

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Bobby Shacklady (RIP 1ST Anniversary), Anthony Moulton (50th Birthday), Norma Larkin (Good Health), Irene Ruth (1st Anniversary), Merian Macneil (RIP), Grant and Macneil Family, Ann Keane (80th Birthday), John Morgan (RIP), Alexandra Clarke (RIP Anniversary), Marg McDonald (Thinking of you), Michael and Ann Yates, Kathleen Comerford, Joseph Santangeli (Get Well), Tony McGauley (RIP), Maureen Marnell (RIP), John Fairhurst (RIP), Patrick Cosgrove, Catherine Bruen, Albert Skipper, Marie Armstrong,

Kathleen Carney, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (RIP), Ernie Clarke (RIP), Rosina and Tommy Smith (Intention), Margaret Deaves (RIP), Mgr Cookson (RIP), Julie (Recovery from sickness), Private Intention, Bernard Edgerton (Anniversary Remembrance), Alex Park (RIP), Max Rundell (RIP), Christiane Chihadeh (Intention), Honora and Lawrence Brown (RIP), Brown Family (Intention), Anita Nolan (RIP), Stephen Flaherty (RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Jesus Suffering and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, Holy Souls, Connole Family (RIP), Farragher Family (RIP), Annie Brown (RIP)

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 1 December 2019

Sunday 1 December First Sunday of Advent

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
4.00pm Mass RLUH
5.00pm Advent Sequence
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 2 December

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

Tuesday 3 December

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

Wednesday 4 December

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

Thursday 5 December St John Almond

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

Friday 6 December

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

Saturday 7 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.30pm Vigil Mass Crypt

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:

Following the 12.15pm Mass

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 11.00am – 12noon & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

4.00pm – 5.00pm on Friday

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

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

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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1st Sunday of Advent

We enter the season of Advent this weekend a time of new beginnings, the simple symbol of this change of season is the appearance of a wreath and we mark the passing of the four weeks with lighted candles.

Advent summons us to look forward in hopeful anticipation and also to wakefulness. Hope because we prepare for the celebration of the Lord's first coming at Christmas. Wakefulness because it invites us to live in the confident expectation that the Lord will come again. 'Salvation is nearer now than when we were first converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon. Let us live in the light and let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.'

While everything around us in society and even by some of the external events in the Cathedral are trying to rush forward and anticipate Christmas we are encouraged to find some time to ponder and be still, to prepare spiritually to make a way for the Lord who comes amongst us. We very easily lose a sense of God's presence in our busy lives and Advent is a time to rediscover the wonderful gift of Christ's presence among us especially in word and sacrament. We are to be ready for the Lord when he comes through acting justly, helping those in need and clearing a way in our hearts for Christ's truth through more frequent attendance at mass and reconciliation.

Along with our weekend Masses for the First Sunday of Advent we have an afternoon service at 5pm which takes the place of the usual Choral Evening Prayer. This is a service of word, hymns and Advent music – known as the Advent Sequence- and it offers us a an opportunity to

enter into the Spirit of the season in a prayerful and reflective way. On Wednesday there is a service at 12 noon in the Cathedral - Nugent's 'Light up a Light' annual service and on Thursday evening NSPCC host their annual Carol Concert at 7.30pm in the Cathedral and on Saturday there is the Annual Christmas Concert by the Cathedral Concert Society in the Cathedral.

The Cookson family and Cathedral Clergy are grateful for all the cards and messages of sympathy that people sent at the death of Monsignor Peter – the numbers of people and priests at the funeral service last Monday was a testimony to the regard in which he was held and it was a very moving celebration. We also heard last week of the deaths of two other people who had associations with our Cathedral. The artist Stephen Foster, who died recently, was responsible for the carvings in the St Joseph Chapel and the sculpture of Christ and the Children in the Children's Chapel. His work, from the 1970s until recently, can be seen in numerous Cathedrals and churches including Allen Hall Seminary, Northampton Cathedral, Our Lady's Kensington and the Carmelite Monastery in Ware and his most recent work was unveiled earlier this year in Holy Cross, Parsons Green, London. Also the former director of Music for Westminster Cathedral, Colin Mawby died last week. As well as directing the choir for 15 years he was also a prolific composer and one of his commissions was a Mass setting for our Cathedral which is sung on important diocesan celebrations here.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 19 January 2020 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 23 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room. We will meet to discuss *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci. New readers are always welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS

Please join us for quiet Prayer after 5.15pm Mass on Tuesday evenings followed by discussion and reflection the Sunday readings.

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 29 December will be offered for all their names.

THEME 3

How we pray together.

Following on our Synod journey and having looked at the first and second theme we now need to engage on the third theme, to reflect on how it challenges and inspires us, and then to generate

proposals that will help us to become the Church that God is calling us to be. The next gathering together will be next Saturday 8 February straight after the 9.00am Mass. We will meet in the Gibberd Room. All welcome. You don't need to have come to the first or second meeting. Please collect a leaflet and a prayer card that have been left at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt Chapel which contains more details on the themes.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8? Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation to empower, guide and strengthen you? If you are willing to mark this milestone in starting your adult journey in Faith then: If you are in Year 8 at a Catholic School - Animate Youth Ministries will be delivering confirmation preparation as part of the Religious Education curriculum and you will be contacted through school; If you are in Year 8 in a non-Catholic School - please register online to attend the free preparation day on Saturday 29 February 2020. The link is under the tab Confirmation // Called to Serve at www.animateyouth.org If you are the parent or relative or a friend or neighbour of a potential Confirmation candidate, please do pass on this information. For further details contact Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740461/467 or email at s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

which takes place on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 7.00pm. Our official celebration of

Christmas returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets start from £5 and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral, and the Cathedral Gift Shop.

COME AND BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE

Please give us the gift of three hours a week of your precious voluntary time. Learn on the job for as long as it takes. Answer queries at the welcoming desk. Listen to the stories of our wonderful visitors. If you like, take large or very small groups on tours. Give the job your own creativity. Be part of a ministry of welcome. Help us to increase our guiding groups to four. Add your own dimension to a large and flourishing team. Be a consistent part of your group throughout the year. Contribute toward presenting our Cathedral as a living Christian community, able to embrace everyone as valued individuals. Make new friends. Enjoy a fresh challenge. This random list could go on! Our aim is to take on twelve. Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See.

Contact Dcn Paul:
p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Two classes have been learning

sign language this term and showed of their newly learnt skills by signing several carols and pop songs whilst also singing along to them in Liverpool One. On Friday afternoon the school choir sang carols, also in Liverpool One, to help raise funds for charity. Passing shoppers were very impressed and the children received some lovely comments on their performances. Well done to everyone who took part, we're so very proud of you.

MONSIGNOR COOKSON RIP

The family of Mgr Cookson has been in touch and wanted to thank everyone for the beautiful celebration that was held in the Cathedral on Monday and for all the prayers and cards that have been received. The family has found it very comforting in this time of sadness. May he rest in peace.

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. It is hard to imagine isn't it? Please be generous.

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.

Last week's collection: **£1,215.00**



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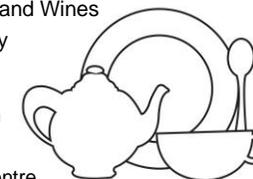
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GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

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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

