

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Robert Quinn (RIP Anniversary and Birthday), Marcella Quinn (RIP Anniversary and Birthday), Mr and Mrs O'Shea, Tading O'Shea, Pauline Beckett, Mary Ann Sargent, Mary Cronin (RIP), Michael Powney (RIP), Sadie (RIP), Clare and James Cassidy (Christmas Wishes), Ella And Michael Gannon, Barbara and Leslie Walsh, Chris Hodgkin (Intention), Ann and Michael Yates and Family, Marge and John McDonald, Josie Hyde, Katie Hyde, Mary Cronin, Elizabeth McKeown, Mary Agnes Smith (RIP),

Kathleen Leahy (RIP), Harry Doherty (RIP), Susan Turner (RIP), Jimmy Blaine (RIP), Larry O'Hanlon (RIP), Danielle (RIP), Claire Graham (RIP), Louis Houricane (RIP Anniversary), Aaliyah Overington (Get Well), Joan Jones (RIP), George Pattullo (RIP), Maureen Shaw (Get Well), Arthur Potter, Tucker Smith (Get Well), Veronica Barry (Intention), Lorraine and Milad Chihadeh (Intention), Elizabeth Finn (100th Birthday Remembrance), Carmel Gough (RIP), Mary O'Thy, McDowell Family, Mastyna Family and Mrs Lesnia, Leon Slemmon (RIP), Ann Owens.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 10 December 2017

Sunday 10 December 2nd 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 11 December

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

Tuesday 12 December

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

Wednesday 13 December

St Lucy
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Margaret Pennington) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 14 December St John of the Cross

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

Friday 15 December

8.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
9.00am Mass (Paul Pennington) STV
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 16 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
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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Second Sunday of Advent

'My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The season of Advent is very short this year – it is only three weeks and one day long– and this means that Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Inevitably our preparations for the great feast will gain a heightened sense of urgency as the days pass. This sense of urgency was also experienced in the time of John the Baptist.

Today's Gospel shows just how excited the people were at the news that John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness. Something great was about to happen. 'All of Judea and all of the people of Jerusalem' flocked to hear the preaching of John the Baptist who was announcing the coming of the Lord and calling them to repentance. The excitement amongst those who heard the Baptist must have been at a very high pitch, and that level of enthusiasm was also to be found later amongst the first Christians as we heard in today's second reading from St Peter's second letter. He exhorts us to always be ready for the coming of the Lord at the end of time, when his promises will be fulfilled and a new heaven and new earth will be ushered in. This will be the time when there will be a new reign of justice on the earth. Although we continue to state these truths in the Creed, have we lost the enthusiasm that should come with a belief that a new age will come to us?

Our Diocesan Advent Prayer which you received last week and which will be used at all Masses says, 'Help us to become the Church you are calling us to be'.

Pope Francis invites everyone to be part of this adventure: To those who feel far from God and the Church, to all those who are fearful or indifferent, I would like to say this: the Lord, with great respect and love, is also calling you to be a part of his people! The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

The road of mercy and the path of charity are other names for the journey that we follow as Pilgrim People. Our journey as an archdiocese over the next three years is a path that we will follow together towards the archdiocesan synod in 2020; after all the word 'synod' means just that – being together on a common road.

Sometimes it is difficult for me to capture the enthusiasm that I referred to earlier. The church has gone through much change and this has left us longing for a new vision. The beauty of the Advent season is that it reminds us that our future and the future of the Church are in God's hands and that He unfailingly comes to us in unexpected ways that are ever new. Who could have predicted that in our time we were to be blessed by having Francis as our pope, leading the church to deeper and more contemporary ways of living the gospel? As our eyes and hearts are opened to the coming of the Lord this Advent let us pray that we may see more clearly how we can serve him in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. May I wish you and your families a blessed Advent and a peaceful Christmas.' Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

This Sunday the Cathedral Choristers will sing Britten's Ceremony of Carols following Evening Prayer and then at 5pm there is the Marie Curie Christmas Service. On Tuesday evening NSPCC have their Carols by Candlelight service – Then on Wednesday, Nugent's Light up a Life Service at 12.30 – and on Thursday, Scarisbrick Hall Carol Service in the afternoon and the Support after Manslaughter Christmas Service in the evening. We have our own Dickensian Carol Concert and Festival Carol Service next Saturday and Sunday Evenings. A busy week ahead!

