

Mass Intentions Received

Peter Stephen Whelan, Holy Souls, Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Alison Muscatelli, Veronica Barry, John Jones and Family, Alexandra Clarke (RIP Anniversary), Thomas Wilmott (RIP), Barbara Jebb (RIP), Richard Goss (RIP), Eddie Murray (RIP), Joe Strode (RIP), Stevie O'Connell (RIP), Fr Gerard Doyle (With thanks), Irene Valda Webb (RIP), Joseph Guest (RIP), Little Joe (RIP), Little Thomas (RIP), Frank Wilson (RIP), Josie Hyde, Peter Eyre (Anniversary), Joseph Furey (RIP), Carpenter Family, Bill O'Sullivan (RIP), Kathleen

and Michael Campbell, Frank McCoy (RIP), Ian Hunt (RIP), Causey Family, Edward Fahy Junior (Happy Birthday), McCormick Family, Karen, Phoebe, Kevin Hughes-White, Sarah and William White, Linda White, Margie Cleary, Mary Rigley, Denny Cunningham, Maria O'Rourke, Lesley Ann Austin, Gill Smith, Mary and Peter McCormick, Michelle Holding, Pat McCoy, Pauline Roach, Bobby Shacklady (Intention), Catherine Humphreys (RIP), Hamilton Family (Remembrance), Mary Mannion (RI), Ann and Frank Brown, Tony Hampson, Peter Jones, Traynor Family, Anna Healy and Family

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 2 December 2018

Sunday 2 December First Sunday of Advent

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
1.00pm Polish Mass Crypt
4.00pm Mass RLUH
5.00pm Advent Sequence
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 3 December St Francis Xavier

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

Tuesday 4 December

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

Wednesday 5 December

St John Almond
7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Thursday 6 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 7 December

St Ambrose
8.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass
12.15pm Mass
5.15pm Mass
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
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

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony
O'Brien Dean
Mgr Peter Cookson
Fr Stephen Lee
Fr Philip Carr
Fr Silviu Climent

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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First Sunday of Advent

We begin the season of Advent, which is one of the most beautiful and yet under-appreciated seasons of the Church year. The anticipation of the Feast of Christmas sadly seems to overshadow this season of waiting for the coming of the Lord. The readings this Sunday urge us to be awake to the presence of the Lord in our lives, and to be looking ahead to when he will come again. We are invited to be open to hear afresh the Word of God, a word of promise and of hope. This speaks of the past and the unfolding message of salvation through the coming of the Son of God, how this coming was longed for then and how it is just as urgently needed now and ultimately for the resolution of all things under God's rule.

The entrance antiphon for Monday of the first week announces 'Nations hear the message of the Lord, and make it known to the ends of the earth: Our Saviour is coming. Have no more fear.' Below is a prayer to Our Lady of Advent.

'O Lady and Mother of the One who was and is and is to come, dawn of the New Jerusalem. We earnestly beseech you, bring us by your prayers so to live in love, that the Church, the Body of *Christ may stand in this world's dark as a fiery icon of the coming of your kingdom.* We ask you to obtain for us this mercy through Jesus Christ, *your Son and Lord. Amen*'

Along with the celebrations of the Sunday Masses over the 4 weeks of Advent there will be special choral services on each of the four weeks. On Sunday 2 December at 5pm there is an Advent Sequence Service of Readings and seasonal choral music.

On Sunday 9th at 3pm the choir will sing Bach's cantata 140.

On the Third Sunday at 3.00pm the boy Choristers will perform Britten's Ceremony of Carols after a shortened Evening Prayer.

At 5pm on Sunday 23 December all our choirs will be taking part in our Cathedral Festival Carol Service.

Over the last four weeks a group of about thirty very creative ladies have been busy working away in the Gibberd Room on a Tuesday afternoon taking part in the Creative Christmas Workshops. As well as flower arrangements they have been making everything from angels to picture frames out of materials that they have brought in themselves. I have occasionally sneaked in for a preview and been fascinated how what initially looks like a total mess can come together in a beautiful display over the course of a couple of hours with lots of fun, head scratching and sharing of ideas. The group will be designing wreaths and Christmas arrangements over the next two weeks.

