

Mass Intentions Received

Mr Brian Honey (Operation Recovery), Shaun Corrigan (RIP), Marie Rooney (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Yareth, Olivia and Rebecca Carpenter, Jane Doyle (1 year Anniversary), Fr Louis Maggliore, Fr Niall Mullaley, Fr Chris Lightbound, Fr Peter Phillips, Deacon Tony and Kay Hunt, Deacon Paul Sutton and Family, Fr Ron McGwern, Frank Smith (9th Anniversary), Irene Maher (Get Well), Brooke Sturgell (Intention), Neil Hughes (RIP), Selwyn Pereira (Thanksgiving), Fraser Saude Viegas (Thanksgiving), Mary Oakes

(RIP), Ann Freaney (Thinking of you), Teresa Herterich, Kenneth Herterich (Get Well), Mona Breen (Get Well), John and Anita Turner, Christine and John Henry (Get Well), Geraldine and Mark Turner (Happy First Wedding Anniversary), Margaret and Michael Redmond (40th wedding), Kathryn Ann Reid (Intention), Alexandra Reid (Intention), Pat Lundon (RIP), Lynda Tyrer-Davies (Thinking of you), Mark Badger (Intention), Donna Osbourne (Anniversary), John Cavannagh (In Memory), Winifred Edgerton, Bernard Edgerton, Tom Wilson (Get Well), Big and Little Joe Guest, Sadie and Willie White.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise WEEK COMMENCING: 18 December 2016

Sunday 18 December

Fourth 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 19 December

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

Tuesday 20 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
10.00am Requiem Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 21 December

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

Thursday 22 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 23 December

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

Saturday 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
3.00pm First Vespers of Christmas
5.00pm Cathedral closes
8.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass STV
(For all those who have died at Christmas)
10.30pm Cathedral re-opens
Midnight Midnight Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

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

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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 of Christ the King Liverpool

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Incorporating the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Individuals and the situations of their lives take centre stage for this final week of Advent; Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. They led ordinary lives like others of their time and of ours, yet they were blest people and we hear once again of Elizabeth's hope for a child and shame at being childless; Zechariah's struggle to come to terms with the revelation he received; Mary's willing response to the Angel and yet her fear for the future, and Joseph's soul searching to respond in an honourable way and choose the right course of action. Our Sunday Gospel announces the news that Mary is with child, a child who is Emmanuel, 'God with Us' and then relates the dilemma facing Joseph and the guidance that he received, not in his case by the appearance of an angel but through a dream. Joseph at the time was a young working man and Mary a teenager and they faced many challenges as a young couple due to the oppressive conditions of the time. The Gospels relate the way in which they responded to God's call for them and coped with the challenges ahead of them.

We can learn much from them both especially how their faith in God was the solid foundation on which they led their lives. Mary offers us a remarkable and inspiring example of hope and courage and trust in God in the face of uncertainty. Joseph teaches us the importance of pondering and searching our souls so that we can make the right choices at important moments and to act with sensitivity, honour and care in our dealings with those we love. In this final time of Advent may we be more aware that 'Emmanuel - God is with us' and that we need the intercession of Our Lady and St Joseph to help us see the Lord's hand at work in our lives and how we should respond with faith and generosity of spirit. We should pray the Angelus prayer more than ever at this holy time of the year.

We have our traditional Cathedral Festival Carol Service this Sunday evening at 5pm on the final Sunday of Advent. Traditionally the final seven days of Advent are celebrated as a special period of anticipation and reflection on the meaning of the Feast of Christmas. The festival of carols and readings offer a way for all the family to enter into the spirit and joyful mystery of the nativity.

With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year it is important that those who normally attend the vigil Masses are aware that the times for Masses next Saturday evening, Christmas Eve, are not as the usual weekend schedule.

There will be a service at 3pm on 24th December in the Cathedral which is the 'Solemn Vespers of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib'.

The Christmas Mass at St Vincent's is at 8pm that evening and the First Christmas Eucharist at the Cathedral is at Midnight. The Christmas Morning Masses are at the normal times, the Mass at the Royal Hospital will also be in the morning rather than 4pm in the afternoon and there will be no Christmas Day evening Mass.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 10 December. Winning numbers are 1, 3, 5, 8, 11 and 12. Prize was £3,150. There were no winners so the prize is now £3,200. 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 a vacancy for a Monday afternoon from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. You would be asked to cover one weekly three hour period on this day. 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

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.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Townson, mother of Paula Preston who works in our Gift Shop, who died last week. May she rest in peace.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

After three very enjoyable meetings of the Cathedral Book Club we have now made a choice for our January and February meetings. If it is your New Year's resolution to read more then do think about coming along to this friendly, interesting and welcoming bunch of like minded people. Our first meeting in January is Thursday 26 January in the Gibberd Room at 7.00pm, and the book chosen to read is **The Tortilla Curtain by T C Boyle**. The Tortilla Curtain (1995) is a novel by U.S. author T.C. Boyle about middle-class values, illegal immigration, xenophobia, poverty, and environmental destruction. In 1997 it was awarded the French Prix Médicis Étranger prize for best foreign novels. On Thursday 16 February we shall be meeting to discuss **Conclave by Robert Harris**. The Pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals. Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on earth. Even if you don't get round to reading the books do come along. The Car Park will be open for you to park. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18th at 5.00pm. Seasonal music and readings. All welcome. Free admission.

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.

WOMEN'S REFUGE LAST CHANCE TO HELP

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.

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.

EPIPHANY SERVICE

An Epiphany Carol Service will take place on Sunday 8th January at 3.00pm. Come along to the Cathedral to celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany in words, music and movement. The Carol Service will begin at the Crib before choir and congregation process around the Cathedral. Through the scripture readings and choir motets we will reflect on the visit of the Magi and early period of Jesus's ministry. The service will include carols for all to sing. All welcome.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Linda White, Karen, Kevin and Phoebe Hughes, Tracy, Tony and Lily McCormick, Jill Smith, Lesley Ann Austin, Suzi Quantrell, Michelle Holding, Rebecca Thomspn, Kitty Hyde, Joan Derracott (RIP), Edith Margaret Cruikshank (RIP), Mark Cox, Michael Hunt (RIP), Winnie Tague (Get Well), Tadhg O'Shea, Mr and Mrs O'Shea, Arthur Potter, Harriet Blaney-Green (Thinking of you), Ronnie Fisger (RIP), Terry Sweeney (RIP), Begley Family, O'Neill Family, Giffin/Jennings Family, Augustinian Canonesses, Ince Blundell, Rachel Ashton (RIP), Ashton Family (Intention), Nicole Skalycz, Alicia Collins (RIP), Bernard William Thompson (RIP), McCann Family, McGrath Family

Last week's collection: **£1,007.00**



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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

