

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Camilo, Carlos and Elder Lima (RIP), Concannon Family (Intentions), Nurses and Staff St Anthony's Ward (Intentions), Univerisrt Hopsital Galway Ireland (Intention), John Houghton (RIP), Joseph Reynolds (RIP), Sr Pauline (Intention), Martin McEvoy (RIP), Keiran and Theresa Hughes (Intention), Anne Finnin (RIP), Kathleen Brady (RIP), Reeve and Byrne Families (Intention), Mrs E Burns (Intention), Mr and Mrs Curran and Family (Intention), Miss A Magee (Intention), Mary Lamberton (Intention), Alan

Lamberton (Intention), Mrs Mona Marray (RIP), Maureen Colbeck (RIP), Winifred Foster (Birthday Remembrance), John Foster (Remembrance), Terry Workington, Pat McEnery (Get Well), Fr Barry O'Toole CSSR (80TH Birthday), Prem Many Kagur (RIP), Lilly Murphy (10 year Anniversary), Annie Einnan (RIP), Louis Anderson (RIP), Anderson Family (Thinking of you), Ashcroft Family (Intention), Christopher Brown (RIP), John Ashcroft (Intention), Maeve Veale and Family, Anabelle and George Gospage, James Grier (RIP), Vincent Doran (RIP), Pat McArdle (RIP), Tom Newall (RIP).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise WEEK COMMENCING: 27 November 2016

Sunday 27 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 28 November

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

Tuesday 29 November

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

Wednesday 30 November St Andrew

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

Thursday 1 December St Andrew Dung-Lac

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

Friday 2 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Paul Pennington) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
4.00pm Exposition
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 3 December St Francis Xavier

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(Shelly and Sheila Glanville) 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:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony
O'Brien *Dean*
Mgr Peter Cookson
Fr Dominic Risley
Fr Stephen Lee

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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First Sunday of Advent

I am all in a muddle! That is nothing new actually, but one minute I am putting my mind to the Golden Jubilee celebrations which are happening next year, and which all of a sudden seem to be taking shape! The next minute I am proofing service sheets for all the different services and Masses that we have coming up during Advent and Christmas. Where has the year gone?

So, we find ourselves at the start of Advent. I don't remember much about my Latin lessons at school other than poor Mrs Green trying to teach us lively girls how to conjugate verbs, but one thing that I do remember is that the word Advent from the Latin word Adventus means 'Coming.' Advent is a wonderful season full of anticipation and hope, if you can get past the commercialisation that seems to be thrown at you in the shops and the media since September! We are doing our best to focus on the real meaning of Christmas at the Cathedral and our services today and throughout Advent will hopefully reflect this. The first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit at Masses on Sunday and will be at the heart of our celebrations throughout this season.

By way of preparation and in the midst of all the business and hecticness (is this a word?!) please take time to read this small reflection for the first Sunday of Advent if you can.

'Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.' *Matthew 24:42*. And so Advent begins! It starts with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passages above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming; this is only one! Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard.

Imagine if on Christmas morning you woke up and suddenly realised that you had forgotten to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you would not allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendour and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervour that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis? If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Cathedral Notice Board

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 19 November. Winning numbers are 3, 5, 8, 10, 13 and 14. Prize was £3,000. There were no winners so the prize is now £3,050. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

CATHEDRAL GUILD OF GUIDES

(Welcoming Pilgrims and Visitors). Would you like to become a voluntary Cathedral guide? This is a large and successful team. Currently we have three vacancies (Monday morning and afternoon; and Friday afternoon). You would be asked to cover one weekly three hour period on either of these days. Full training would be provided at our Saturday Training Hub, which is informative, informal and fun! We'd love to hear from you. **Contact:** Cathedral House on 0151 709 9222 ext 201 or 203, or via email on enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

CAR BOOT SALE

The final one of the year will take place on Saturday 10 December. Ring now to book your pitch. Pitches are only £10. Please note that we hardly have any good quality items to sell on our stall. Remember that any money we raise from the stall goes directly to the Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Now has a wide range of Christmas nativities, 2017 calendars and bespoke Christmas gifts. Please pop in and have a browse.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club is Thursday 8 December in the Gibberd Room at 7.00pm, and the book chosen to read is "Murder for Christmas", by Francis Duncan. A classic mystery for the festive season: mulled wine, mince pies...and murder. You don't have to let us know you are coming, but there is a glass of something, so let Claire know at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. Car Park will be open for you to park. Do come along, your Thursday evening will be enriched! All welcome.

HOPE+ NEWS

It is Advent Sunday, the start of the Church's year, and time, if you haven't already done so time to start work on making your very own Reverse Advent Calendar. The idea is that you complete your calendar in time to donate your items to Hope+ so that we can use them at our Christmas pantries. You can take your donations to either Cathedral, The Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool Parish Church and the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. For other ideas on how to support us throughout Advent and Christmas please see our Advent Newsletter out today. Following on from last Sunday's news of generous donations, this week we would like to say a very special thank you for a very generous donation from the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, the continued wonderful support of St Anne's Aigburth and St Michael in the Hamlet, and Bellerive FCJ year seven whose food and toiletries collection had Scipio's suspension creaking. We are

always grateful for any donations or help that you are able to give, is always very much appreciated.

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.

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 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 1 January and the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Vincent's on Saturday 31 December will be offered for all their names.

PRIZE BINGO

Will take place at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School on Friday 9 December. Doors open at 7.30pm and 'Eyes Down' from 8.00pm. All money raised will go towards the Outdoor Play Area. All very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR CD

The Cathedral Choirs latest CD has just been released, entitled 'The Choral Music of Colin Mawby.' The music of composer Colin Mawby, who has recently celebrated his 80th birthday, is often heard at liturgies here in the Cathedral. The composer himself upon hearing the CD commented 'I have just listened to the CD and am absolutely delighted. There is great beauty in the music and it makes me feel that it would be gravely sinful for me to give up composing.' The Cathedral has a limited supply of the new CDs: these can be purchased (priced £12) from the Music office (708 7283 / music@metcathedral.org.uk).

CONCERT SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 3 December 2016

Come along at 7.30pm to get into the Christmas spirit. Choirs will sing some well-loved and lesser-known Carols plus there are plenty of chances for you to participate. Let yourself be moved by the lovely seasonal song O'Holy Night and enjoy the fun of the orchestra's Sleigh Ride. Children from local schools join the Cantata Choir and Cathedral Orchestra under guest conductor David Lewis. Tickets are available from the Gift Shop or you can buy them on the night.

HOLY HOUR

Throughout Advent between 4.00pm – 5.00pm the period of Exposition will be a holy hour of reflection focusing on the Word of God in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us.

Last week's collection: **£1,300.00**



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Sunday
10.00am – 4.00pm

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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

