

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Kathy Wilson (Get Well), Linda Marie Murphy (RIP), Bridget Barry (Intention), Kenneth Herterich (Get Well), Martin Davies (RIP), Ann (Intention), James McGrane (Get Well), Angela and Paul Doyle (Ruby Wedding), Janet Hannah (Full Recovery), Joan Young (RIP), Jean Fletcher (RIP), Eileen Earle (RIP), Myles Crane (RIP), Thomas Barton (RIP), Martin Langton (RIP), Kathy Vesey (Intention), Josie Keenan (Intention), Rolf Zoeller (RIP), Rita Murphy (RIP), Peggy McGreal (RIP), Marianna Brittis (RIP), David

Bond (RIP), Patrick McDonagh (RIP), Brigid Lawrence (RIP), Kathleen Lockley (RIP), Joan Williams (RIP), Jim Whelan (RIP), Anne Whelan (RIP) Mothers Day, Maureen Spencer (Intention), Joan Allcock (Intention), Brian Dwerryhouse (Remembrance), Betty Woods (Intention), Patricia Charnock (RIP), Pauline Robinson (RIP), Christina Fahey (Remembrance), Mary Livingston (Remembrance), Edward Livingston (Remembrance), Irene Puddifer (RIP), Gerard Burns (Anniversary), Gerard Burns (Anniversary), Mrs Ashes (RIP), Veronica Gilmore (Remembrance)

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 19 March 2017

Sunday 19 March 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
1.00pm Polish Mass Crypt
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 20 March St Joseph

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

Tuesday 21 March

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

Wednesday 22 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Sr Catherine McLoughlin) STV
12.15pm Mass
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 23 March

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

Friday 24 March

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.15am Mass (Stacy Clark) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
4.00pm Exposition
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass (Teresa Rice) 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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Third Sunday of Lent

As we will be commemorating the life and martyrdom of the late Archbishop Oscar Romero at the Solemn Mass this Sunday I enclose some details of his life and ministry for the record this week.

Romero spent the first two and half decades of his ministerial career as a parish priest and diocesan secretary in San Miguel. In 1970 he became auxiliary bishop of San Salvador and served in that position until 1974 when the Vatican named him to the diocese of Santiago de María, a poor, rural region which included his boyhood hometown. In 1977 he returned to the capital to succeed San Salvador's aged metropolitan archbishop.

During this period Oscar Romero's reputation was as a conservative, and on more than one occasion he showed himself skeptical of both Vatican II reforms and the Medellín pronouncements. For this reason his appointment as archbishop in 1977 was not popular with the socially committed clergy, to whom it appeared to signal the Vatican's desire to restrain them. To their surprise, Romero emerged almost immediately as an outspoken opponent of injustice and defender of the poor.

By Romero's own account, he owed his change of attitude to his brief tenure as bishop of Santiago de María, where he witnessed first-hand the suffering of El Salvador's landless poor. Increasing government violence against socially committed priests and laypersons undermined his trust in the good will of the authorities and led him to fear that the Church and religion themselves were under attack.

The assassination on March 12, 1977, of his long-time friend Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande brought a stinging denunciation from Romero, who suspended masses in the capital's churches the following Sunday and demanded the punishment of the responsible parties.

As Romero spoke out more and more frequently over the following months, he gathered an ever-increasing popular following who crowded into the cathedral to hear him preach or listened to his

sermons over YSAX, the archdiocesan radio station. In his youth Romero had been a pioneer of broadcast evangelism in El Salvador, and he now turned the medium to great effect as he denounced both the violence of El Salvador's incipient civil war and the deeply-rooted patterns of abuse and injustice which bred it. In a country whose rulers regarded dissent as subversion, Romero used the moral authority of his position as archbishop to speak out on behalf of those who could not do so for themselves. He soon came to be known as the "Voice of the Voiceless."

When a coup d'état overthrew the Salvadoran government on October 15, 1979, Romero expressed cautious support for the reformist junta which replaced it. He soon became disenchanted, however, as the persecution of the poor and the Church did not cease. In February 1980 he addressed an open letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter in which he called upon the United States to discontinue military aid to the regime. "We are fed up with weapons and bullets" he pleaded.

Romero's campaign for human rights in El Salvador won him many national and international admirers as well as a Nobel Peace Prize nomination. It also won him enemies, however. On March 24, 1980, an assassin fired from the door of the chapel where Romero was celebrating mass and shot him dead. The archbishop had foreseen the danger of assassination and had spoken of it often, declaring his willingness to accept martyrdom if his blood might contribute to the solution of the nation's problems. "As a Christian," he remarked on one such occasion, "I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me, I shall rise again in the Salvadoran people."

