

Mass Intentions Received

Bernard and Gill Glenholme, Georgina Cummings (Birthday Remembrance), John Currie (RIP), John Currie (RIP Christmas Remembrance), The Cummings Family (RIP Christmas Remembrance), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Jean Donafee (RIP), Evelyn Dunne (1st Anniversary), Linda Hughes (RIP), Marg Williams (RIP), Mrs Ward (RIP), Anne Whelan (RIP 2nd Anniversary), James Murphy (RIP), Billy Morgan (RIP), Matt McAteer (RIP), Alice Janet McIntyre (RIP), Michael Taylor, Billy Morgan (RIP), Joseph Kelly (RIP), Mary

Swindle (RIP), Robert Davin (RIP), Roseann Brady, Kathleen Carney, Claudia Jabonillo (RIP), James Grier (RIP), Ada and Denis Mackin, Mary and Patrice Bolton, Olive and Ted Taylor, May and Fred Negus, Tony Bolton, Des McMillan, Nethercote Family, Fives Family, Rockliffe Family, Mulligan Family, Canon Stephen Maloney, Joan McKibbin (80th Birthday), Ste Dannunzio, Patricia Houghton (Get Well), Sheila O'Shea (RIP), Eamon Burns (RIP), Patrick Timson (RIP), Nellie Ward (RIP), Virginia Simm (RIP Anniversary), Lynda Tyrer-Davies (Get Well), Ivonne and John Wilks (Intention).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 4 December 2016

Sunday 4 December Second 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 5 December

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

Tuesday 6 December

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

Wednesday 7 December St Ambrose

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Maureen Allen) STV
12.15pm Mass
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 8 December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Friday 9 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
10.00am Requiem Mass STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
4.00pm Exposition
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 10 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(William and Marion Reid) 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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Cathedral Record

Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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Second Sunday of Advent

Most of this week's Record is composed of an Advent Reflection for this Sunday. There are lots of activities at the Cathedral throughout this first full week in December. North West Cancer Research are having their Christmas Concert in the Crypt this Sunday afternoon and at the same time at Choral Evening Prayer the choir will sing Bach's Cantata 140 for Advent. Tuesday is the Feast of St Nicholas and our primary school children will have Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 11.15am. The Children's Advent Services take place this Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm led by Archbishop Malcolm and Bishop Tom respectively. Bishop Tom will also be here on Thursday evening for the Annual SAMM Service (Support after Murder and Manslaughter). Radio Merseyside have their Christmas Concert here on Friday at 7.30pm, with the whole cast of presenters involved in different ways throughout the evening. On Saturday evening at 7.30pm the joint choirs of both Cathedrals, soloists and an ensemble of musicians will be performing Handel's Messiah here in the main body of the Cathedral. Some of these events are free and others require tickets. Please see our website for details.

Humility Prepares the Way for Christ

A voice of one crying out in the desert. 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). What a compliment! What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue. First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament.

He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great. But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other. The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the Word he spoke was Jesus.

John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus (Mark 1:7). He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that "He must increase and I must decrease" (John 3:30). John was not in it for praise and honour; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Saviour of the world. He could have sought the honour and praise of many and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfil his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him.

Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it's the path we must strive for each and every day. *Lord, thank You for the gift of St. John the Baptist. May his witness of humility inspire me in my Christian walk. Help me, Lord, to always point others to You rather than to myself. Jesus, I trust in You*

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 26 November. Winning numbers are 1, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14. Prize was £3,050. There were no winners so the prize is now £3,100. 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. We are

pleased to let you know that the two Cathedrals honey jars, and honey beer are also now back in stock. Ideal Christmas gifts. Get yours before they go.

J S BACH

The music of J S Bach occupies a special place in the sacred music tradition. This Sunday, 4th December, there will be TWO opportunities to hear settings of Bach's cantatas. At 3pm, at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral the Cathedral Choir and instrumentalists will perform Cantata 140, Wachet Auf. At 6.30pm, at Our Lady's Church, Cavendish Street, Birkenhead CH41 8AQ, the Liverpool Bach Collective will perform Cantata 30: Efreue dich, erlöste Schar. Both performances will take place in the context of Evening Prayer. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend both performances.

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. All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE

That the 12.15pm Mass on Wednesday and Thursday this week will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt.

HOPE+ NEWS

For ideas on how to support us throughout Advent and Christmas please see our Advent Newsletter which is at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt. Please pick one up with you. 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. Thank you to those who have already given to our appeal – but the response has been very slow!

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.

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.

DICKENSIAN CONCERT

Saturday 17th December 7.00pm.

Our Dickensian-inspired family Christmas concert is back by popular demand! BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips will be reprising his role as compere, as the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs and Archbishop Beck School Choir perform a selection of popular Christmas Carols, interspersed by students from St Edward's College performing some well known scenes from 'A Christmas Carol'. Tickets are priced at £5 or £10 for a family ticket. They can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop (0151 707 3525) or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/297714> For more information please contact music@metcathedral.org.uk or call Cathedral House on 709 9222.

Last week's collection: **£1,300.00**

GIFT SHOP

Inspirational Gifts and Souvenirs to choose from.

Monday – Sunday
10.00am – 4.00pm

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giftshop@metcathedral.org.uk



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0151 707 3536

Fine Food, Speciality Coffees,
Continental Beers and Wines

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

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GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

0151 707 2107
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



LUTYENS
CRYPT

— THE MYSTERY OF THE —
LUTYENS CRYPT
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

Open Monday-Saturday: First Admission: 10.00am Last Admission 3.30pm

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