On Wednesday evening NSPCC will hold their Christmas Carol Concert in the Cathedral beginning at 7pm. The music will be performed by Pop Vox which is a choir of 250 members and a Concert band from the Wirral.

On Thursday afternoon Bellerive FCJ will be holding their prize giving afternoon at the Cathedral.

A busy time!

Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean

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ST VINCENT'S LOTTERY NUMBERS

The lottery numbers for week commencing 24 November were not available at the time of printing. The prize was £900. There were no winners. Next week the prize will be £850. Please speak to a member of staff in Cathedral House if you would like to join up.

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 27 January 2018 where once again we will meet at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park. Previous walks have been excellent! Further details from c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk New walkers are always welcome.

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club will be Thursday 13 December at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room when we shall meet to discuss 'Home Fire' by Kamila Shamise. This book won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2018, and was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2017. All welcome.

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOY OF LOVE (Amoris Laetitia)

In this 325-paragraph document, Pope Francis provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family: their strengths and weaknesses, their call from God and the challenges they face. Pope Francis recommends that The Joy of Love be read "patiently and carefully". Each week we will print an extract from the Pope's letter and reflect on

how it might relate to our family lives. Family is the first experience of society that children encounter. It is here that "we first learn to relate to others, to listen and share, to be patient and show respect, to help one another and live as one" (Amoris Laetitia 276). Every day the family has opportunities to practice care for others, rethink our habits of consumption, and care for the environment as our home. Reflect as a family this week on how you care for each other and our environment.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

This year we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday on Sunday 16 December at all Masses in the Cathedral and the Crypt. For the past several decades each year on Gaudete Sunday children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines. You are invited to bring your own Baby Jesus figures from your homes to one of the Masses on 16 December and they will be blessed after the Final Prayer. One thing you could do is then take the 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it until Christmas Day and let this be the first gift your family opens.

GIFT SHOP

The Cathedral Gift Shop is filled with Advent Calendars, Cribs, Cards and much more on your Christmas list. Please pop in. **You can also get your tickets for the Celebration of Christmas Concert. Ring them on 0151 707 3525.**

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

An opportunity is available for an experienced maintenance assistant to assist with the day to day maintenance, repairs and general upkeep of the Cathedral. This is a full-time post to be worked at 35 hours per week. The closing date for this exciting position is Friday 7 December and you can visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs or ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack.

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As Christmas and Advent are very quickly getting near we are entering into one of the busiest times in the school year. The children and staff are busy practising and preparing for their Christmas plays and carol services and this will gather a greater pace even more over the next few weeks. All of the school staff feel it is always a real privilege to work in a school at this time of year as although we are all so very busy preparing so many things it is a true joy to listen to the children singing the words to the carols they are learning (some for the very first time) and also to watch their rehearsals and see the variety of colourful costumes for the Christmas Nativity plays. It is this which helps us to remember that despite all the busy activities that we need to engage in, we don't forget the reason why we have Christmas at all. I hope your Christmas preparations go smoothly.

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.

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 30 December will be offered for all their names.

PLEASE NOTE

That the 12.15pm Mass on Tuesday and Friday this week will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt Apologies for any inconvenience.

ADVENT SEQUENCE

Sunday 2 December at 5.00pm in the Cathedral. A Service for Advent sung by the Cathedral Choir in procession with a stunning sequence of words and music followed by mince pies and mulled wine. All welcome.

Last week's collection: **£1,226.00**

A Celebration of Christmas

Christmas carols and seasonal favourites for all the family. Featuring the BBC's Roger Phillips and the choirs of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Sat 15 Dec, 7pm


Tickets: £5 each / £10 Family ticket.
enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

0151 707 2107
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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





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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)