

## Mass Intentions Received

Anne Nottingham (RIP), Noel McDermott (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) Holy Souls, Patricia McMullan, Lawrence Crawford, Moira Watson, Louise O'Donnell and Family, Maureen Hindley (RIP), Josephine Atkin (RIP), Joan Veronica Nugent (RIP), Paul Murphy (40<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Dr Jeremy McCole (40<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Johnny Bebb (RIP), Joan Rogers, Frances and Brian Beresford, Daniel Colin Farley (RIP), Anne Smith (RIP), Lewis Dunne (RIP), A beloved Grandmother (RIP), Beryl Glover

(Intentions), Ashcroft Family (Remembrance), Lamb Family (Remembrance), Loretta Brown (RIP), Josephine Sherlock (RIP), Gospage Family, Veale Family, Peggy Bolland (RIP), Gerald Doyle (Birthday Remembrance), Keith McGregor (Get Well), Lil Phillips (Peace), Gerry Moore (RIP), Thomas O'Connor (RIP), Seamus Bierne (RIP), John Redhead, Chris Wright, Bridie Myles, Fr Chris Lightbound, Fr Peter, Fr Niall Mullaley, Fr Louis Maggiore, Deacon Tony and Kay, Iris Davies (RIP).



Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool

# Cathedral Record

Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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## First Sunday of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent heralds the beginning of another church year and with it the sudden urgency to wake up. The readings this week want us to be awake to the presence of the Lord in our lives and looking ahead to when he will come again. It is also a reminder to us here at the Cathedral of the urgency of being ready for the wonderful mixed bag of events that lead up to the Feast of Christmas which will demand all our energy and time each day for the next five weeks or so. As I am typing this newsletter the choir are walking through their paces upstairs in the Cathedral for the Advent Sequence which is at 5pm on Sunday. Meanwhile in Cathedral House someone is attempting announcements using a megaphone and another person banging a gong to imitate the start of the 'news at ten' in preparation for the children's Advent services which take place in a couple of weeks time. Advent may be a peaceful time of waiting for some but it is certainly not the case here.

One of the most challenging issues for the Cathedral at present is to keep a balance between Advent, the start of the Year of Mercy which begins with an Opening Year of Jubilee Mass next Sunday at 3pm and the anticipatory Christmas events. This coming week there is a Christmas Service organised by the SAMM group (Support after Murder and Manslaughter) on Thursday at 7.30pm. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December our primary school children from St Nicholas will celebrate their Patronal Feast (St Nicholas feast Day falls on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December) with Mass at 1.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Cathedral Concert Society's Christmas Concert takes place next Saturday evening. I am still worried that the East Cathedral entrance porch will be ready in time for next Sunday when it will be Blessed and opened as the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year. There is still a ceiling to be fitted

and a relighting scheme to be completed – please say a prayer that it is finished in time!

One of the events that all the staff here really enjoy preparing for are the Children's Advent Services, particularly in the alternate years when we are not just the hosts but also responsible for arranging them. This year's extravaganza is no exception and it promises to be an acting and musical spectacle to rival previous years. The final corrections to the script have been made and without giving too much away we have a heavenly news desk this year with roving reporters relating the breaking news of events of universal significance taking place in Bethlehem. We could do with Len, Craig or Bruno along to give some dancing tips for the cast. Children from St Nicholas are playing the parts of the sheep and the donkey with 'Kissy' the dog dressed up as a little lamb and we will even have a live baby a few weeks old taking part as one of the Cathedral Staff, Katie, recently gave birth, a boy that they have named Edmund. Not only have I been given a deadline to complete final lyrics to a song but I have to rehearse Frs Ged and Stephen in handling the motorised Camels, which are decorated disability scooters for the three Kings. These were used for the first time two years ago and due to the weight of the camel's heads at the front of the vehicles, the clergy were heading off in all different directions, to the great amusement of everyone else but not quite as intended. So if you see either of them driving round on a disability scooter this week, they haven't had an accident, they are in training.

