

Mass Intentions Received

Bernard Charles Wise (RIP), Iroma Phyllis Wise (RIP), Joseph Louis Wise (RIP), Christopher John Clinch (IP), Jane Daly (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Duffy Family, O'Rourke Family, Mary and Aodhain Fagan, Margaret Baldwin RIP, Margaret Pilkington (70th Birthday), Dorothea Clague, Winnie Quirk, Pat Hindley, Mia Molyneux (Thinking of you), Henry Ferguson (Anniversary), Donal Ryan, Jack Garvey (Get Well), Dennis O'Gorman (Get Well), Mrs Joyce Mears (Intention), Fitzpatrick Family (Anniversary), Mick Tracey (RIP),

Pauline Geoghan (RIP), Louis Hourican (RIP), Lawrence Anthony Whitty (Remembrance), Angela Lorraine Whitty (Remembrance), Mary Kelly (Thinking of you), Angela McEwan, Marian Daley (Get Well), Daley Family (Intentions), King Family (Intentions), Smullen Family (Intentions), Peet Family (Intentions), Christopher Woolfall (RIP), Sean Kilbane, John Kilbane (RIP Anniversary), Maureen Snape, Clare and James Cassidy, Ella and Michael Gannon, Barry Family, Lobo Family, Liz Evans (Special Intentions).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise WEEK COMMENCING: 25 DECEMBER 2016

Sunday 25 December The Nativity of the Lord

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Christmas Mass
The Cathedral closes at 1.00pm

Monday 26 December Saint Stephen

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass

Tuesday 27 December Saint John

12.15pm Mass

Wednesday 28 December

Feast of the Holy Innocents
12.15pm Mass

Thursday 29 December Saint Thomas of Canterbury

12.15pm Mass

Friday 30 December Feast of the Holy Family

12.15pm Mass

Saturday 31 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(George Walsh) STV
6.30pm Vigil Mass Crypt

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:

There are no Confessions between Christmas and New Year during the week.

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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Happy Christmas

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, your families and friends, from the Dean and Clergy in Cathedral House.

2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MOST REV MALCOLM MCMAHON OP, ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

It is very easy to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas amidst the tinsel, glitter, food and drink, and yet the realities of that first Christmas are all around us today and we don't have to look far to see them. Refugees in a strange land, homelessness, oppression, poverty, cold, hunger - all part of our world today.

It would be easy and simplistic to say that nothing has changed, but it has: Jesus embraced our human condition in its entirety: born a refugee under an occupying power, born homeless and in poverty, cold and hungry. In so doing he brought us hope. Christmas time is rightly a time of celebration but its also a time of giving. We give presents, we share with others, we give our time, our food, our money, our goods, to help those in need in today's world.

We open our hearts to others and in so doing open them to God as we do in prayer when we celebrate Mass at Christmas. In remembering the birth of the Christ child we hear his cry for those in need, not least in the land of his birth. I visited the Holy Land recently and saw at first hand a suffering people, I will pray for and with them at Mass this Christmas and for all at home. In the darkest days of the year when we have a lot to worry about such as keeping warm, feeding our family, the effects of economic changes and Brexit, the true Light has come in our lives to give us real hope, not just wishful thinking. The Light of the world shows us the way out of the gloomy low point of the seasons to a brighter

future ahead. It is our belief that the child born in the manger will guide us and support us, that makes all the festivities worthwhile. Let us make the song of the angels our own: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill.'

