

Mass Intentions Received

Cornelius (Private Intentions), Marcella Quinn (RIP Anniversary and Birthday), Tricia and Family (Heartfelt thanks for all your prayers), Catherine Winifred Shields (RIP Anniversary), Teresa O'Neill (90th Birthday Remembrance), Racheal Cain (Birthday Remembrance), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls. Bridget Dyson (RIP Anniversary), Michael Buckland (RIP), Joseph Roberts, Kevin O'Reilly, Joy and Tim Gerrard (Intentions), Bridie Bourke (Intentions), Pat Walsh (Intention), Steve Rice (In Memory), Dorothy Rice (Intention), Cathy Rogers

Nee O'Connor (RIP), Betty McDonald and Family (Remembrance), Mary Jacob, Lorraine Jacob, John Lander (RIP), Pat McShane (Remembrance), Catherine Humphreys, Berry Grieve (RIP), Patricia Reaney, Elizabeth McKeown, Alice and Alf Rimmer, Anne Riley (RIP), Kathleen White (Remembrance), Terry Pearson (Intention), Brenda McKeivitt (RIP), Seamus McManus (RIP), Kevin McCarthy (RIP), Tony Whitfield (Intention), Dorothy Gobb, Bernadette Fennell (RIP), James McGuinness (Intention), Bobby (RIP) and Mo Shacklady (Intention), Jimmy Croxton (RIP), Richard (Dick) Healy (RIP).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 13 January 2019

Sunday 13 January Baptism of the Lord

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 14 January St Kentigern

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

Tuesday 15 January

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

Wednesday 16 January

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

Thursday 17 January St Anthony

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

Friday 18 January

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

Saturday 19 January

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

DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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Reviews and Planning

Apart from Brexit the main thing in the news this week has been the trading reports of all the big companies following their performance over the Christmas period. These focus on sales, footfall and the breakdown between online and shop purchases and all are compared against previous years. It has always amazed me that some companies rely on a few of the main days of Christmas trading to make the difference between profit and loss for the year and also how everyone relies on trading to increase year on year as the sign of success – what is wrong with maintaining a similar clientele or reduced numbers as long as the quality remains and a degree of profit is achieved. That is probably why I am not in business!

We are due to meet this week to do our own review of the Christmas period which doesn't focus on profit but rather on how things went, the footfall for the various services and events, also comparisons with previous years to try to establish what went well, and what we need to improve on. So here are our headlines. Numbers at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations and the Christmas Concert and Carol Service were up on the last few years apart from Midnight Mass which was similar to previous years.

The services over Christmas were solemn, dignified and joyful celebrations of the Great Feast and went well. The use of social media for advertising and promoting events and online sales for tickets was very successful in attracting more people. The overall decoration of the Cathedral for Christmas was greatly appreciated and remarked on by many people.

We would love to see more people making visits to the Cathedral for prayer over the Advent and Christmas period outside of the main celebrations but that remains an ongoing challenge. I'm sure there will be other positives and negatives and suggestions for improvement when we discuss things in greater detail but overall we had a good Christmas this year at the Met. Thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. This Sunday also reminds us of the call that is made to all the baptised to live lives of witness to Christ. Next Sunday marks the beginning of the week of prayer for Christian Unity and we will be hosting a joint Service of Choral Evening Prayer at 3pm. The Dean of Liverpool Cathedral, Doctor Sue Jones, will be the guest preacher and both Cathedral Choirs will be taking part in the service. The most recent discussions by the Joint Roman Catholic and Anglican Commission resulted in a document entitled 'Walking Together on the Way' which would also be a good description of the relationship between our two Cathedrals. Please come along and join us for this shared service next Sunday afternoon.

Canon Anthony O'Brien

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Cathedral Notice Board

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 24 January at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room when we shall meet to discuss *Flesh and Blood* by Stephen McGann 'Intelligently structured and eloquently written, McGann's book is a powerful homage to his family and Irish ancestry, to modern medicine and the welfare state. Packed with lively anecdotes and insights on social history, *Flesh and Blood* is a humble human story with a majestic theme.' 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. All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: (It is through this that) 'We come to believe in the love that God has for us'"

(Amoris Laetitia 290). Introduce prayer into your child's life/remind your child about prayer by asking them to name their blessings before bedtime and thank God together for the joys in their life.

PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be closed to visitors from Monday 14 January – Friday 25 January 2019 inclusive. Watch this space for more closures over the coming weeks, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

GOLDEN BOOK OFFICE

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control the Golden Book Office will remain closed until 13 February 2019 at least. We know that many of you are waiting for entries to be done and that this is causing some inconvenience but it will return to normal opening hours as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

12.15PM MASS

Will be taking place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt whilst exams are taking place in the Crypt from Monday 14 January – Friday 25 January 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

MASS INTENTIONS

Pauline Connolly (RIP), Stella and Christian Peter Rohr (RIP), Winifred Popo (RIP), George William Logan (Anniversary), Martin Bell (Remembrance), June Dunne (Remembrance), Ann McCumiskey (Intention), Angela Rimmer (Intention),

Norah Forster (Intention), Mary Lyons (RIP), Claire and Hugh Heery (RIP Anniversary), Lynne Ward (RIP), Albert Patrick Lyons (RIP), Doris O'Mahoney (RIP), Maria Bosio and Family (Intention), Philomena Dowd (Intention), Russell and Karen Spargo (Congratulations on your wedding), Hamilton Family (Remembrance), Sadie Donaghy (RIP).

SYNOD 2020

On Sunday 3rd February at 3.00pm, the Archbishop, at a special service in the Cathedral, will celebrate formally the calling of a Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. This Service will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. As the Archbishop himself said in his Pastoral Letter for Synod Sunday 2018 the Synod is the time when we choose the path to walk on. Everyone is welcome to come to this service. The Synod Members (Parish, Pastoral Area, and others) will be mandated to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod. Please join the Archbishop at 3pm on Sunday 3rd February in the Cathedral.

'SPRING INTO EASTER' WORKSHOPS

Due to the popularity of our Christmas Workshops we are intending to offer creative workshops leading up to Easter. They will start on Tuesday 5 March from 1.00pm – 4.00pm in the Gibberd Room and will last for 6 weeks. You will be working with fresh flowers and greenery from the garden for 3 of the

weeks, and will be making unique decorations to hang in your home or parish for 2 weeks. On one of the weeks we will be holding a masterclass in making your own jewelry. The first session on 5 March is 'Welcome Spring'. The course is £60 per person for the full 6 weeks. So sign up now and get your first list sent to you. To reserve your space and for any other details please contact Claire on c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk. This is something not to be missed. It will be really good fun and you will learn a lot! Places are limited so sign up as soon as you can.

CONGRATULATIONS

To James Luxton, our Assistant Director of Music and Beth Hartless, who were engaged just before Christmas. We were delighted to share this news with them, and we send all our prayers and good wishes to them both. A match made in the Cathedral!

Last week's collection: **£976.00**



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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

