

Mass Intentions Received

Donnelly Family Deceased, Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Helen, Ted, Finn, Eddie (Intention), Anthony Eddie Stephen Connole (Intention), Nora and Patrick Farragher (RIP), Bridget and Thomas Connole (RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Noreen Bavister (Get Well), Monica Drayer (RIP), Fitzpatrick Family, Vlad Voinescu (RIP), Miss McGee (Intention), Mrs Burns (Intention), Mr and Mrs Curran (Intention), Catherine and Elizabeth Wylie, Mary Oakes, Teresa Wood, Kathleen and Paul Baldwin (Golden

Wedding), Gerard Withe, Margaret and Harold With, John and Beryl Farrar, John and Mary Turner, Tommy Fahey Natalie O'Donaghue, John Donnelly (RIP), Mrs Rosalie Bostock (RIP), Thomas McCormack (RIP), Kelly Hollinghurst, Claire Kartal (Good Health), Angela Lorraine Whitty, Lawrence Anthony Whitty, Sarah Brown (Good Health), Chris Doyle (RIP), Elizabeth Bridge (RIP), Jim Astley (Remembrance), Astley, Meaney, Howley Families, Margaret Devlin, Christine Mulcahy, Colette McQuade, (Birthday), Patricia Ferris (Intention), Betty McKeown (Intention).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 23 DECEMBER 2018

Sunday 23 December 4th 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
5.00pm Festival Carol Service
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 24 December

8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
3.00pm First Vespers and Blessing of the Crib

The Cathedral closes at 5.00pm
The Cathedral re-opens at 10.00pm
Midnight CHRISTMAS
MIDNIGHT MASS

Tuesday 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

Wednesday 26 December Feast of St Stephen, Martyr

10.00am Mass

Thursday 27 December Feast of St John

10.00am Mass

Friday 28 December Feast of The Holy Innocents

10.00am Mass

Saturday 29 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
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 Philip Carr
Fr Stephen Lee

DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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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.

2018 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MOST REV MALCOLM MCMAHON OP

This Christmas many people are living with uncertainty, yet this is nothing new. For centuries people have lived with worry and insecurity, but for over two thousand years we have lived with the truth which we celebrate each Christmas Day: the truth that God became man for us, for each and every one of us. The Christ child born in Bethlehem is our anchor, and our saviour. His coming brings us confidence so we can face the future with hope.

We celebrate Christmas at the darkest time of the year, the days are short and the nights long, but our celebrations bring light to our darkness and hope to our lives. In these days we see incredible generosity as people reach out to others, especially to those in need. In a time of political instability, financial worries, foodbanks and poverty so many are daily supporting those who most need our help. In recent weeks donations to local foodbanks have increased as people give help to those most in need at this time of year. Those who have plenty supporting those with so little.

Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable, in the dark, open to the cold. His first visitors were not friends and family or people that Mary and Joseph knew, they were strangers - shepherds from the surrounding hillside summoned by angels and wise men from the east who followed a star bringing gifts for the new born king. Stars don't just lead us but remind us of the creative power of God and his presence in our lives. God is with us in the star that shines in our hearts. God became one of us because we matter.

Jesus, the true Light, has come in our lives to give us real hope because each one of us matters, this is not just wishful thinking. Jesus, the Light of the world shows us the way out of the despair of poverty, and of instability and of the gloom of the seasons to a brighter future ahead. We believe that the child born in Bethlehem will guide us and support us and that makes our festivities worthwhile.

We buy presents for our families and friends; we decorate our homes, offices and churches; and we travel long distances so that we can be with the people whom we love most, reminding us of God's love for us.

Let us then pray for peace in our world and in our lives echoing the song of the angels: 'Gloria to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill.'

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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NEWSLETTER

Please note that the next Newsletter will be issued for 5/6 January 2019.

MASS TIMES

From Wednesday 26 December – Friday 28 December, and on Monday 31 December and Tuesday 1 January there will be one Mass only at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday and Sunday Masses remain at the usual times. The usual timetable for the Cathedral resumes on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

There will be one Mass at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Tuesday 1 January 2019.

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 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.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

Last week was the final week of a very busy term and the levels of excitement and anticipation throughout the school were running very high indeed! (No explanation needed here I think!) The school choir sang carols so beautifully at the University and the oldest children performed their Nativity play for the final time; for our Year 6 children this is their last Christmas in the school as next year they will have started at secondary school. On

Wednesday every class thoroughly enjoyed having their Christmas party and Father Christmas even managed to find time to visit on party day to meet and give out a gift to every child! Watching and feeling the awe and wonder on the children's faces serves to remind us all here, yet again, how very privileged we feel to be part of the school and the community we serve. On behalf of the children, governors and staff I would like to wish you a very peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be closed to visitors from Monday 7 January – Friday 25 January 2019 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Taggart who died recently. Alice was a faithful member of the Art Department for over 25 years. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. May she rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Margaret and Neil Ormesher, Rev Tim and Bernadette Goode, Alex Buchanan (RIP), Joe Murphy (RIP), Sister Elizabeth Doyle, Alan Hodgson (RIP), Byrne/Ashcroft Families, Augustinian Canonesses at Ince Blundell, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Griffiths/Jennings Families, Begley Family, O'Neill Family, Anthony Duffy (Remembrance), Ann Mitchell (Remembrance), Stephen White, Tony and Ann Leonard, Peggy Greaney, Thomas Greaney, Mrs Margorie Pitt (RIP), Ian Bond (RIP), Eric and Pat Prescott, John Gallagher (RIP).

Last week's collection: **£1,102.00**



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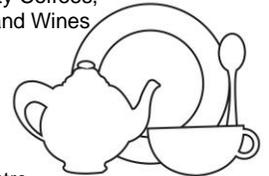


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The 5.15pm Mass on the first Friday of every month will be offered for all those who are recorded in the Golden Book.

Monday – Friday
10.00am – 3.30pm