HOPE+ NEWS

We have simply been overwhelmed by the generosity of people both near and far, and we do not have space to thank everyone here, but we will try! After our launch on the Feast of the Epiphany 2013 immediately the congregations of both Cathedrals and the St Luke in the City team began to donate, and continue to give their overwhelmingly generous support throughout the year, and every year since. Since then other churches and faith organisations have joined in. Special mention must go to the congregations of Liverpool Quaker Meeting House, The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, St Vincent de Paul, Liverpool Parish Church, St Claire's York Avenue, St Anne's Aigburth, St Bede's, St Peter's in Formby and Woolton, St Gabriel's, and St Agnes Huyton, The Church of Scotland, Liverpool Reform Synagogue, Princes Road Synagogue, Al Rahma Mosque, Abdulla Quilliam Mosque, and Penny Lane Mosque. Before long the schools of the city became involved and again we cannot list all, but special mention for recent donations must go to the Christian Fellowship School, St Vincent's Primary, Bellerive FCJ, St Julies, Merchant Taylors Girls School, and King David High School for their Mitzvah week collection of toiletries. Just this week we have received very generous donations from FareShare), South Liverpool Foodbank, Merseytravel, Broudie Jackson Canter and Lees LLP, and Cab East Liverpool. The staff of St James House and Liverpool Cathedral who have collected gifts throughout Advent, which they have wrapped beautifully, enabling us to give a gift to every guest next week. And to all who quietly donate privately so we do not know who to thank for many of the wonderful donations we find left for us; Thank you. Wishing you all a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas from all of us at Hope+.

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Cathedral Notice Board

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the next Newsletter will be issued for 7/8 January 2017.

MASS TIMES

On Monday 26 December Mass will be at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. From Tuesday 27 December to Friday 30 December there will be one Mass only at 12.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday and Sunday Masses remain at the usual times. Weekend Masses are at the usual times. The only Mass at St Vincent's will be the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm on 31 December and 7 January 2017.

The usual timetable for the Cathedral and St Vincent's resumes on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY

For week commencing 17 December: Winning numbers are 2, 3, 6, 9, 11 and 14. Prize was £3,200. No winner so there is a rollover next week and the prize money will be £3,250.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Thank you so much to everyone who donated gifts and toiletries for our Christmas appeal. It was the most successful yet and the response was overwhelming. Your generosity was really appreciated. Thank you so much. The generosity and kindness never ceases to amaze us and you can be assured that your offerings have made a real difference.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Christmas flowers. The flowers and plants will now decorate the Cathedral and Crypt. 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.

SAMARITANS

Please remember that for anyone who is feeling alone, a little bit low or totally overwhelmed by events during the Christmas season there will be someone at the Samaritans all over the Christmas and New Year period. They are just there to listen to you. The number you may need is 0151 708 8888 or ring on the FreeCall number which is 116 123.

CATHEDRAL CRIB

Please do go and have a look at the Cathedral Crib which is situated in the Unity Chapel. Thank you to all those people who have made donations towards the Crib. It is most appreciated. May the peace and love of the new born baby Jesus remain in your hearts and home throughout this Christmas season.

CAR BOOT SALE

Over the years we have made a lot of money for the Cathedral from our monthly car boot sales but for some reason over the past few months we have not been getting the people through the doors and so for the time being we will not be holding our car boot sales. This will be looked at

later on in the year to see if the interest is there. In the meantime a huge thank you to all those people who have donated goods for us to sell, and to everyone who has helped us sort, sell and organise. There are too many to mention over the years but special thanks must go to Fr Tony, Peter, Francis, Pam, John, Vera, Stewart, Joe, John and Kevin.

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.

ST VINCENT'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Vincent's "little church" is looking for volunteers to join Fran and Ben to help support our younger people on their journey of faith. We feel our younger children enrich our church and should be included and supported as part of our church community. "Little church" is a time to reflect with the children on the gospel and encourage discussions about God, and the life we lead in following him. If you feel you have the time to give on a Rota basis and can attend Saturday evening masses (6:00-7:00pm) at St Vincent's please contact Fr Stephen or Claire at the Cathedral (709 9222) or speak to Fran or Ben before or after Mass.

joining a friendly team (throughout the Diocese) who support one another and are open to new ideas and ways to encourage the growth of our younger church community at St Vincent's. This volunteering role will require you to take a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and to (preferably) have some knowledge regarding Safeguarding issues if possible, but training is available for volunteers via the Archdiocese.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

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. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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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



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CRYPT

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