

Mass Intentions Received

Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Gilbert Daley (Anniversary), Jane Daly (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, John Hindley (Birthday Remembrance), Holy Souls, Natalie Dowd, Debbie Leary (Good Health), Mickey McGough (RIP), Baby Alexander and Baby Vincent (Get Well), Margaret and Peter Devlin, Mary Howley (Remembrance), White Family, Chihadeh Family, For all in the Prayer Room, Tommy, Suzi, Enid and Keiran, Alison, Jean McDonald (RIP), Stephen Dannunzio, Kathy Keegan (RIP), Wayne

Culshaw (RIP), Sheila Isherwood (RIP), Mervyn Owens (RIP), Eileen Rafter (RIP), Doreen Lee (RIP), Marjorie Stockley (Intention), Charlotte Fallon, Michael Bedson (RIP Anniversary), Brother David Ryan (50TH Jubilee), Mr Chris Madden (RIP), Kath Plumb President Shrewsbury UCM, Kathleen Carney, Roseann Brady, John Kilbane (Remembrance), Kay Nelson (Thank you), Owen McVie (RIP), Father Fred de L'Orme, Filomena and Martin Barbo, Jon Cruz, Breda and Maria Roche, Felma Barbo, Rowen Flaherty, Sukhvinder Sasha Green (RIP)

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 13 December 2015

Sunday 13 December Third 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 14 December St John of the Cross

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

Tuesday 15 December

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

Wednesday 16 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (John and Betty Herathy) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 17 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 17 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (George Walsh) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 19 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass STV
(Marion and William Reid)
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:

PRIESTS:

Canon Anthony
O'Brien *Dean*
Mgr Peter Cookson
Fr Gerard Callacher
Fr Stephen Lee

DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is a signal for us to rejoice for the Lord's coming is very near. I'm sure none of us need to be reminded of the close proximity of Christmas and the adverts and shops do a much better job of alerting us to the need to make lots of concrete preparations to celebrate and have a good time than the counting of Advent Sundays and the lighting of advent candles. But that is not really their purpose, for the message of Advent looks ahead not just to Christmas but beyond. The Lord has and will fulfil his promises and the authentic hopes of his people that is a truth that we are called to live by throughout the year. Christ has come, is present with us now and Christ will come again.

Last week we had an overdose of Christmas anticipation with the children's services and the Radio Merseyside and Dickensian Concerts as well as carol concerts in the Crypt. This week is as busy but more varied in character. This Sunday afternoon the boy choristers will perform Benjamin Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' immediately following Choral Evening Prayer at 3.00pm. The piece was written for harp and choristers' voices and is a collection of old English advent and Christmas verse which Britten set to music in 1942 whilst travelling by sea between England and the USA. On Monday evening the staff parents and children of St Mary's College, Crosby, will gather in the Cathedral for their annual prize giving.

On Tuesday evening from 5.30pm a group of us will be going out carol singing along Hope Street. Having done this for a few years now it is interesting to see the reaction that we get from people – mostly welcoming, at one venue last year a German visitor stood up in the restaurant and sang with us, soloing a verse of Silent Night in the original 'Stille Nacht'. If you are a decent

singer and would like to join us get in touch.

The Nugent Care 'Light up a Life' service is at 12.30pm on Wednesday afternoon and is led this year by Bishop Williams.

Next Sunday evening at 5.00pm we have our own Cathedral Festival Carol Service. This for me marks the start of our own Cathedral celebrations for Christmas. I have included one of the poems that we have used during this service for the last few years – it should provide some comfort for those who are struggling or find Christmas a difficult time personally.

We won't have a Christmas this year, you say for now the children have all gone away; and the house is so lonely, so quiet and so bare we couldn't have a Christmas that they didn't share.

We won't have a Christmas this year, you sigh, for Christmas means things that money must buy.

Misfortunes and illness have robbed us we fear of the things that we'd need to make Christmas this year.

We won't have a Christmas this year you weep, for a loved one is gone, and our grief is too deep; it will be a long time before our hearts heal, and the spirit of Christmas again we can feel.

But if you lose Christmas when troubles befall, you never have really had Christmas at all. For once you have had it, it cannot depart when you learn that true Christmas is Christ in your heart.

Canon Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 5 December. Winning numbers are 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, and 14. Prize was £500. There were no winners this week. Next week the prize money will be £550.

ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

What another busy week at St Nicholas! Our year 4 children took part in the Schools' Advent Cathedral Service and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Years 1-6 attended the service on Wednesday and said how fantastic it was (particularly seeing Father Ged on his 'camel'!!) The school is full of Christmas Carols and Nativity plays too with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes performing their Nativity plays next week and Key Stage 2 leading us in a carol concert the following week. Our choir sang in Clayton Square to raise monies for the school chosen charity and we are busy making hampers. The choir will be singing at the university next week too.

Next week we will be visited by the Christian Education Department to celebrate all that the school has achieved over the last 3 years with regards to our Catholicity and the ethos of our school community. Our football and water polo teams are in action too and we still have Christmas lunch and a trip to the cinema to fit in so it's a good job we don't finish for Christmas until the following week...

Mrs Vicki Fallon
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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.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No tickets required. Please arrive in good time to get a seat. All welcome. Mass will be at Midnight.

CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 20 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. Something for the whole family. Congregational carols; readers and poems. No tickets required. All welcome.

SCHOOLS ADVENT SERVICES

A big Thank You to everyone who took part in the Services for Schools – Cathedral staff, clergy, volunteers, choristers and the Girls' Choir. Special thanks go to the children of St Nicholas Primary School who did so well as the sheep and angels and Alex who was the donkey. We received lots of positive comments about the service. Your hard work and preparation really paid off. Special thanks to the 'background' staff – Cleaners, Maintenance and Security without whose hard work and imagination none of it would have happened. You are all in the wrong job!

Last week's collection: **£1,023.00**



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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