Canon Anthony O'Brien      Dean

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 29 November 2015

### Sunday 29 November First 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 30 November Saint Andrew

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

### Tuesday 1 December

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

### Wednesday 2 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass (Joyce Hillman)      STV  
**12.15pm** Mass      Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Thursday 3 December St Francis Xavier

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

### Friday 4 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass (Catherine McKillen)      STV  
**12.15pm** Mass      Crypt  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Saturday 5 December St John Almond

**8.45am** Morning Prayer  
**9.00am** Mass  
**6.00pm** Vigil Mass      STV  
(Shelly and Sheila Glanville)  
**6.30pm** Vigil Mass      Crypt

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**Monday - Friday:**  
Following the 12.15pm Mass      Crypt  
**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:

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 21 November. Winning numbers are 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 14. Prize was £400. There were no winners this week. Next week the prize money will be £450.

## ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

Year 2 have been to the Museum this week as part of their Challenge Curriculum work. We have also been preparing for Advent ...decorations for our school tree and sparkly Carol displays are already in the hall. Once we begin the season this weekend we can add our crib and Nativity scene and open our Advent promises each day too. Christmas Carols and singing can be heard around the school as key stages prepare for their plays, with a last minute change for Early Years to a Nativity play, a Hoity Toity Angel in Key Stage 1 and traditional Carol Concert in Key Stage 2. Year 4 are being fitted for their sheep, angel and donkey costumes ready for the Cathedral Schools Christmas celebration and we're even fitting in some carol singing in Liverpool again this year! This weekend is the next With You Always session. This will be the third session and a service of Reconciliation will be held in the next couple of weeks too so please keep our Sacrament preparation children and their families in your prayers.

Mrs Vicki Fallon  
[www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk)

## LIPA BIG BAND @ ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH

The Catholic Chaplaincy is hosting an evening of

entertainment of Jazz and Christmas classics performed by LIPA's 18-piece Big Band on Monday 7th December at 7.00pm. A retiring collection will be taken for the work of Asylum Link Merseyside. St Philip Neri Church is on Catharine Street, L8-7NL. Web: [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk)

## HOPE+ NEWS

Five weeks before Christmas and we have now provided our twenty two thousandth food hamper. Thank you all, we could not have achieved that without your generous donations. Next week being Advent Sunday, we will be launching our third annual Christmas appeal. Last year the people of Liverpool excelled themselves in the generosity of their giving. As a result we were able to not only provide a little bit extra by way of food, but also small toys and chocolates for children. We were also able to provide nibbles and treats, toiletries, and warm hats and scarves for every guest. Do please pick up our leaflet next week, and help us to help those for whom the festive season is in reality, anything but. We will also be using the days between Advent and Christmas Day to open an advent window onto the stories of not just our guests, but also of our volunteers.

Meanwhile we have a fish crisis; in truth we are always short of tinned fish, but at the moment we are having to spend our precious funds on buying in extra fish, as we do not have enough to give to our guests. Fish is a very necessary source of good quality protein, which we all need, but especially if someone is struggling to afford a nutritional diet for themselves and their

families.

## 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 FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower or plant 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 27 December will be offered for their names. The flowers and plants will be used to decorate the Cathedral and Crypt Sanctuary over Christmas. If you would like to make a similar donation for flowers for St Vincent's please give your offering in an envelope to one of the Clergy.

## GIFT SHOP

Now has selection of Christmas cards, including the beautiful new Cathedral Christmas cards which are on sale for 95p only. They also have a wide range of calendars, and Nativities, for sale. Do pop in for a browse and if there is something that you would like but can't find it please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help you.

## 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.

## DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 12 December at 7.00pm featuring Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs, Liverpool Suzuki Violin Group. The compere for the evening is Roger Phillips from BBC Radio Merseyside. Tickets are £5 single and £10 family – (2 adults and 2 children) available online at [Lpoolmetmusic.ticketssource.co.uk](http://Lpoolmetmusic.ticketssource.co.uk) or from the Cathedral Gift Shop.

## DEDICATION OF NEW BANNERS

Specially made for the Crypt Chapel will take place at the 10.00am Family Mass next Sunday 6 December.

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margie Cole, mother of Kevin Cole, Cathedral Maintenance, who died after a short illness. May she rest in peace.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To our very own Katie Lucas and Richard who had their second baby this week. Baby 'Teddy' Edmund arrived on Monday weighing 8lb, 12ozs. Mum and Teddy are doing well. Prayers and love are sent to all the family.

Last week's collection: **£1,414.00**

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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



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