

Mass Intentions Received

Mrs Ruby Mortier (RIP), Ms Antoinette Mortier (RIP), Ms Zaidie Mottier (RIP), Mrs Iroma Wise (RIP), Mr Bernard Wise (RIP), Mr Joseph Wise (RIP), Ms Iris Mortier (RIP), Mr Christopher Clinch (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Elizabeth Wright (RIP), Paul Roche and Family, Helen Thompson, Marie Jeffers (Remembrance), Clare Teresa Gorman (RIP), Ben Williams (RIP), Peter, Diane Breheny (Birthday Remembrance), Aloysius McCollam (RIP), Frances Caulfield (RIP), John Chow (RIP), Frances and Richard Castle, Mary

Blunn, Agnes MacDonald, Sister Eva McHale, Colin John Williams (RIP), James Elien (RIP), Frank Moore (RIP), Laura Baur (Get Well), Carmel Doherty (RIP), Joseph Alan Redmond (RIP), Fr Laurence Mayne (Speedy Recovery), Agnes Brake (RIP), Mary Nolan (RIP), Connor Lavery (RIP), Vera Wright (RIP), Dennis Conlon, Rosaleen Conlon, Louise Charnley (RIP), Margaret McCann (RIP), Madelaine O'Dwyer (Intention), Dorien and Bert Churcher (RIP), Marion Durvin (RIP), Angela Scamp (RIP), Norah Lloyd (RIP), Linda Farley (RIP), Tadhg O'Shea, Mr and Mrs O'Shea.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 9 December 2018

Sunday 9 December Second 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 10 December

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

Tuesday 11 December

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

Wednesday 12 December

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

Thursday 13 December St Lucy

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

Friday 14 December St John of the Cross

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

Saturday 15 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
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

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony
O'Brien Dean
Mgr Peter Cookson
Fr Stephen Lee
Fr Philip Carr

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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Second Sunday of Advent

'The flattening of each high mountain and the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God'. This is the vision of Isaiah that we are given this weekend and which is echoed by John the Baptist in the Gospel. Being someone who enjoys walking in the countryside the thought of flattening the mountains and filling in the valleys fills me with horror – we have already destroyed so much of our environment and features like this are a special part of God's creation. But I have to admit that there are lots of occasions when I have been coming from the city centre back to the Cathedral or walking back from St Vincent's church carrying a heavy bag or rucksack when the thought of making level the way seemed to make sense. Also roads through valleys and over hills were places of considerable danger in former times. We all create little hills and barriers which prevent Christ coming into our lives. These obstacles in the way of the Lord are not items of beauty but blots on our personal landscapes. John's message clearly invites us to chip away at the barriers we create and make a straight highway for the Lord.

The first half of the coming week will be busy with school services and events. On Tuesday afternoon Scarisbrick Hall are having their carol service in the Cathedral. St Mary's College, Crosby prize giving will have taken place on Monday evening. The Schools Advent Services take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon which will be led this year by the Academy of St Francis. The SAMM (Support after Murder and Manslaughter) Christmas Service is on Thursday evening at 7.30pm and the Dementia Carol Service is on Friday afternoon at 2pm.

With all these events due to take place the staff have been busy this week preparing things for the end of Advent and the lead up to Christmas. Christmas trees are all in place, lights being checked everywhere, crib figures dusted down and dressed in readiness. There has been work behind the scenes to create new characters for the knitted crib as well as knitted straw and there are still last minute decisions to be made for changes to Christmas events.

The Cathedral is no different than any home in wanting to create a festive atmosphere for the celebration of Christmas but on a much larger scale. Hopefully everything we do is done to give honour to the Christ Child, born in the stable at Bethlehem long ago and to create a place of welcome where he can dwell amongst us today.

Next Saturday evening we have our own Cathedral 'Celebration of Christmas' concert which will be compered by Roger Phillips from BBC Radio Merseyside. It promises to be an evening of good fun and enjoyment with favourite carols and popular Christmas music with plenty of opportunities for us all to join in. There are still some tickets left for this if you fancy putting on your Christmas jumper and joining us for what promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

The lottery numbers for week commencing 1 December were not available at the time of printing. The prize was £950. There were no winners. Next week the prize will be £1000.

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 27 January 2018 where once again we will meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park. Previous walks have been excellent! Further details from c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk New walkers are always welcome.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room when we shall meet to discuss 'Home Fire' by Kamila Shamise. This book won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2018, and was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2017. All welcome.

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOY OF LOVE (Amoris Laetitia)

In this 325-paragraph document, Pope Francis provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family: their strengths and weaknesses, their call from God and the challenges they face. Pope Francis recommends that The Joy of Love be read "patiently and carefully". Each week we will print an extract from the Pope's letter and reflect on how it might relate to our family

lives. "The educational process that occurs between parents and children can be helped or hindered by the increasing sophistication of the communications and entertainment media." (Amoris Laetitia 278). New forms of communication enable family members who live apart to keep in touch but there are also risks to family life as a result of these new forms of communication and media. In your particular family setting reflect on the extent to which the benefits of these new forms outweigh the risks and what you can do to monitor and improve this experience for your family.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

This year we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on Sunday 16 December at all Masses in the Cathedral and the Crypt. For the past several decades each year on Gaudete Sunday children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines. You are invited to bring your own Baby Jesus figures from your homes to one of the Masses on 16 December and they will be blessed after the Final Prayer. One thing you could do is then take the 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it until Christmas Day and let this be the first gift your family opens.

GIFT SHOP

The Cathedral Gift Shop is filled with Advent Calendars, Cribs, Cards and much more on your Christmas list. Please pop in.

You can also get your tickets for the Celebration of Christmas Concert. Ring them on 0151 707 3525.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 6th December was the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas. and all classes attended a special Mass celebrated by Father Philip at the Cathedral. As part of the Mass the children learnt about a little about the life of Saint Nicholas and how he secretly distributed gold coins to his neighbours and others who were less fortunate than himself. All of our pupils were given a bag of gold coins (although these were of the chocolate variety!) to remember the good deed Saint Nicholas carried out. At this time of Christmas it is just as good and just as rewarding to give as well as receive. Saint Nicholas Pray For Us.

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.

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 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.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No tickets required but please arrive in good time to get a seat. You need to be seated by 11.45pm for a start time of Midnight. If you need a Cathedral Car Park pass please contact Claire in Cathedral House. A stamped addressed envelope is required for any that need to be posted out.

CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 23 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. Something for the whole family. Congregational carols; readers and poems. No tickets required. All welcome.

Last week's collection: **£1,097.00**

A Celebration of Christmas

Christmas carols and seasonal favourites for all the family. Featuring the BBC's Roger Phillips and the choirs of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Sat 15 Dec, 7pm

Tickets: £5 each / £10 Family ticket.
enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

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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LUTYENS CRYPT

— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —

ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

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)