

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Natalie Curran (RIP), Peter Arye (Anniversary), Tomeu Gelabert (RIP), Claire Hughes (Speedy Recovery), Joan Rowson (RIP), Stephen Cosgrove (RIP), Coleman Costello (RIP Anniversary), Peter Costello (RIP Anniversary), Monica Fairhurst (RIP), Diane Breheny (Birthday Remembrance), Lilian and Joseph Rabbitt (Anniversary), Michael Coakley (Anniversary), Sister Pauline of Nodva (RIP), Richard Power (RIP), Alice Rimmer (Get Well), Connie O'Riordan (RIP), Annie O'Neill (Intention),

Ernie and Anna Spencer (Intention), Marie and Luke Thinnesen (Intention), Peter Leary (RIP), Gloria Maieta (Get Well), John Gosling (RIP), Carol Murphy (RIP), Julie McCormick (Intention), John Hodson (RIP), Wayne Sheible (RIP), Yvonne and Mark Clements (Thank you), Brenda Benoni Wallcott (Thank you), Thomas Edwards (RIP), Tommy and Dolly, Celine and Family, John Joe (Slim) Callaghan (RIP), Adrian Thomas (RIP), Raymond Daxter (RIP), Philomena Berry (Get Well), Philomena Berry (Birthday), Annie and Billy Toomey (Remembrance), Elizabeth McDonald (Remembrance).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 3 December 2017

Sunday 3 December 1st 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 4 December

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

Tuesday 5 December St John Almond

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

Wednesday 6 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
10.00am Requiem Mass STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 7 December St Ambrose

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

Friday 8 December Immaculate Conception

8.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
10.00am Requiem Mass STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 9 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass (Frances Hayes) STV
6.30pm Vigil Mass Crypt

RECONCILIATION (Confession) Monday - Friday:

Following the 12.15pm Mass

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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First Sunday of Advent

'Advent is the season of hope. The readings for Advent are intended to tear us out of our ruts, out of the usual pattern of our days, and out of the narrow confines of our history. They are meant to startle us, awaken us to almost infinite possibilities, and claim our souls and lives for the work of recreation, restoration and deep transformation. These readings about God's dreams have been entrusted to us as the people of God, and we stake our lives on the fact that these dreams not only have begun to come true in the Incarnation, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ but are coming true in our births, lives, deaths and resurrections in the community of God's Spirit. The promises and works of God are made manifest and experienced now, in our lives and in our history. These readings tell not only of the past, where they began as small seeds of hope in a time of despair, but also of the future, where they will bear fruit in another age and generation. The entrance antiphon for Monday of the first week announces 'Nations hear the message of the Lord, and make it known to the ends of the earth: Our Saviour is coming. Have no more fear.'

The readings this Sunday urge us to be awake to the presence of the Lord in our lives and looking ahead to when he will come again. It is also a reminder to us here at the Cathedral of the urgency of being ready for the wonderful mixed bag of events that lead up to the Feast of Christmas which will demand all our energy and time each day for the next four weeks or so. As I am typing this newsletter the choir are busy rehearsing along the corridor for the Advent Sequence which is at 5.00pm this Sunday.

Meanwhile in Cathedral House the final version of the script for the children's Advent Services is being printed out for the cast who will be taking part. The children's services will take place next Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday. The production has had to be scaled down somewhat this year in comparison to previous Cathedral extravaganzas – so we will not be hiring in the motorised 'disability scooter camels' for the Kings, but we have a 'volunteer' 6 week old baby called Brendan who will be playing the part of Jesus and Kizzy, the shepherd's dog, is making a comeback (not big enough to frighten off even a fox she is camouflaged as a sheep!). The cast is made up of children from St Nicholas, St Edward's and Runnymede as well as adults from the Cathedral community.

Wednesday 6th December is the Feast of St Nicholas, patron Saint of our neighbouring primary school and of the Crypt Chapel. There will be an extra morning Mass in the Crypt at 9.30am that day for the schoolchildren, staff and for any parents who wish to attend. There are three funeral Masses this week- they are on Monday at 12.15 with the Mass taking place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and on Wednesday and Friday at St Vincent's with both Masses taking place at 10am. We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady on Friday and that evening BBC Radio Merseyside have their Annual Christmas Carol Service in the Cathedral starting at 7.30pm. This not only attracts a large congregation on the night but is recorded live so that it can be replayed to a larger audience on Christmas Day. The Car Boot makes a comeback on Saturday morning for a one off Christmas Special from 8am.

Canon Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 25 November the numbers were 1, 5, 6, 8, 11 and 14. The prize was £1,150 and there were no winners. Prize now increased to £1,200. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

BOOK CLUB

The date for the next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be on Thursday 14 December at 7.00pm when we shall meet to discuss our latest book *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett. It's an Alan Bennett attempt at stylish hilarity that succeeds! We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

CAR BOOT SALE

Due to popular demand we are resurrecting our famous Car Boot Sale and we will have a special Christmas Car Boot on Saturday 9 December. If you would like a pitch for yourself please book in via Cathedral House. Pitches are £10 on the day. In the meantime please have a good look through your own unwanted items and if you are getting rid of anything that you think we can sell for the Cathedral please drop it off at Cathedral House. Unfortunately, we can't take clothes or books but any items of furniture are gratefully received. If you need it collecting please call Cathedral House. Many thanks.

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Now has a wide range of Christmas nativities, 2018 calendars and bespoke Christmas gifts. Please pop in and have a browse. They are also selling Archdiocese of Liverpool 2018 directories.

HOPE+ FOOD BANK

Christmas, a time for giving, sharing and for many celebrating a feast with friends. Sadly many don't get to enjoy the festivities. We want to make sure that no-one goes hungry this Christmas. That no parent has to choose between a meal for themselves or their child. We need your help. You can donate any of the items listed below that we need regularly. Cereal, pasta, tinned fish, UHT milk. Thanks you for your help. Your generosity is a real gift of hope for many in Liverpool this Christmas.

CONCERTS SOCIETY

The Cathedral Concerts Society is looking for volunteers to help out on concert nights. Help is needed for box office, stewarding and refreshments. Bonus is, you get to hear the concerts for free. Please contact Jean on 07759 851702 or jean@cavensoft.com

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.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Please note that the Cathedral Dean, Canon Anthony O'Brien will host a series of informal evenings aimed at sharing thoughts and reflections on the weekly Sunday Advent readings. The group will meet each Wednesday leading up to Christmas, and will offer a warm and friendly forum in which to contribute to group discussions. All are welcome to attend either single sessions or the whole series. Please meet in Chemin Neuf next to Cathedral House from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The next date is 6 December, 13 December and 20 December.

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 31 December and the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Vincent's on Saturday 30 December will be offered for all their names.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

That the 12.15pm Mass will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday 4 December and Tuesday 5 December.

DICKENSIAN CONCERT

Saturday 16th December, 7.00pm.

Come and enjoy a feast of Christmas music at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm. Compered by BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the concert will feature a range of Christmas music, old and new, performed by the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs. Tickets are priced at £5 for a single ticket, and £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and can be purchased from [lpoolmetmusic.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

SURVIVE-MIVA

(UK Registered Charity No. 268745) is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Find out more at: www.survive-miva.org

Last week's collection: **£1, 608.00**

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Sunday
10.00am – 4.00pm

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GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

0151 707 2107
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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
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
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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)