Next Tuesday the Chapter of Canons will be meeting at the Cathedral and joining us for 12.15pm Mass and then on Wednesday the University of Liverpool are having a careers fair in the three Crypt Halls so midday mass on both those days will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 11 March. Winning numbers are 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Prize was £300. There were no winners so the prize is now £350. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

HOPE+ NEWS

This year, we have that unusual occurrence of Western Christianity Holy Week, Eastern Christianity Holy Week, and the Jewish festival of Pesach (Passover) all being in alignment together. All traditions have in common the requirement to clean and prepare their places of worship and themselves for the celebrations. We have in years past marked that tradition of cleansing by running our WashDay17 campaign, and we will do so again this year. The idea is that in Holy Week we will hand to every one of our guests a gender appropriate washbag with toiletries for themselves and cleaning products for their clothing and home. If you would like to contribute to this, leaflets will be available this week. However, we still need to provide food for our guests, and at the moment we have a very great need for pasta and tinned fish. If you are able to donate, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you

GIFT SHOP

The Cathedral Gift Shop is currently selling Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards. Pop in and be the first to get yours today! If you can't see what you are looking for please speak to one of the staff who will be pleased to help you.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking to recruit volunteers to assist at the Golden Jubilee Flower Festival which will be taking place in the Cathedral from 2 June – Monday 5 June. Volunteers will be needed to hand out programmes and water the arrangements. No flower experience is necessary at all but to register your interest please contact Claire in Cathedral House at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

LIVERPOOL-BASED VOLUNTEER MISSION MOVEMENT

www.vmminternational.org is looking for volunteers (18-80+ years) to become members of the local support group. The group aims to help raise funds and also to recruit new volunteers to serve for periods of 2 weeks to 2 years in East Africa. It is a fun, worthwhile and rewarding group which provides a sense of satisfaction for its members. Please contact Van at van@vmminternational.org or phone 0151 291 3438

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The date for the next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be Thursday 4 May when we shall be meeting to discuss **Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood** 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

GRAND JUBILEE DINNER

We would like to invite you to a formal Grand Dinner, hosted by Archbishop Malcolm, which will celebrate our Golden Jubilee.

The Dinner and festivities will take place on **Saturday 3 June 2017**. The evening will start at 6.30pm with First Vespers sung by the Cathedral Choirs in the Cathedral. We will then make our way to the Pontifical Hall to enjoy a champagne reception in the Pontifical Hall. A three course dinner created especially for the occasion will follow in the Crypt Hall. Should you wish to purchase tickets, which are priced at £100 per person, for this celebratory event, please let Claire Hanlon know by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after the 12.15pm Mass in the Crypt on Fridays. All welcome.

LENTEN TALKS

I wish I knew more about the Mass? Why does the Church ask me to come to Mass every Sunday? These and many more questions will be discussed and answered in a series of three talks this Lent. Fr Stephen, will be exploring different aspects of the Mass and offering time for discussion and reflection. Why not come along and find out more and the central part of our faith. The talks start at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room and the next one will be on 22 March, 29 March and 5 April. All welcome.

ST VINCENT'S

Please note that the usual 9.00am Mass on Fridays at St Vincent's will take place at 9.15am during Lent to enable the children from St Vincent's School to attend.

EASTER LILIES

We are reviving an ancient tradition which associates a lily with the resurrection of Christ and our hope in eternal life. You are invited to buy a lily 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 lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary during Easter, and the 10.00am Family Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for their names.

EASTER EGGS

Please would you consider donating an Easter Egg to the Cathedral this Lent. We will be sending half of anything we receive to the Women's Refuge on the Wirral and also to the 2 Refuge Houses that are in Liverpool, charities that are so deserving and in real need. The other half will be raffled after the Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

FRIENDS EVENT

A visit to the Nordic Church and Cultural Cebtre will take place on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 11.30am at the Nordic Church and Cultural Centre, 138 Park Lane, Liverpool L1 8HG. The cost is £15.00. This ticket price includes introductory talk and tour and smorgasbord lunch with coffee. The Scandinavian Seamen's Church was built with mainly Swedish money and was completed in 1884. It was intended for seamen, of course, but also emigrants, of whom there were many thousands passing through the city at that time. Please contact Cathedral House on 0151 709 9222 for tickets or email Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Last week's collection: **£1,701.00**



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

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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