Canon Anthony O'Brien

Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

For week commencing 2 December the numbers were 1, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12. The prize was £1,200 and there were no winners. Prize now increased to £1,250. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

BOOK CLUB

The date for the next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be on Thursday 14 December at 7.00pm when we shall meet to discuss our latest book The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. It's an Alan Bennett attempt at stylish hilarity that succeeds! We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome. Any queries just get in touch with Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Now has a wide range of Christmas nativities, 2018 calendars and bespoke Christmas gifts. Please pop in and have a browse. They are also selling Archdiocese of Liverpool 2018 directories.

HOPE+ FOOD BANK

Christmas, a time for giving, sharing and for many celebrating a feast with friends. Sadly many don't get to enjoy the festivities. We want to make sure that no-one goes hungry this Christmas. That no parent has to choose between a meal for themselves or their child. We need your help. You can donate any of the items listed below that we need regularly. Cereal, pasta, tinned fish, UHT milk. Thanks you for

your help. Your generosity is a real gift of hope for many in Liverpool this Christmas.

CONCERTS SOCIETY

The Cathedral Concerts Society is looking for volunteers to help out on concert nights. Help is needed for box office, stewarding and refreshments. Bonus is, you get to hear the concerts for free. Please contact Jean on 07759 851702 or jean@cavensoft.com

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.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Please note that the Cathedral Dean, Canon Anthony O'Brien will host a series of informal evenings aimed at sharing thoughts and reflections on the weekly Sunday Advent readings. The group will meet each Wednesday leading up to Christmas, and will offer a warm and friendly forum in which to contribute to group discussions. All are welcome to attend either single sessions or the whole series. Please meet in Chemin Neuf next to Cathedral House from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The next date is 13 December and then 20 December.

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 31 December and the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Vincent's on Saturday 30 December will be offered for all their names.

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.

Please note that the time of First Vespers on Christmas Eve is 3.00pm and not 2.00pm as stated.

DICKENSIAN CONCERT

Saturday 16th December, 7.00pm.

Come and enjoy a feast of Christmas music at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm. Compèred by BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the concert will feature a range of Christmas music, old and new, performed by the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs. Tickets are priced at £5 for a single ticket, and £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and can be purchased from lpoolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk or the Cathedral Gift shop on 0151 707 3525. Further details available from the Cathedral music office: 0151 708 7283 / music@metcathedral.org.uk

SURVIVE-MIVA

(UK Registered Charity No. 268745) is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Find out more at: www.survive-miva.org

PASTORAL LETTER

Please note that there is a Pastoral Letter which is to be read at all Masses this weekend. Please pick up a copy from the back of the Cathedral or the Crypt.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No tickets required but please arrive in good time to get a seat. You need to be seated by 11.00pm for a start time of 11.30pm. Mass will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 4.

CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 17 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. Something for the whole family. Congregational carols; readers and poems. No tickets required. All welcome.

BBC RADIO MERSEYSIDE

The Carol Service that took place in the Cathedral at the beginning of December was recorded and will be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and again on Christmas Day at 5.00pm. A programme full of festive cheer!

Last week's collection: **£1, 022.00**

GIFT SHOP

Inspirational Gifts and Souvenirs to choose from.

Monday – Sunday
10.00am – 4.00pm

Located in the
Cathedral Visitor Centre

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giftshop@metcathedral.org.uk



PIAZZA CAFÉ

0151 707 3536

Fine Food, Speciality Coffees,
Continental Beers and Wines

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

Located in the
Cathedral Visitor Centre



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)