

## Mass Intentions Received

Samuel and Josephine Black (Remembrance), Fr Lee Bennett (Intentions), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Sue Cox, John Cooney (RIP), Patricia Hoey (RIP), Vincent Longworth (RIP), Anthony Nigel Gibbins (RIP), Muearak Keith Palmer (RIP), Margie Cole (RIP), David Winstanley (RIP), Sharon O'Driscoll (RIP), Rosemary McAvoy (Intention), Mrs Burns (Intention), Anne and Liam's Family (Intention), Alvarez Magee (Intention), Joseph Thompson (RIP), Martin Gilligan (RIP), Patricia

Robinson (RIP), Joe Thompson (RIP), Charlie Woods (RIP), John Francis Cooney (RIP), Michael Regan (RIP Anniversary), Collette Creighton (RIP), Catherine Peel (RIP), Elise Gilbert, Rebecca Humphreys, Sister Ita McNamara, Ian McConnachie (RIP), Alice and Eric Power, Philomena Boyle and Family, Brenda McConnell and Family, Charlotte Fallon (RIP), Antony Morris (RIP), Jane Doyle (Get Well), Jenifer Mary Hamilton, Jean Heaps, Margaret and Stanley Walsh.

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 6 December 2015

### Sunday 6 December Second Sunday of Advent

**8.30am** Mass  
**10.00am** Family Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Choral Mass  
**1.00pm** Polish Mass Crypt  
**3.00pm** Choral Evening Prayer  
**4.00pm** Mass RLUH  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 7 December Saint Ambrose

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Sung Mass

### Tuesday 8 December Immaculate Conception

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Sung Mass

### Wednesday 9 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass (Thomas Gough) STV  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Thursday 10 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass SS  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Friday 11 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass (Special Intention, Sick) STV  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Saturday 12 December

**8.45am** Morning Prayer  
**9.00am** Mass  
**6.00pm** Vigil Mass STV  
(Fr Michael Hughes, Jubilee)  
**6.30pm** Vigil Mass Crypt

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**Monday - Friday:**  
Following the 12.15pm Mass Crypt  
**Saturday:**  
11.00am – 12noon  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

### Crypt

Crypt Chapel

### STV

St. Vincent de Paul  
Parish Church

### SS -

55 Seel St,  
Missionaries of  
Charity

### RLUH -

Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

### CLERGY:

#### PRIESTS:

Canon Anthony  
O'Brien *Dean*  
Mgr Peter Cookson  
Fr Gerard Callacher  
Fr Stephen Lee

#### DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings



Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool

# Cathedral Record

Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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## Year of Mercy

### Archbishop Malcolm McMahon to inaugurate the Holy Year of Mercy

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, will inaugurate the Holy Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis with Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday 6 December at 3.00 pm.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December 2015, and concludes on Sunday 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jubilee years are special years called by the Church and the last one, 'The Great Jubilee', was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II.

Pope Francis will open a Holy Door of Mercy in Rome through which those who enter can experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope. During Sunday's Mass Archbishop Malcolm will bless and open the Metropolitan Cathedral's own Door of Mercy. In the coming year the year the Cathedral will be a place of pilgrimage with 'Stations of Mercy' for pilgrims to visit, focusing on the forgiveness and mercy of God, and deanery groups are scheduled to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral on Saturdays throughout the year.

In a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm says, 'I sometimes meet people who feel light years away from God. There are many reasons why. Some of them imagine God is so remote that he could not possibly be interested in us. Like most of your priests, I have been really sad to hear people say that God has no room for them because of something bad they have done. So many people are thoroughly convinced they are beyond redemption.'

'Christmas says that is not true. Saint Anselm asked, "Why did God become man?" My answer is simple – it is because we matter. And that means all of us, each and every one of us. Pope Francis has given us a fantastic Christmas present by asking us to focus on how merciful God is. He wants every sinner to feel at home in God's house.'

Two other churches in the Archdiocese will be open as Jubilee Churches for individual pilgrimages: Holy Cross in St Helens and St Mary's in Leyland, and they are available for those who cannot travel to the Cathedral but who would still like to make a pilgrimage. They will have their own Doors of Mercy and Archbishop Malcolm will bless and open them on Tuesday 8 December, with Mass at 12.15 pm in St Helens and 7.30 pm in Leyland.

Please find copies of the Pastoral Letter at the back of the Crypt Chapel and the Cathedral for you to take home with you.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

### A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS – Come

and enjoy a feast of Christmas music at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. Compèred by BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the concert will feature a range of Christmas music, old and new. The Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs will be joined by the Liverpool Suzuki Violin Group. Tickets are priced at £5 for a single ticket, and £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and from [poolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk](http://poolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk) or the Cathedral Gift shop on 0151 707 3525. Further details available from the Cathedral music office: 0151 708 7283 / [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk).

Tel: 0151 709 9222

Email: [enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk)

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 28 November. Winning numbers are 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 12. Prize was £450. There were no winners this week. Next week the prize money will be £500.

## ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

Last weekend, our With You Always children and families came together to consider Reconciliation. The children will receive this sacrament for the first time in a couple of weeks so please keep them in your prayers. At the time of writing, Year 4 are out on a city explorer trip and our football team have been in action again, despite the weather.

This weekend is the Feast of St Nicholas, our school patron saint, and Father Ged will lead us in a special Mass on Friday with the whole school family. Next week, our school choir will be singing at Liverpool One on Friday, so if you are shopping why not pop along to offer your support.

Mrs Vicki Fallon  
[www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk)

## LIPA BIG BAND @ ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH

The Catholic Chaplaincy is hosting an evening of entertainment of Jazz and Christmas classics performed by LIPA's 18-piece Big Band on Monday 7th December at 7.00pm. A retiring collection will be taken for the work of Asylum Link Merseyside. St Philip Neri Church is on Catharine Street, L8-7NL. Web: [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk)

## HOPE+ NEWS

Five weeks before Christmas and we have now provided our twenty

two thousandth food hamper. Thank you all, we could not have achieved that without your generous donations. Next week being Advent Sunday, we will be launching our third annual Christmas appeal. Last year the people of Liverpool excelled themselves in the generosity of their giving. As a result we were able to not only provide a little bit extra by way of food, but also small toys and chocolates for children. We were also able to provide nibbles and treats, toiletries, and warm hats and scarves for every guest. Do please pick up our leaflet next week, and help us to help those for whom the festive season is in reality, anything but. We will also be using the days between Advent and Christmas Day to open an advent window onto the stories of not just our guests, but also of our volunteers. Meanwhile we have a fish crisis; in truth we are always short of tinned fish, but at the moment we are having to spend our precious funds on buying in extra fish, as we do not have enough to give to our guests. Fish is a very necessary source of good quality protein, which we all need, but especially if someone is struggling to afford a nutritional diet for themselves and their families.

## WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge has started once again. As you start your own Christmas shopping please consider popping a little bit extra in for these families who have been through a tough time and who have fled from their

homes with nothing. It is hard to imagine isn't it? Please be generous.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower or plant in memory of a departed loved one by placing £5 and the name of the person in an envelope and leaving it at the reception at Cathedral House or give it to one of the Cathedral clergy. The 10.00am Family Mass on Sunday 27 December will be offered for their names. The flowers and plants will be used to decorate the Cathedral and Crypt Sanctuary over Christmas. If you would like to make a similar donation for flowers for St Vincent's please give your offering in an envelope to one of the Clergy.

## GIFT SHOP

Now has selection of Christmas cards, including the beautiful new Cathedral Christmas cards which are on sale for 95p only. They also have a wide range of calendars, and Nativities, for sale. Do pop in for a browse and if there is something that you would like but can't find it please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help you.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Please collect a flier from the back of the Cathedral and Crypt detailing all the services and concerts during Advent and Christmas time.

## ONE O'CLOCK CLUB

The Christmas lunch for the above club will take place in the Gibberd Room on Monday next week. This has been a very

popular gathering all year and special thanks to Linda and Ann who have made this event possible throughout the year with their dedication and commitment and culinary skills. We know that everyone who attends each month is very grateful to them for what they provide, and all the funds raised from this has gone directly to the Cathedral. We have been able to purchase items which we would never have been able to do without this money. Thank you both.

## CAR BOOT SALE

You still have a week to book your pitch for the final car boot sale of the year which will take place on Saturday 12 December. This is always the busiest one of the year for buyers and sellers. Pitches are only £10 and can be booked by ringing Cathedral House on 0151 709 9222. Please pop by as the Cathedral table will be awash with Christmas decorations, candles, ornaments and anything else that your heart desires for Christmas!

## RADIO MERSEYSIDE CAROL CONCERT

Will take place on Friday 11 December at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Tickets are only available at the Radio Merseyside Shop in Hanover Street. Get yours before they all go.

Last week's collection: **£1,414.00**

## GIFT SHOP

Inspirational Gifts and Souvenirs to choose from.

Monday – Sunday  
10.00am – 4.00pm

Located in the  
Cathedral Visitor Centre

0151 707 3525  
giftshop@metcathedral.org.uk

 MetCathGiftShop



## PIAZZA CAFÉ

0151 707 3536

Fine Food, Speciality Coffees,  
Continental Beers and Wines

Monday – Saturday  
9.00am – 5.30pm

Sunday  
10.00am – 4.00pm

Located in the  
Cathedral Visitor Centre



## GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

0151 707 2107  
t.lundbeck@metcathedral.org.uk

The 5.15pm Mass on the first Friday of every month will be offered for all those who are recorded in the Golden Book.

Monday – Friday  
10.00am – 3.30pm



— THE MYSTERY OF THE —  
**LUTYENS CRYPT**  
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —  
**ARCHITECTURAL SECRET**

Open Monday-Saturday: First Admission: 10.00am Last Admission 3.30pm

Crypt Admission Charges: £3 Adults, £8 Family (2 adults + 2 children) £2 School Parties (per person)