

Mass Intentions Received

Emily Hamilton, Sr Mary Jo, Sr Josephine Quinn FMM, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Jean McGovern (Get Well), Jimmy Blaine (RIP), George Hassat (RIP), John Laffety (RIP), Sarah Brown (Keep Well), Hamilton Family, Pat and Robert Carroll (Get Well), Ann and Frank Brown, Pat Brodrick, Bertie Kavanagh (RIP), Mary Byrne (RIP), Lyn Smith (RIP), Fitzpatrick Family (Anniversary), Lisa Haresnape (Intention), Patrick Doran (Get Well), Peter Tallon (RIP), Mary Ney (RIP), Teresa Tallon (RIP), Pamela Buckley,

Mary Buckley, Marie Shaw (RIP), Stephen McEwen (RIP Anniversary), Lawrence Maxwell (RIP), Mary Williams (RIP), Sylvia Pomford and Family (Thinking of you), Michael Boden (RIP), Monica Dryer (Loving Memory), Pauline Heaps (Get Well), John Kilbane (Anniversary), Michael Regan (Anniversary, Clare Daly (Anniversary), Kathleen Jean Parker, Linda Muldoon (RIP), Winifred Edgerton, John Hogan (RIP), Frances and Richard Castle, Bernadette and Tim Goode, Margaret and Neil Ormesher, Brigid Maxwell, Milly Alty (Intention), Michael Murphy.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 17 December 2017

Sunday 17 December 3rd 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 18 December

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

Tuesday 19 December

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

Wednesday 20 December

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

Thursday 21 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 22 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Teresa Baxter) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 23 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(John Wilcotte) 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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Third Sunday of Advent

I always feel it is a special joy celebrating masses in the final week of Advent when the focus is on Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah as they prepared for the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, our Emmanuel. They led ordinary lives like others of their time and of ours, yet they were blest people and we hear once again of Elizabeth's hope for a child and shame at being childless, Zechariah's struggle to come to terms with the revelation he received, Mary's willing response to the Angel and yet her fear for the future and Joseph's soul searching to respond in an honourable way and choose the right course of action. Mary offers us a remarkable and inspiring example of hope, courage and trust in God in the face of uncertainty. Joseph teaches us the importance of pondering and searching our souls so that we can make the right choices at important moments and to act with sensitivity, honour and care in our dealings with those we love. In this final time of Advent may we be more aware that 'Emmanuel - God is with us' and that we need the intercession of Our Lady and St Joseph to help us see the Lord's hand at work in our lives and how we should respond with faith and generosity of spirit. They are beautiful daily Gospel readings with many lessons to teach us. If you are able to join us for mass during this week or on any of these days I'm sure it would greatly help your own preparations for Christmas. If this is not possible perhaps you and your family could say the Angelus prayer each day in preparation for the Feast of Christmas.

On this Sunday in Advent Pope Francis invites children in Rome who have a crib at home to bring the figure of the child Jesus to mass where they are blessed and then taken home to be placed in the crib for Christmas. I had never heard of this tradition before – it may be

an Italian or South American custom which Pope Francis has revived and it creates a lovely link for the children between the mass and their family faith and home. If any children would like to bring a crib figure of the baby Jesus to any of our masses next Sunday the priests will bless them at the end of mass.

This Sunday at 5pm we have our own Cathedral Festival Carol Service with a celebratory mix of carols, Christmas choral music and readings. The first half of next week continues with further Carol Services – Belvedere Academy on Monday, St Edward's College on Tuesday evening and the Diocesan Dementia Carol Service on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. The latter half of next week is taken over with final preparations for the celebration of Christmas along with the arrival of the BBC crew who will be setting up for the live transmission of the Midnight Mass for Radio 4. This will mean that the mass will begin at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve this year and will be on air for an hour and fifteen minutes. Please note that masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are at the normal times except that there will be no Sunday evening mass at 7pm and the hospital mass at 4pm will be a vigil mass for Christmas. Please take a copy of the leaflet with the times of services for the Christmas period if you don't already have one these contain all the details of Christmas masses and services at the Cathedral and St Vincent's.

Canon Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 9 December the numbers were 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 13. The prize was £1,250 and there were no winners. Prize now increased to £1,300. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

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 FINAL CHANCE

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 all those who have been so generous already.

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 final date is 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 time of First Vespers on Christmas Eve is 3.00pm and not 2.00pm as stated.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No tickets required but please arrive in good time to get a seat. You need to be seated by 11.00pm for a start time of 11.30pm. Mass will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4.

CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 17 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. Something for the whole family. Congregational carols; readers and poems. No tickets required. All welcome.

BBC RADIO MERSEYSIDE

The Carol Service that took place in the Cathedral at the beginning of December was recorded and will be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and again on Christmas Day at 5.00pm. A programme full of festive cheer!

PLEASE NOTE

That on Tuesday, next week, the 5.15pm Mass will take place in the Crypt Chapel and not the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Apologies for any inconvenience.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

Will take place in the Cathedral at 2.00pm on Wednesday 20 December. Songs we remember. Featuring the children from All Saints Primary School, Bootle, St Margaret Mary's Junior School, Huyton, plus the 'Songs we Remember' choir. For further information please contact the Pastoral Formation Department on 0151 522 1046. All welcome.

BOOK CLUB

The date for the next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 7.00pm when we shall meet to discuss our latest book *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig. We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk A very Happy Christmas to all our book club members!

MASS INTENTIONS

Harry and Freda Foster (RIP), Foster and McCarthy Families (RIP), Hannah Morris (RIP), Irene Farrel (RIP), Walter Davies (RIP), Mary Williams (RIP), Patrick Keane (RIP), Father Elliot, Mgr Peter Moran, John Ireland, Irene Fellows (Intention), Rita Ryan, J and A Wilks (Intention), Begley Family, O'Neill Family, Griffin and Jennings Family, Byrne Family, John and Ann Crooks, Augustinian Canonesses Ince Blundell, Sean Jennings (Get Well), Patrick Grimes (RIP).

Last week's collection: **£976.00**



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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

