



CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

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Sunday 28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)



Events for Students & University
Members

Join us on Tuesday Evening....

Mass at 5.30...after Mass, simple shared meal together in the chaplaincy. Afterwards, we'll have another video from the Sycamore series...

"Who is Jesus?"

Joint University Chaplaincies' Carol Service

We will be joining students from the other Christian Chaplaincies for a shared carol service at

Elm Hall Methodist Church, 7pm, **Thursday 9th December** at Elm Hall Methodist Church, Elm Hall Dr., Allerton L18 1LF.

All welcome!!

Christmas dinner

This Thursday!! 22 of us are booked. Mass at 6.15pm in church. Dinner at 7.30pm at "The Refinery" (Hope St/Myrtle St). Afterwards we will return to the chaplaincy for refreshments and games!



Mass this week

Tuesday 5.30pm in chaplaincy

Wednesday 12.30pm in chaplaincy

Thursday 6.15pm In Church

Saturday 4th December: Advent Day of Prayer and Recollection at the Chaplaincy, 10.30-3.30.

We'll have prayer time, Mass, lunch
Our guest leader will be the much loved local parish priest, Fr Peter Morgan.
(for catering purposes, could you please let us know if you are coming – or leave a comment on the Facebook post)

St Vincent de Paul Group

Great to see a good response, with 6 of you so far signing up and submitting application forms!!



The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th December at the chaplaincy, at 7pm.** Kathy Riley, who is the local SVP support officer, will be there to help get us organised. We

will need to make decisions about what projects we may want to be involved in, who the officers will be, and how often to meet. If you're interested and haven't applied yet, you can still sign up on the sheet in chaplaincy or by emailing Fr Neil.

Accommodation for next year...

Are you interested in being one of the resident community of students living at the chaplaincy next academic year? The residential wing is a self-contained unit with rooms for up to 5 students. It has a shared living/dining room, and a smart new kitchen is being installed. You also have a patio on the famous 'Spanish Garden'. The rent will be £85/week, including utilities & wifi. Please contact Fr Neil if you are interested.

Some of you will remember the meetings we held at the chaplaincy for Synod 2020, and the lively discussions we had about the Church and its mission. Today, the Archdiocese of Liverpool launches its new pastoral plan, based on the results of the Synodal process...and here it is introduced by Archbishop Malcolm...:

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop of Liverpool on the Launch of the Pastoral Plan, 1st Sunday of Advent 2021

Dear Friends,

The opening prayer of Mass today, the first Sunday of Advent, invites us to “run forth to meet Christ”. It is with this spirit of hope and joy that today I present to you the Pastoral Plan for the archdiocese.

This is the first of the fruits of Synod 2020; of your prayer, listening, discerning and planning. The Synod journey gave us an experience of being what Pope Francis calls ‘the Synodal Church’ – a Church that listens carefully to how the Holy Spirit speaks through the lives, wisdom and concerns of all its members.



The four years of the Synod invited us all to ask ourselves: what kind of Church is God calling us to become here in the archdiocese? What is the Holy Spirit saying to us at this critical point in history?

I put before you today a vision for the future of the Church in this archdiocese which has arisen from the way the Synod members voted in June 2021.

The Synod considered nineteen recommendations. The three that received the most votes were concerning evangelisation, lay ministry and young people. You will see how the Pastoral Plan tries to respond to these. But all nineteen were clearly endorsed by the people of the archdiocese.

If we are to truly embrace these and all that we have learned from our journey over these years, then Christ must be our starting point. The first Sunday of Advent is the right time for us to reflect on this as we once again prepare ourselves to welcome Christ.

In the writing of the Pastoral Plan, guided by the Synod, four issues have been highlighted that will underpin every part of our planning and thinking for the years ahead.

We must be immersed in the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of humanity today;

We need to be brave and creative in renewing local structures;

We will develop leadership to attend to changing needs;

And finally we must make sure that synodality is embedded in every aspect of archdiocesan life.

Thinking carefully about these issues, alongside all that the Synod has given us, has led me to place before you six action areas that will be our focus in the years to come.

- 1. Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life.**
- 2. Becoming a Church that honours the vocation of all the baptised.**
- 3. Becoming a Church where synodality is embedded.**
- 4. Becoming a Church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.**
- 5. Becoming a Church where young people and young adults flourish.**
- 6. Becoming a Church that cares for its priests.**

I have used the word “becoming” not because we haven’t already been doing many of these things and often doing them very well, but because we are going to develop and strengthen our Catholic life, decision making and action in these areas.

The call of Pope Francis, and of popes and ecumenical councils before him, to be a Church which accompanies people, walks with people, is the key change in attitude and approach that I want to place before you. Walking with others, accompanying others, will influence the way we live and work as Catholic Christians in the archdiocese. It will help us re-think our approach to Catholic life.

Being together on the road has led us to this plan. It will serve as the way forward for us in the archdiocese in the years to come. I commend it to your prayers and your action.

I wish you and your families a blessed season of Advent as we, together, become more and more the Church that God is calling us to be.

May God bless you,

+ Malcolm McMahon OP

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP

Archbishop of Liverpool

