

Mass Intentions Received

Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Patricia Duxbury, Peter and Jean Fife (RIP), Anne Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Baby Noah Smith (RIP), Ann and Geoff Price (RIP), Annie and Thomas Rowlands (RIP), Deceased Members of Rowland Families, Bridget and Thomas Connole (RIP), James and Michael Clarke and Family (RIP), Nellie Quinn (RIP), Nellie Costello (RIP), (Intentions), Eddie, Helen, Finn and Ted (Intention), Anthony, Eddie, Stephen Connole (Intention), Nora and Patrick Farragher (RIP), Noreen and Dennis Babister,

Harold Hughes (RIP), Michael Herron (RIP), Maureen Fitzgibbon (RIP), Deacon McDermott (RIP), Paula McKinley (RIP), Antoinette McCrory (Get Well), Rose McCusker, Brigid Dobbs, James Jensen (Get Well), Lenny O'Brien (RIP), Patrick Donoghue (In Remembrance), Hamilton Family (In Remembrance), Dennis and Rosaleen Conlon, Chris Hodgkins, Ann Smart (RIP), Arthur Campbell (RIP), Margaret Taylor (Anniversary), Edward Perry (RIP), Rosa and Mike Lalor (Thinking of you), Mary Muldoon, Wally Bridson (1ST Anniversary), Teresa Carlise, Martin Bell (Remembrance).

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING: 8 December 2019

Sunday 8 December Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 9 December

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

Tuesday 10 December

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

Wednesday 11 December

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

Thursday 12 December

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

Friday 13 December St Lucy

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

Saturday 14 December

St John of the Cross
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6.30pm Vigil Mass Crypt

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
Following the 12.15pm Mass
Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 11.00am – 12noon & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

4.00pm – 5.00pm on Friday

Crypt Crypt Chapel

SS -
55 Seel St,
Missionaries of
Charity

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool
University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony
O'Brien Dean
Fr Philip Carr
Fr Stephen Lee

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



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Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appears as the herald in today's Gospel calling us to prepare a way for the Lord to make a straight highway for our God. Creating a straight highway in our spiritual lives is an impossible achievement but it is possible for us to clear a few of the weeds from the overgrown path of our spiritual lives which will be enough to allow the Lord to come, he will do the rest – but it still desires effort and a change of heart for this to happen.

The Schools Advent Services take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week at 1.30pm with a cast ranging from a tiny new-born baby right across the age range to adult actors for Herod and the mysterious Eastern Kings. The Cathedral staff, clergy and choirs are all jointly involved in these services trying to bring to life once again the Christmas story for young children from our diocesan schools - secretly we enjoy doing it more than the children! This last week there have been a couple of trips to the Everyman costume department for a few more lavish outfits, the Liverpool Theatre School have been rehearsing their dance for the appearance of the star and we have rewritten suitable words relating the Christmas story for a final song from the Lion King as the big finale number with all the children joining in the chorus. This year I'm the innkeeper of the 'Last Resort Hotel' Bethlehem - apparently I was typecast because I was told that I am used to saying no, but then eventually giving in!

Radio Merseyside have their Christmas Concert here on Friday evening starting at 7pm. As usual they will record the whole evening and play excerpts of it over the Christmas period. Tickets for this can be purchased from the radio station.

We have our own 'Celebration of Christmas' Concert on Saturday evening at 7pm presented by Roger Phillips. Last year we decided to rewrite the whole script for this and I was designated to write a series of rhymes spelling out Christmas- with the whole word eventually lit up across the sanctuary. The third letter was R and being early on I was hoping that we might get a bit of audience participation so the rhyme went 'Poor old Rudolph, only famous for his nose. What about his antlers or his muscles or his pose? Forever back and forth pulling on his sleigh. Hands up all you children who deserve a present on Christmas Day.' Three people put their hands up and none of them were children. On the fourth letter I don't think Roger was too happy reading 'I was an infant once, many years ago. Having to wear short trousers even in the snow. Christmas is so special when you're young or just a youth. Nor does it lose its magic when your age is through the roof!' So I have been relegated to the sidelines this year, I have to stick to words for hymns and carols.

Pope Francis has spoken and written about the wonderful sign and tradition of having a Christmas Crib in the home and in public places. 'Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas Crib is part of the precious and demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us to feel and believe that God is with us and we are with Him thanks to the child who is the Son of God and son of the Virgin Mary.'

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The next date for the Cathedral Walking Group will be on Sunday 19 January 2020 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 23 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Gibberd Room. We will meet to discuss *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci. New readers are always welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS

Please join us for quiet Prayer after 5.15pm Mass on Tuesday evenings followed by discussion and reflection the Sunday readings.

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 29 December will be offered for all their names.

THEME 3

How we pray together.

Following on our Synod journey and having looked at the first and second theme we now need to engage on the third theme, to reflect on how it challenges and inspires us, and then to generate

proposals that will help us to become the Church that God is calling us to be. The next gathering together will be next Saturday 8 February straight after the 9.00am Mass. We will meet in the Gibberd Room. All welcome. You don't need to have come to the first or second meeting. Please collect a leaflet and a prayer card that have been left at the back of the Cathedral and the Crypt Chapel which contains more details on the themes.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8? Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation to empower, guide and strengthen you? If you are willing to mark this milestone in starting your adult journey in Faith then: If you are in Year 8 at a Catholic School - Animate Youth Ministries will be delivering confirmation preparation as part of the Religious Education curriculum and you will be contacted through school; If you are in Year 8 in a non-Catholic School - please register online to attend the free preparation day on Saturday 29 February 2020. The link is under the tab Confirmation // Called to Serve at www.animateyouth.org If you are the parent or relative or a friend or neighbour of a potential Confirmation candidate, please do pass on this information. For further details contact Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740461/467 or email at s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

which takes place on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 7.00pm. Our official celebration of

Christmas returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets start from £5 and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral, and the Cathedral Gift Shop.

COME AND BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE

Please give us the gift of three hours a week of your precious voluntary time. Learn on the job for as long as it takes. Answer queries at the welcoming desk. Listen to the stories of our wonderful visitors. If you like, take large or very small groups on tours. Give the job your own creativity. Be part of a ministry of welcome. Help us to increase our guiding groups to four. Add your own dimension to a large and flourishing team. Be a consistent part of your group throughout the year. Contribute toward presenting our Cathedral as a living Christian community, able to embrace everyone as valued individuals. Make new friends. Enjoy a fresh challenge. This random list could go on! Our aim is to take on twelve. Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See.

Contact Dcn Paul:
p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk

NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMA Friday 6th December was Saint Nicholas's Feast day and we all

visited the Cathedral to celebrate Mass led by Father Philip. At the end of Mass bags of gold coins (of the chocolate variety!) were given out to the children to remember one of Saint Nicholas's good deeds. Last Wednesday children in our Reception and Nursery performed their Nativity Play to their parents. The work of the staff and children resulted in a truly brilliant performance. Meanwhile on Tuesday all children in Year 4 really looked the part when they dressed up as Victorians and visited Croxteth Hall's Victorian Christmas. Well done everyone!

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.

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.

MIDNIGHT MASS

No tickets required but please arrive in good time to get a seat. Passes for the Cathedral Car Park are available from c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Last week's collection: **£997.00**



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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

