

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Louis Hourrican (Anniversary), Sacred Heart, Margaret Samuel and Harold Chittick (In Remembrance), John Roberts (RIP), Bridget O'Reilly (Full Recovery), Tyler Ryan (Full Recovery), Margaret O'Neill (Intention), Jim Whelan (RIP), Anne Whelan (RIP), Nora Twomey (RIP), Katie Hyde, Bobby Shacklady (RIP), Rosemary McDonnell (Intention), Joseph Flannery (Get Well), Benjamin Williams (RIP), John Kilbane (Anniversary), Kathleen Carney, Martin and Geraldine Kilbane, Mary and Jimmy and Catrina

Byrne (RIP), Sidney Bowles (RIP), Cristobal Llaverro Molero (RIP), Winifred Edgerton (Birthday), Denise Hyde (Get Well), Hunt Family (Intentions), Kelly Family (Intentions), Maguire Family (Intentions), Thelma Dennis (RIP), Mary Buckley, Pamela Buckley, Tommy and Dolly Eaton, Arthur Potter (Remembrance), Sophie and Mike (Wedding), Geraldine Martin (RIP), Mr and Mrs John Smith and Family, Kevin Gobb and Clive Bassent, Yvette Jozef Monica Schrader (Intention), Gemma Heldt (RIP), Sarah White, Maria Graham, Louise Bowman and School, William White.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 16 December 2018

Sunday 16 December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am Mass
11.00am 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 17 December

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

Tuesday 18 December

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

Wednesday 19 December

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

Thursday 20 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 21 December

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

Saturday 22 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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Third Sunday of Advent

We name the third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete Sunday' to express our joy that the Lord's coming is very near. Saint Paul in this weekend's second reading encourages us to be happy and tolerant for the Lord is very near and we hear that the people who listened to the message of John the Baptist had the humility to acknowledge that they needed guidance from him in order to find out what they must do to prepare for the one who is to come. Tolerance, humility and clarity of direction of travel are in short supply in our society particularly on the national political front in recent days. At least John the Baptist is clear what we must do to prepare our hearts for the great gift of God himself which is more than we can say for those who lead us politically.

The tradition of blessing the baby Jesus crib figures on this Third Sunday in Advent began in Italy and has now become more universally popular - it is known as the Bambillini Blessing. For those who have brought crib figures there will be a blessing at the end of the Masses this Sunday morning.

Evening Prayer this Sunday is in a shorter form and is followed by Benjamin Britten's, 'Ceremony of Carols' accompanied on the harp.

On Monday afternoon Belvedere Academy have their Christmas Carol Service in the Cathedral.

The Nugent 'Light up a Life' service is on Tuesday at 12.30pm.

There will be a funeral Mass at 12.15 on Wednesday for Bobby Shacklady.

Our choir school, St Edward's College, have their Carol Service on Thursday evening at 5.30pm - the evening mass at 5.15pm will take place in the Crypt Chapel.

Next Sunday evening we have our own Cathedral Festival Carol Service in the Cathedral at 5pm which is a lovely opportunity us all to get into the Christmas Spirit and start to celebrate Christmas in a joyful and festive manner. Both our choirs will be taking part. Also next Sunday we will be giving out a blest candle and Christmas Grace for use on Christmas Day.

During this week Pope Francis will give his annual address to the Roman Curia - the Bishops and Cardinals who run the various departments and dicasteries in the Vatican. In previous years he has not pulled any punches in using this gathering, which is a traditional time to thank them all for their service of the church throughout that year, to also offer criticism and challenge. In 2014 he pointed to certain sinful attitudes that those in the Vatican can be prone to - such as having hearts of stone, thinking they were beyond criticism or review, being miserable and having funereal faces etc. In 2017 he began by quoting a phrase 'making reforms in Rome is like trying to clean the sphinx with a toothbrush'. Making the point that it takes time and patience but is also an extremely difficult task. Then he finished with a quote as a beautiful one line Christmas reflection 'It depends solely on you. If only your heart could become a manger, then God would once again become a child on earth.' It will be interesting to read the address he will give this week but all of these challenging remarks he made to the curia are as relevant to all of us in positions of service in the church.

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Cathedral Notice Board

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 24 January at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room when we shall meet to discuss *Flesh and Blood* by Stephen McGann 'Intelligently structured and eloquently written, McGann's book is a powerful homage to his family and Irish ancestry, to modern medicine and the welfare state. Packed with lively anecdotes and insights on social history, *Flesh and Blood* is a humble human story with a majestic theme.' 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. All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: (It is through this that) 'We come to believe in the love that God has for us'"

(Amoris Laetitia 290). Introduce prayer into your child's life/remind your child about prayer by asking them to name their blessings before bedtime and thank God together for the joys in their life.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Today we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday 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 today 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.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week here at school we have had another very busy week and continue to be so very proud of every one of our pupils. Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have superbly performed their Christmas play twice for their parents/carers; the school choir sang beautifully a variety of carols at the Royal Hospital;

two classes have been learning sign language this term and sang whilst signing a selection of carols in Liverpool One; two classes visited a local secondary school to watch a performance of Mary Poppins; all classes enjoyed visiting the Cathedral to take part in the Advent Service held on Wednesday afternoon and finally on Friday we finished the week by raising money for the Save the Children charity by wearing our Christmas jumpers! As you can imagine we were all ready for the weekend! I hope your Christmas preparations are going well

WOMEN'S REFUGE LAST CHANCE!

Our appeal for new 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bobby Shacklady who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Wednesday 19 December at 12.15pm. Bobby was a faithful member of the Crypt family and he will be missed greatly by all those who knew him. May he rest in peace. Please also remember Maureen his wife in your prayers.

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

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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)