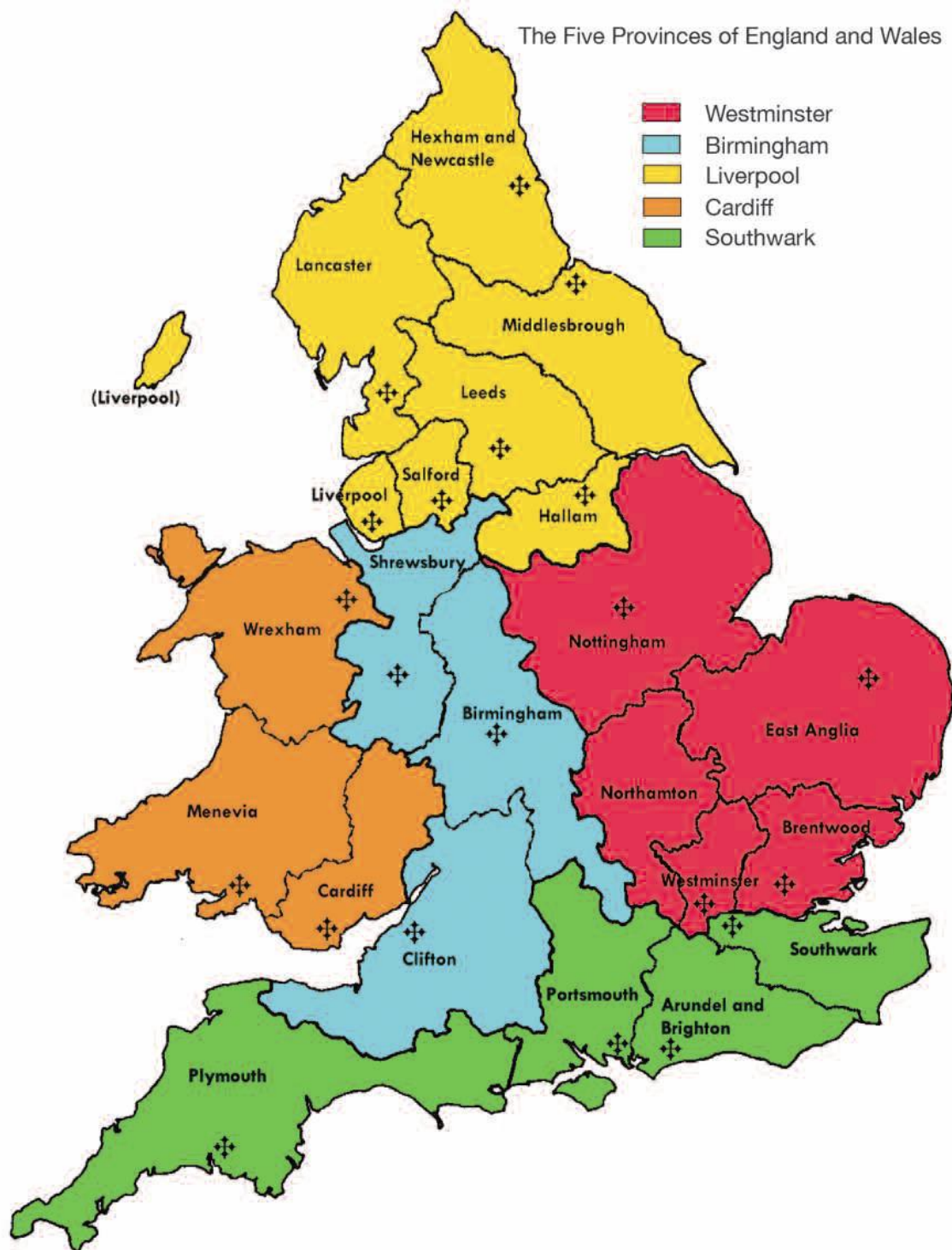


Local Church Community



Archdiocese of Liverpool

The Diocese of England and Wales



Can you find the Archdiocese of Liverpool?



Local Church

A Diocese is an area that includes people and parishes under the care of a **Bishop**.

Liverpool is a very large Diocese and is known as an **Archdiocese** because it is under the care of an **Archbishop**.



Liverpool Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Liverpool consists of 18 **Pastoral Areas** across 8 **Local Authorities**. It extends from the River Mersey to the River Ribble, encompassing Merseyside, parts of Lancashire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester and the Isle of Man.

Pastoral Areas	Local Authorities
Liverpool North	Liverpool
Liverpool South	Liverpool
Bootle and Litherland	Sefton
Chorley	Lancashire
Crosby	Sefton
Croxteth and Walton	Liverpool
Isle of Man	Isle of Man
Knowsley	Knowsley
Leigh	Wigan
Leyland	Lancashire
Ormskirk and Maghull	Lancashire/Sefton
St. Helens	St. Helens
Southport	Sefton
Upholland	Wigan
Warrington	Warrington
Widnes	Halton
Wigan	Wigan
Woolton and Halewood	Liverpool/Knowsley

The Archdiocese

The Diocese was established on the 29 September 1850 and created an Archdiocese on 28 October 1911

Patrons of the Archdiocese

The Patrons of the Archdiocese are:

Our Lady Immaculate
whose feast day we celebrate on the 8th December

St. Joseph
whose feast day we celebrate on the 19th March

St. Kentigern
whose feast day we celebrate on the 14th January

Who was St. Kentigern?
Why is he one of our patron saints?

