

## Mass Intentions Received

Shaun Corrigan, Ted Corrigan, Ana and Cornelius (Thanksgiving), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Maureen Fitzgibbon (RIP), Angela Dobbins (Get Well), Jimmy Comer (RIP), Ian Ramsdon (Recovery), Alan Williams (Intention), Winifred Edgerton (Intention), Ann (RIP), Daniel Joseph Conway (Get Well), Theo Van Heertum (Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Lesley Connor (Intention), Tommy and Dolly Eaton, Bobby Shacklady (Intention), Hunter McGleenan (RIP), Ann McGleenan (RIP), William White, Veronica Barry, Ann Smith, Tony O'Connell

(Sympathy), Susan Reynolds (Intention), Margaret Kelly (RIP), Tommy Fahey (Anniversary Remembrance), Natalie O'Donaghue (Anniversary Remembrance), Mollie, Roisin and Eddie Lawless (Newry) (RIP), Bob Maguire (Newry) (RIP), Sheila Taylor and Family, Sarah Alice McGann (Birthday Remembrance), Colman Patrick Costello (RIP), Peter Costello (RIP), Monica Drayer (Anniversary), Bridie Asquith (80<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Peggy Mulvihull, Flo Traynor and Family, Paul Roche and Family, Anne Healy and Family, Peter Jones, Anthony Hampson, Hunt Family, McCormack Family, Kelly Family.

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 15 December 2019

### Sunday 15 December Third Sunday of Advent

**8.30am** Mass  
**10.00am** Family Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Choral Mass  
**3.00pm** Choral Evening Prayer  
**4.00pm** Mass RLUH  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 16 December

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

### Tuesday 17 December

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

### Wednesday 18 December

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

### Thursday 19 December

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

### Friday 20 December

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

### Saturday 21 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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## Third Sunday of Advent

The Gospel this Sunday has John the Baptist imprisoned and alone in the sure knowledge that a violent death awaited him. What hope could there be for him, had his preaching and life's witness been in vain? Even John, the great prophet, in fact Jesus declared him to be the greatest of all prophets, needed assurance that his words and example had purpose and meaning. He sent a message to Jesus and the response he received was an echo of the words of Isaiah 'the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor'. This would not just have lifted his spirits but the fact that the promised word of God was being fulfilled in Jesus meant that the good he had done and his words and actions had helped others and prepared a way for the Lord. His life had witnessed the dawn of Christ's coming and the signs were that God's promises of the past were now being fulfilled.

The example of John the Baptist's life helps us to see that we should trust in God's word even in our darkest moments – as he did with John, the Lord stands with us offering reassurance and hope. 'Happy are those who do not lose faith'. But also we are called to work for that kingdom that Christ showed forth namely to encourage one another, to ease peoples burdens and to make him known in the situations of our lives. As we approach the Feast of Christmas may the Lord help us to be more understanding and considerate and in small ways respond to the needs of those around us when the opportunity arises. "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come."

This Sunday afternoon the Boy Choristers will perform Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols' after sung Evening Prayer at 3pm. They

will be accompanied, as the composer intended, on the harp by Elizabeth McNulty. Bellerive College have their prize giving here on Wednesday afternoon and throughout most of the week there are various school carol services taking place. The Diocesan Dementia Carol Service is at 2pm on Thursday afternoon in the main Cathedral.

Our own Cathedral Carol Service, involving all our choirs and musicians 'The Festival Carol Service' is next Sunday evening at 5pm. Admission is free, so invite your friends and family to come along and take part anticipating Christmas with carols, readings and prayer.

Each Advent we print a huge number of pamphlets outlining all the times of services over the Christmas period. If you haven't already please take one and keep it safe at home so that you have information on all that is happening and a ready reference for times of services that you want to attend or to let neighbours and family know.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk)

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember in your prayers this week Gill Daley, sister of Julian Daley, one of the Cathedral MC's. Gill died

peacefully last week after a long illness. May she rest in peace.

## 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](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children have been very busy this week performing carols and Nativity Plays to their parents as well as to our other classes too. On Wednesday children and staff enjoyed Christmas dinner and on that same afternoon we entertained a wonderful group of pensioners here at school when children served them Christmas dinner and our choir enjoyed singing carols to them. A big well done to our cook and kitchen staff as they were more than ready for a very well deserved rest by the end of the day as I'm sure you can imagine!

On Friday everyone took part in a very successful Christmas jumper day to raise money for charity.

## WOMEN'S REFUGE FINAL CHANCE TO DONATE

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. Thank you to all those who have donated so generously already.

## 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. Passes for the Cathedral Car Park are available from [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

## FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 22 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. Come along and listen to seasonal music and classic Christmas readings. No tickets required.

Last week's collection: **£1,330.00**



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Crypt Admission Charges: £3 Adults, £8 Family (2 adults + 2 children) £2 School Parties (per person)

## GIFT SHOP

Inspirational Gifts and Souvenirs to choose from.

Monday – Sunday  
10.00am – 4.00pm

Located in the Cathedral Visitor Centre

0151 707 3525  
[giftshop@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:giftshop@metcathedral.org.uk)



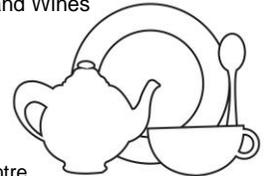
## PIAZZA CAFÉ

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Monday – Saturday  
9.00am – 5.00pm  
Sunday  
10.00am – 4.00pm

Located in the Cathedral Visitor Centre



## GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

0151 707 2107  
[t.lundbeck@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:t.lundbeck@metcathedral.org.uk)

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

