

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Jane Daly (RIP, Thinking of You), Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Vincent Callacher (RIP), Br Tony Jukes (RIP), Teresa Herterick, Bridget and Anthony, Mary and Joseph O'Connell, Mrs T Allweis (Intention), Geraldine Ion (RIP), Mollie and David Dunne, Mrs Betty Twist 9Speedy Recovery), Nora and John Condon, John Houghton (Get Well), Madge Murphy (RIP), Chris Mulcahy (Intention), Peter and Margaret Devlin (Intention), Jim Astley (Remembrance), Howley, Meaney and Astley Families, Sue Cox, Magdalene

Ferris (Remembrance), Fr John Cullen, Mary Carey (RIP), Fr Louis Maggiore, Fr Niall Mullaley, Fr Peter Phillips, Deacon Tony and Kay Hunt, Deacon Paul Sutton, Geraldine Ion (RIP), Andrew Marie Brabin (Get Well), Ian Carey (RIP), Margaret Packwood, Danny Ferguson and Family, Marion and Ambrose Ferguson and Family, Gerald Ferguson and Family, Rosanne Brady, Aunty Nan, John Farrell, Maria Mannix, James Gillespie (RIP), Theresa Cullen (RIP), Winifred Edgerton, Bernard Edgerton, Donna Osbourne (Anniversary), Melanie McGreevy (Anniversary), David Ryder (RIP).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise WEEK COMMENCING: 24 DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 24 December

4th Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Eve

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass
3.00pm First Vespers and Blessing of the Crib

The Cathedral closes at 5.00pm
The Cathedral re-opens at 10.00pm
8.00pm Mass STV
11.30pm CHRISTMAS
MIDNIGHT MASS

Monday 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

Tuesday 26 December

Saint Stephen

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 27 December

Feast of St John

10.00am Mass

Thursday 28 December

Feast of the Holy Innocents

10.00am Mass
10.00am Requiem Mass STV

Friday 29 December

Feast of St Thomas

10.00am Mass

Saturday 30 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass 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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Cathedral Record

Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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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.

2017 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MOST REV MALCOLM MCMAHON OP

If we take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the feast can transform our lives, and not just for a few days at the end of the year. The Christmas message of peace and love never changes from one year to the next because it is there for us every day of our lives.

The Gospel tells us that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life'. We remember this especially at Christmas, showing our thanks by reaching out to those around us. We remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem: the nativity reproduced each year in numerous plays and presentations and recreated through the centuries in countless works of art. The stable, Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus, visited by shepherds and wise men.

It is right that we should remember and celebrate in this way, but sometimes our celebrations can lose sight of the reality of that cold winter's night two thousand years ago. The distance travelled: Mary and Joseph were far from home, they were living in a land ruled by an occupying power, forced to travel to Bethlehem to take part in a census. When they arrived there, among the crowd, there was nowhere for them to stay until an innkeeper let them use a stable. There were shepherds looking after their flocks on a dark hillside with no light and no warmth and wise men who travelled from afar, a great distance, in the hope of seeing the saviour.

Suddenly, a transformation as darkness became light. A child is born. Shepherds, at first cowering and scared, have a vision of angels bringing

tidings of great joy, for 'today a Saviour has been born to us, he is Christ the Lord'.

Christmas transforms our lives too, especially if we give to those around us: to people who are on their own at Christmas, or by visiting the housebound and the sick in hospital. We can make welcome those, who like Mary and Joseph, are far from home; those seeking asylum, those in prison, and members of the Forces who must be apart from their loved ones. On Christmas Day we hear the account of the nativity showing us what God's love means for us today. Let us recognise His love so that our lives may be transformed.

With my prayers and every good wish for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CATHEDRAL DEAN

There is so much preparation and anticipation that goes into the celebration of Christmas whether at home and amongst families or on a larger scale within the Cathedral. We want it to be a special time of joy and peace and of welcoming and giving thanks for the birth of our saviour. Here at the Cathedral over the month of December that preparation has meant a wonderful array of services, charity concerts and special events along with all the hard work behind the scenes to make them happen. It reminds us of the needs and burdens carried by many in our society as well as the joy of this time of the year. Now the preparations are over and Christmas is upon us. I want to extend my thanks to all who have worked so hard over recent weeks at the Cathedral in preparation for Christmas and to all those who will be helping and ministering here over the next few days. May this be a truly joyful and blessed time for us. May the peace of the Christ be with you and I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

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Cathedral Notice Board

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the next Newsletter will be issued for 6/7 January 2018.

MASS TIMES

From Tuesday 26 December – Friday 29 December there will be one Mass only at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday and Sunday Masses remain at the usual times. The only Mass at St Vincent's will be the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm on 30 December and 6 January 2018. The usual timetable for the Cathedral and St Vincent's resumes on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

There will be one Mass at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday 1 January 2018.

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. We appreciate your generosity even more as we know how many demands are being made on people to donate to all different charities, all of whom are as worthy as the next. Thank you to everyone who made such an effort.

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 31 December and the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Vincent's on Saturday 30 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 West Apse this year. 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.

EPIPHANY SERVICE

An Epiphany Carol Service will take place on Sunday 7 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.

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 2018 will be on Thursday 8 February in the Gibberd Room at 7.00pm, and the book chosen to read is How to Stop Time by Matt Haig. The book is a Sunday Times Best Seller. Tom Hazard has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old history teacher, but he's been alive for centuries. From Elizabethan England to Jazz-Age Paris, from New York to the South Seas, Tom has seen it all. As long as he keeps changing his identity he can keep one step ahead of his past - and stay alive. The only thing he must not do is fall in love . . . All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire

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PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be closed to visitors from Monday 8 January – Friday 12 January inclusive. Watch this space for more closures over the coming weeks, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

THANK YOU

To all Cathedral Staff and Volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to achieve so much in our Cathedral and Crypt. The work that we do with all the services, Masses, exhibitions, concerts, corporate events, fund raising, outreach work and a whole host of other events increases year on year. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes with so many dedicated people, young and old alike, and each one of what we do makes a tiny bit of difference. Never think that what you do goes unnoticed. You make a real difference and deserve a big Thank You.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Michael Santangeli (RIP), Pat Roche (RIP), Warriner Family, Mary Johnson (RIP), Sean Deery (RIP), Patsy Bennett (RIP), Kathleen Kelleher, Andy Beverage (RIP), Mary Carey (RIP), Danny Finley (RIP), John Scott (Get Well), Mary McMahon (Get Well), Moira Bowyer (Intention).

Last week's collection: **£1,334.00**

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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



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