

## Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Cathy Canavan (50<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Denise Evans (Thinking of you), Adele Hopwood (RIP), Berthie Boutin (RIP), Danny Farley (RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (Remembrance), Holy Souls, Ann Williams (RIP), Jimmy Carney (RIP), Joe and Kelly Morgan (RIP), Philip Hayden (RIP), Bill Wallbank (RIP), Baby Oscar (RIP Anniversary), Mark Badger (In Thanksgiving), Anne Eames (RIP), Tony Tulley (RIP), Mrs Nolan (RIP), Jackie Lawn (RIP), Bill

Colins (RIP), Derek Marl (RIP), Jim Whelan (RIP) 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Karen Pickle (Get Well), Kathleen Kirby (RIP).



Metropolitan Cathedral  
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# Cathedral Record

Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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## Mysterious whistling

With the onset of strong winds last week we were plagued by a mysterious whistling sound within the Cathedral. It wasn't a phantom whistler hiding in one of the galleries nor was it the high level hatch which if not closed properly can create a sound within the Cathedral if there are strong winds. The sound, the equivalent of a communal tinnitus, wasn't just disturbing peoples prayer it also added a discordant note to the sound of the organ and provided an extra challenge during choral singing. After a few days of this constant high pitched sound we finally located the problem to be a tiny bore hole at high level. The research workers on the lantern had taken some samples of the resin that bonds the glass together and they had left a tiny hole which was the cause of the recurring sound. They probably thought that they could get away without doing a full repair but I'm convinced that this Cathedral has its own ways of letting us know when things aren't right.

Exams continue in the Crypt the next two weeks but as these are medical interviews they will not cause any disruption to the use of the Crypt Chapel for Midday Mass. On Thursday evening Merseyrail are holding an evening presentation function in one of the Crypt Halls and I believe that they are intending to decorate the Hall out like an underground station so I will be interested to see how this turns out - I wonder if I will be able to use my rail pass to get in.

Next Sunday at 11.00am we celebrate our Annual Civic Mass. Leaders from civic, judicial and public life will join us for Mass that day when we offer prayers for them and for the good of our city and region. Archbishop Malcolm will preside at this mass and later at 4.00pm at a Mass to mark the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life.

Five years ago a decision was made within our Diocese to change the order and the way in which we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation for our young people. The new programme of preparation was entitled 'With You Always' and the parents and children followed a course of preparation for their children who were in year 3 to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and following this then Confirmation and Communion over a nine month period. Now that the new system has been in place for a few years Archbishop McMahon called for a review of the effectiveness of the preparation and the efficacy of celebrating these Sacraments together in the same year.

From the widespread comments of priests and catechists there seems to be a consensus that the method of preparation has been more effective than past schemes but that the Sacrament of Confirmation should revert back to being conferred at a later age rather than before Holy Communion. There seem to be wide ranging views as to whether young people should be confirmed in their final year of primary school or at age 13/14. We are still awaiting the final conclusions from this consultation but it is now clear that this will be the final year that those preparing for Holy Communion will be confirmed at the same time.

Canon Anthony O'Brien      Dean

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 31 January 2016

### Sunday 31 January

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**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 1 February

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

### Tuesday 2 February

#### Presentation of the Lord

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

### Wednesday 3 February

**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

### Thursday 4 February

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

### Friday 5 February

#### St Agatha

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**9.00am** Mass (Lizzy and Jack Barton)STV  
**12.15pm** Mass      Crypt  
**4.00pm** Exposition  
**5.15pm** Mass  
**5.45pm** Choral Evening Prayer

### Saturday 6 February

#### St Paul Miki and Companions

**8.45am** Morning Prayer  
**9.00am** Mass  
**6.00pm** Vigil Mass (Thomas Farrell) STV  
**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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O'Brien *Dean*  
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# Cathedral Notice Board

## ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 23 January. Winning numbers are 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 14. Prize was £850. There were no winners so the prize is now £900. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

## HELP NEEDED

The Cathedral Concerts Society is looking for volunteers to help out at their concerts. We need help for front-of-house e.g. selling programmes and for serving refreshments etc. If you think you could offer your services or would like more information, please contact Jean on 0151 709 5546 or 07759 851702

## ONE O'CLOCK CLUB

Will resume in the Gibberd Room on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 1.00pm. Old and new friends welcome. Come along and enjoy a hot meal in relaxed company for £5 only. A warm and jovial atmosphere promised – or your money back!!

## ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL

As part of our school of Sanctuary work, each month we focus on one particular country and its language. Mrs Baines had arranged that this month school would learn about Somalia and one of our parents, Mrs Yusuf, spent a morning in each of our key stage 1 and Early Years classes sharing her language with us. She read some stories and taught us some basic words, which many of our children picked up quickly and have tried to use

since. It's always lovely to learn about where families are from and share some of their culture so a huge "mahadsanid" to Mrs Yusuf from us all. Our current Come & See topics have come to an end this week and parents from Reception and Year 2 were invited to class Rejoice sessions to celebrate with their children. It's great for families to come together in the classroom and share in their children's learning. At the beginning of March, Mrs Nice, our headteacher, will lead a group of children and staff from our school and other local schools to Belfast. Watch this space for further information in the coming weeks.

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

## HOPE+NEWS

To mark our third anniversary on 14th February, our Project Manager Nädine, and two of our intrepid volunteers; Debbie and Val, absailed from the Corona Gallery last Friday. If you would like to support their foolhardy action, we would be very grateful for any donation that you might like to make. A sort of Birthday gift for Hope+.

We were very grateful to South Liverpool, and West Cheshire food banks, as well as St Mary's West Derby, and St Michael's Barton, for very generous donations last week. St Peter's Formby are also collecting men's clothing and toiletries for us at the moment. As we approach our birthday, we are also approaching our 25,000 food hamper (as well as clothing, toiletries, and baby products). In round terms this is about 250

people each and every week, which is why we have to keep appealing to your generosity to keep enough on our shelves and in our bank account. Each week, as well as donated items, we spend £250 on milk, fresh fruit and veg and other shortage items such as breakfast cereals.

As we approach Lent, we will again be providing a booklet of resources. Our theme this year will be based on St Matthew Ch 25 vv35-36 as we look at what it mean to feed the hungry in twenty first century Britain. For your Lent this year we are asking you to "Don't give up, give hope".

## ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Sunday 7 February at 11.00am. The celebrant will be the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, who will also preach. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool makes the formal visit as the first citizen to the Cathedral. The service is followed by a reception in the Gibberd Room. There will be representatives from all walks of life in the City and you and your family and friends are cordially invited to attend. This is always a splendid occasion in the life of the Cathedral with a colourful procession and wonderful music. You are also invited to a reception in the Gibberd Room after the Mass. All are welcome to join us on this splendid occasion.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses and Distribution of Ashes will be at 8.00am; 12.15pm and 5.15pm. There will be service of the Word at 7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## BEER FESTIVAL PARTY

Will take place in the Crypt Concert Room on Wednesday 17 February 2016 from 7.00pm—10.30pm. Tickets are only £10.00 per person and you will receive a 2016 CAMRA Beer Festival glass on arrival. You will then be able to purchase a selection of the beers, ciders, soft drinks and some fruit wines that will be served throughout the remainder of the Beer Festival. If you would like tickets please apply to Cathedral House, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ. 0151 709 9222 or [enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk).

## CAR BOOT SALE

The date of the next Car Boot Sale to raise funds for the Cathedral will be Saturday 13 February 2016. You can reserve your pitch by ringing 0151 709 9222. Pitches are £10.

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember in your prayers Clare (Audrey) Baptiste, a faithful member of the Solemn Mass congregation who has also died. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Monday 1 February 2016 at 12.15pm.

Last week's collection: **£1,059.00**



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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

