

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Sr Mary Bonello (RIP Remembrance), Colin Woodgate (RIP), Tony Kellett (RIP), Anne Osborne (RIP), Thomas Wilson (Remembrance), Joe Reddington (Remembrance), Ramsey (Thanksgiving), Gertrude and Michael Doyle (Remembrance), Patrick McManus (RIP), Jim Dowling (RIP), Margaret and Peter Devlin (Intentions), Mary Howely (Anniversary), Anne Potter (Intention), Anne Powell (RIP), Pat and Jim Mara, Patrick McDonagh (RIP), Francis Murphy (RIP), Margaret McDonagh (RIP), Michael

McDonagh (RIP), Mary Kinsella (RIP), Christine Gallagher (RIP), Francis Lawlor (RIP), Dennis Conlon, Rosaleen Conlon, Irene Monaghan (RIP), Patricia London (RIP), Connor Lavery (RIP), Alexandra Clarke (RIP), Henry Doyle (RIP), Dawn Vincent (RIP), Rita Maye (RIP), Neil Hughes (RIP), Lawless Family (RIP), Brenda Markey (RIP), Rose Harrison (Intention), Mary Cronin, Christie O'Connor (RIP), Ted Conlon (RIP), Patricia Lyons (RIP), Patrick Green (RIP), Jean Kelly (Birthday), Phil Cooke (RIP), Keeley Ashten Murray (RIP), Frank Murphy (RIP), Theresa Rice (RIP).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise WEEK COMMENCING: 11 December 2016

Sunday 11 December

Third 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 12 December

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

Tuesday 13 December

St Lucy

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC
5.15pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 14 December

St John of the Cross

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Elizabeth Devine) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 15 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 16 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Sr Alexander) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
4.00pm Exposition
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 17 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass (Ena Dixon) STV
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 Dominic Risley
 Fr Stephen Lee

DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott
 Rev Paul Mannings



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Third Sunday of Advent

The Gospel this Sunday has John the Baptist imprisoned and alone in the sure knowledge that a violent death awaited him. What hope could there be for him, had his preaching and life's witness been in vain? Even John, the great prophet, in fact Jesus declared him to be the greatest of all prophets, needed assurance that his words and example had purpose and meaning. He sent a message to Jesus and the response he received was an echo of the words of Isaiah 'the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor'. This would not just have lifted his spirits but the fact that the promised word of God was being fulfilled in Jesus meant that the good he had done and his words and actions had helped others and prepared a way for the Lord. His life had witnessed the dawn of Christ's coming and the signs were that God's promises of the past were now being fulfilled.

The example of John the Baptist's life helps us to see that we should trust in God's word even in our darkest moments – as he did with John, the Lord stands with us offering reassurance and hope. 'Happy are those who do not lose faith'. But also we are called to work for that kingdom that Christ showed forth namely to encourage one another, to ease peoples burdens and to make him known in the situations of our lives. As we approach the Feast of Christmas may the Lord help us to be more understanding and considerate and in small ways respond to the needs of those around us when the opportunity arises. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come

Evening Prayer this Sunday at 3pm is in a shorter form and is followed by Britten's, 'Ceremony of Carols', sung by the boy choristers accompanied on the harp. This will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

St Mary's College, Crosby, hold their Annual Prize giving at the Cathedral on Monday evening with Archbishop McMahon as the guest of honour. The NSPCC have their Carol Concert at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening. A new development this year has been the formation of a dementia choir and they will be leading the singing at a carol concert at the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm for people with dementia. On Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm Scarisbrick Hall are holding their Carol Service at the Cathedral and Nugent Care have their annual Light up a Life Service on Friday at 12.30pm. Meanwhile the Crypt this week will be busy hosting the University veterinary exams only to be followed by a gin festival next weekend.

The major Christmas Carolling events organised by the Cathedral involving all our musicians and singers and many others take place next Saturday and Sunday. This is our opportunity as a Cathedral Community to begin to anticipate the Feast of Christmas and enter into the festive spirit. The Dickensian Carol Concert, compered by Roger Phillips, is on Saturday at 7pm. Tickets for this can either be purchased in advance or on the door. On Sunday evening at 5pm we have our Festival Carol Service a traditional service of Carols, Christmas Verse, Readings and Prayers. A free event – why not invite your friends and extended family?

Some of our young children from the Cathedral Parish and from St Vincent's will be making their First Confession this week and they will continue their journey of preparation next year for their First Holy Communion in the summer. Please remember them in your prayers.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 3 December. Winning numbers are 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 13. Prize was £3,100. There were no winners so the prize is now £3,150. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

CATHEDRAL GUILD OF GUIDES

(Welcoming Pilgrims and Visitors). Would you like to become a voluntary Cathedral guide? This is a large and successful team. Currently we have a vacancy for a Monday morning from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. You would be asked to cover one weekly three hour period on this day. Full training would be provided at our Saturday Training Hub, which is informative, informal and fun! We'd love to hear from you. **Contact:** Cathedral House on 0151 709 9222 ext 201 or 203, or via email on enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Now has a wide range of Christmas nativities, 2017 calendars and bespoke Christmas gifts. Please pop in and have a browse. We are pleased to let you know that the two Cathedrals honey jars, and honey beer are also now back in stock. Ideal Christmas gifts. Get yours before they go.

12.15PM MASS

Please note that the 12.15pm Mass on Tuesday this week will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

After three very enjoyable meetings of the Cathedral Book Club we have now made a choice for our January and February meetings. If it is your New Year's resolution to read more then do think about coming along to this friendly, interesting and welcoming bunch of like minded people. Our first meeting in January is Thursday 26 January in the Gibberd Room at 7.00pm, and the book chosen to read is **The Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle**. The Tortilla Curtain (1995) is a novel by U.S. author T.C. Boyle about middle-class values, illegal immigration, xenophobia, poverty, and environmental destruction. In 1997 it was awarded the French Prix Médicis Étranger prize for best foreign novels. On Thursday 16 February we shall be meeting to discuss **Conclave by Robert Harris**. The Pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on earth. Even if you don't get round to reading the books do come along. The Car Park will be open for you to park. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

HOPE+ NEWS

For ideas on how to support us throughout Advent and Christmas please see our Advent Newsletter which is at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt. Please pick one up with you. We are always grateful for any donations or help that you are able to give, is always very much appreciated.

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.

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. Thank you to those who have already given to our appeal – but the response has been very slow!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower 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 1 January and the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Vincent's on Saturday 31 December will be offered for all their names.

EPIPHANY SERVICE

An Epiphany Carol Service will take place on Sunday 8th January at 3.00pm. Come along to the Cathedral to celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany in words, music and movement. The Carol Service will begin at the Crib before choir and congregation process around the Cathedral. Through the scripture readings and choir motets we will reflect on the visit of the Magi and early period of Jesus's ministry. The service will include carols for all to sing. All welcome.

HOLY HOUR

Throughout Advent between 4.00pm – 5.00pm the period of Exposition will be a holy hour of reflection focusing on the Word of God in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us.

DICKENSIAN CONCERT

Saturday 17th December 7.00pm.

Our Dickensian-inspired family Christmas concert is back by popular demand! BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips will be reprising his role as compere, as the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs and Archbishop Beck School Choir perform a selection of popular Christmas Carols, interspersed by students from St Edward's College performing some well known scenes from 'A Christmas Carol'. Tickets are priced at £5 or £10 for a family ticket. They can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop (0151 707 3525) or online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/297714>. For more information please contact music@metcathedral.org.uk or call Cathedral House on 709 9222.

Last week's collection: **£1,300.00**



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Sunday
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GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

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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