Archdiocesan Coat of Arms:



The mitre of the Archbishop is at the top.
On the left hand side is a double cross which is the sign that the coat of arms belongs to the Archbishop.

On the right hand side is a staff or crozier to show that the Archbishop guides his people and cares for them in the same way that shepherds used to guide their sheep by gently keeping them together.

The shield is blue for Our Lady.

The white Y shaped piece is called a pallium. It is worn only by Catholic Archbishops given to them by the Pope. It is made from wool from lambs bred at the Vatican specially for this purpose.

The rose at the top is the red rose of Lancashire. It is sitting above an anchor which is for the port of Liverpool.

The yellow parts are tassels which hang from the back of the Archbishops mitre.

Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Taking to heart the last words of the lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

This is based on a piece of Scripture taken from Mark's Gospel – Mark 16: 15

What do you think the Mission Statement means?

The Archbishop

The Archbishop is the person chosen to look after and care for God's people in the Archdiocese.

Previous Bishops and Archbishops of the Archdiocese have been:

- 1850 – 1856 Bishop George Brown
- 1856 – 1872 Bishop Alexander Goss
- 1873 – 1894 Bishop Bernard O'Reilly
- 1894 – 1911 Bishop Thomas Whiteside
- 1911 – 1921 **Archbishop** Thomas Whiteside
- 1921 – 1928 Archbishop Frederick William Keating
- 1928 – 1953 Archbishop Richard Downey
- 1953 – 1956 Archbishop William Godfrey
- 1957 – 1963 Archbishop John Carmel Heenan
- 1964 – 1976 Archbishop George Andrew Beck
- 1976 – 1996 Archbishop Derek Worlock
- 1996 – 2013 Archbishop Patrick Kelly
- 2014 - present Archbishop Malcolm Patrick McMahon

Can you find the year that the Diocese was made an
Archdiocese?

What do you think happened? Why?

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Archbishop Malcolm is the 9th Archbishop of Liverpool



Archbishop Malcolm was born in London

His birthday is the 14th June 1949.

He was ordained a Dominican priest at St. Dominic's Priory,
Haverstock Hill, London on the 26th June 1982.

He was ordained Bishop of Nottingham on the
8th December 2000.

As Liverpool is a very large Diocese the Archbishop is supported by an **Auxillary Bishop**.

Bishop Thomas Anthony Williams



Bishop Tom was born in Liverpool.

His birthday is the 10th February 1948.

He was ordained a priest at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on the 27th May 1972.

He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on the 27th May 2003.

The Archdiocese is involved in many areas of life.
These are some of them:

Liturgy

The Archdiocese celebrates public worship for example celebrations of Mass and other Sacraments.

Ecumenism

The Archdiocese is keen to form and sustain good relationships through dialogue and prayer with neighbouring Christian communities. Liverpool is famous for having two cathedrals.

Safeguarding

The Archdiocese is committed to ensuring that everyone: young, old and those particularly vulnerable are protected from harm.

Justice and Peace

The Archdiocese works for justice and peace encouraging fair treatment for everyone.

Education and Formation

The Archdiocese supports Catholic education, promotes life-long learning and provides opportunities to develop faith through its schools, colleges and parishes.

Youth

The Archdiocese is actively involved in engaging young people aged 11 – 30 to explore and enjoy their faith through the 'Animate' group.

Communication

The Archdiocese maintains an openness in exchanging information with all outside agencies.

Inter-faith

The Archdiocese values and upholds dialogue with those of other world faiths.

The Clergy

Deacon



Priest

Bishop

The Priest

A priest leads the **parish** family.



Do you know who your parish priest is?

What does he do?

How does he lead his parishioners?

Who helps him in his work?

Invite your parish priest into school to talk about himself and what he does.



What is the name of your parish?

What is the name of your parish church?

Permanent Deacons

Some parishes have a **deacon** who supports the priest in his ministry in the parish.



Do you have a deacon in your parish?

Can you find out who they are and what jobs they do in the parish community?

Lay People

Lay people are baptised members of the Church. All lay people are called to live like Jesus every day. An example are parents bringing up their children. This is known as the **domestic church** or family at home.



Lay people make up the parish.

Can you name some of the lay people in your parish?

What do they do?

A lay person can support the parish community and the priest by:



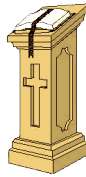
praying for others



caring for those in need



giving out Holy Communion



reading at Mass

A lay person can take an active part in parish groups.

A lay person can offer their special skills for example flower arranging, playing an instrument, singing in the choir, leading some funeral services and being a parish catechist.

Most importantly every member of the church is a witness to Jesus by the way they live.

