



CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

The University Church of St Philip Neri Church ~ "The Oratory Church"

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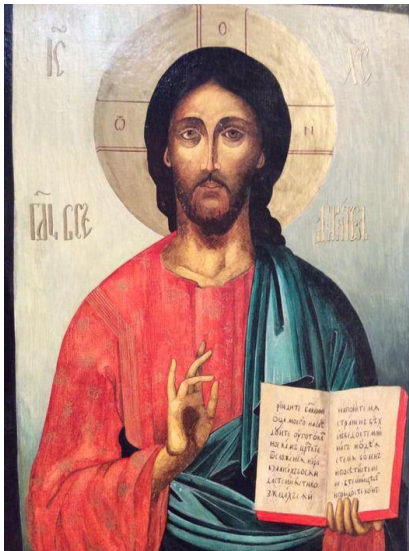
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Events for Students and University Members:

Masses & Services This Week:

Monday: 8.15 Mass at the [Missionaries of Charity](#) house, 55 Seel street L1 4AZ, – students are always welcome!
Tuesday: Morning Prayer 8am*, followed by breakfast
- Mass 5.30pm*
Wednesday: 12.30pm Mass at Faith Express
Thursday: Adoration 5.30pm; followed by £1 supper
Saturday: Mass 9.30am*
Sunday: Confessions 5.15-5.30pm; 6pm Mass
*events in the chaplaincy; enter via back door

Wednesday: 6pm 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).

Philip Neri Student House: would you like to be part of the resident community at the Chaplaincy, living at Philip Neri House?

Residents play a vital role in supporting CathSoc & the Chaplaincy. (They also have one of the best garden views in Liverpool!) If you are interested, come and have a chat with Fr Neil.

Day of Recollection

Fr Derek Lloyd will be leading us in a day of Recollection on Saturday 7th December. The theme is "Joy" Fr Derek will give us 2 talks, and there will be time for Adoration, Mass, and private reflection, and we'll have lunch together. The day will start at 10am



Chaplaincy Christmas Meal & Party:

Thursday December 5th

Mass in Church at 6pm, Meal at the Blackburne Arms then back to the chaplaincy to party!!

Cost for 2 courses: £22; 3 courses £27

Final date for orders: Tuesday 26th November

The meal is open to students of UoL, LJMU or LIPA, & university staff members

Place your order and pay in the chaplaincy office after Mass (or at other times by arrangement), payments by card or cash – give us your menu choices at the same time.



Weekly Collection & other donations, you can pay online

philipnerihouse.sumupstore.com

Thank you so much for your contributions!!



Next Sunday at 6pm Mass, two students from Manchester University have asked if they can film our Mass as part of their Masters project in Visual Anthropology. The main purpose of the film is to look at the details and processes that take place during a Catholic mass, and how these processes contribute to a feeling of community and sanctity for the congregation. The film will not be broadcast or distributed anywhere, & will form part of their assessment; it will only be seen by our small masters cohort (18 people) and the professor himself. *If anyone would definitely not want to be visible on the film, please let Fr Neil know.*

Pilgrims of Hope...

Chaplaincy Assistant Arran reflects on how the forthcoming Jubilee Year invites us to walk together in hope...

The Church's Year draws to its close, and a new one is set to begin with the Season of Advent. At this time, and in the month of November more broadly, we are called to reflection. Taking stock of affairs national and religious, I am resolved to be optimistic. The Church itself calls us towards this optimism – for the Year of Jubilee approaches.

This Jubilee will be, for many of us, the first of our lifetimes. The light it sheds should challenge even the most pessimistic amongst us. Certainly, the life and times of the Church in England are not as we would wish them to be. But, then again, we would do well to recall that this has been the case for some five centuries now. That is a great deal of time, even by Church standards. And still the Church stands: still does it remain. Elsewhere, Catholicism marches on its upward trajectory. It is so easy for us here to forget that, globally, the Catholic Church faith has never been greater in numbers. And certainly, there are enormous challenges and great problems that must be contended with – but when has this not been the case? It must stand as a simple fact that the demise of global religion that was so prophesied in the latter part of the 20th century has not only failed to come to pass, but it has indeed been emphatically repudiated. We see its effects even here, at the two proudly secular universities of Liverpool. Their need for international students has begun to alter their approach and openness towards faith, because so many of those students proudly profess their own. Change is small and incremental, but that does not make it unworthy of celebration.

The year of Jubilee marks off another quarter century. The Church presses ever onward, much as it has done these past two thousand years. So too does this country in which Catholicism has so struggled. The turning of the calendar year is

likewise another milestone. Yes, the Church could be in a better place and yes, we look with great anxiety to the future – but the Dowry of Mary still remains standing. Something of value and goodness is still retained here, giving England life.

Turning back to the Year of Jubilee, we have been called by the Holy Father to become 'Pilgrims of Hope.' How better to embrace this than by a real, literal Pilgrimage? This has been something which Father Neil and myself have been dwelling on since the start of the school year – and the prospect of it is coming very clearly into view. Accommodation has been made available by churches in the area, and we think that the costs and time commitments are very feasible. We are seeking a group of students who would like to walk the St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Holy Island; details of the proposal are currently on display in the Chaplaincy. How better to foster our Hope in the future, than to return to the origins of Christianity on these shores – to imitate St Cuthbert and approach with reverence that little island where the faith first gained its foothold amongst the Saxon tribes? I encourage you to enquire about this venture if you are interested. We would like to put together a group of committed students in the near future, so that spiritual and practical preparation for this project can get underway.

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"The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years.

The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. " CBCEW