Cathedral Friends as he takes you on a tour of the Archives unveiling items rarely seen to the public. Price per ticket, which are limited, due to numbers, are £20. Please email the Chair of the Friends for further details and to book your place. jean@cavensoft.com

LECTURE

'Christians and Contemporary Culture.' How should Christians relate to the culture of our place and time? How have they done so in the past? The challenges and opportunities of fitting in or being different.

Speaker: Professor John Sullivan
Venue: St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ
Date & Time: Thursday 20th March, starting at 7.30pm. No charge but a small donation would help with our costs.

SCHOOLREADERS

Is a charity that supports reading in primary schools. They are looking to find local people to volunteer for an hour or two each week in a school that is local to them, where they listen to children read individually and help to develop their reading and comprehension skills and also start to foster a love of reading. If you would like to find out more please visit the website <https://www.schoolreaders.org/>

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.

WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ NIGHT ADULTS ONLY

The Choir Association's popular 'Wine & Wisdom' evening will be returning on **Saturday 29 March** at St Anthony of Padua Parish Centre, Mossley Hill, L18 8BD. **Start time:** 7pm featuring a special musical interval - the Cathedral Lay Clerks cabaret. **Tickets:** £20 which includes a charcuterie board. Bar available selling wine, beers and soft drinks. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral. Please invite your friends and family so that we can make it an enjoyable evening, and raise funds towards future trips and events for the choir.

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 (unicchap@rcaol.org.uk; WhatsApp: +07515821079).

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Tuesday this week.

Last week's collection: **£1,317.00**



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Golden Book of Remembrance

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