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## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 5 December 2021

### Sunday 5 December Second Sunday of Advent

**9.00am** Mass  
**11.00am** Family Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Choral Mass  
This Mass will be streamed live on Facebook and Youtube  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 6 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Mass

### Tuesday 7 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Mass

### Wednesday 8 December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Sung Mass

### Thursday 9 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Sung Mass

### Friday 10 December

**7.45am** Morning Prayer  
**8.00am** Mass  
**12.15pm** Mass Crypt  
**5.00pm** Sung Mass

### Saturday 11 December

**8.45am** Morning Prayer  
**9.00am** Mass  
**5.00pm** Vigil Mass BSC

### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

### RECONCILIATION (Confession) (From 4 September onwards)

Monday - Friday:  
Following the 12.15pm Mass Crypt

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 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  
Fr Stephen Lee  
Fr Chris McCoy  
Fr Peter Murphy

**DEACONS:**  
Rev Noel Abbott  
Rev Paul Mannings



# Cathedral Record

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## Joint Statement

### Churches Together in Merseyside

#### A joint Statement from the Presidents of Churches Together in Merseyside in the wake of the death of Ava White on 25th November 2021

As Church leaders we lament the needless loss of this young life, and know that we speak for many within and beyond the Christian community of Merseyside, in expressing our heartfelt condolences to Ava's shattered family. We are deeply saddened by this mindless act of violence, and know that words alone will never fully express the loss and the sorrow that they must now be feeling. In expressing our love and solidarity with those whose lives will be so shattered by this event, we renew our resolve to work with people of goodwill across our city region to promote peace, hope and an end to violence in every form across our communities. As the wickedness of a few inevitably dominates our thoughts in the days ahead, let us not forget the qualities of goodness and love that define the lives of so many in this noble city.

### A prayer for Ava

A city acquainted with grief  
Weeps once again for a young life  
So mindlessly and needlessly cut short  
And there are no words to describe our sorrow.

A moment of light and hope  
Has instead been wrapped in darkness  
And our hearts ache  
For those who are shattered by this loss.

God of comfort and consolation, who is no stranger to grief and sorrow,  
Hold us in our pain, our anger and our

bewilderment

Help us surround this shattered family with our love,  
And to somehow find hope amidst this darkness  
As we lament this broken, hurting world  
Where our children are too often overtaken by violence  
Grant us the determination to seek better pathways  
So that healing and hope may yet be known  
**AMEN**

Rt Revd. Paul Bayes – Bishop of Liverpool

Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP – Archbishop of Liverpool

Revd. Phil Jump – Chair, Churches Together in Merseyside and Regional Minister, North Western Baptist Association

Revd. Dr Sheryl Anderson – Chair, Liverpool Methodist District

Revd. Geoff Felton – Moderator, Mersey Synod, The United Reformed Church

Major David Taylor – District Commander, Salvation Army North West Division

Rt Rev Tom Williams - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Rt Revd. Julie Conalty - Bishop of Birkenhead

Rt Rev Tom Neylon - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Rt Revd Beverley A Mason, Bishop of Warrington

The Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Dean of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Canon Tony O'Brien, Dean of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Kathleen Cunningham (RIP), Michael Birchall (RIP), Mr Nordoff (RIP), Audrey Kelly (RIP), Christopher McGivern (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, Jeffrey Wallace (RIP), Colette Carmel Hart (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Michael Sinclair (RIP).

## NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week the school's Christmas decorations and crib were brought out of storage, dusted down and the decorations put up around the school. The look of amazement and wonder on the children's faces is always a joy to behold at this time when they see the crib and decorations appear again and children who are new to the school also share the sense of joy and excitement for the very first time. Christmas in school is always such a magical time with the children.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

In previous years the Cathedral has offered Parishioners the option to use Offertory Envelopes for their donations at Mass. The use of these envelopes has declined over the years as different methods of donating have become available. We need to decide if the demand is there to continue using them, if you are interested in registering to receive a batch of the Offertory Envelopes next year could you please email [a.testo@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:a.testo@metcathedral.org.uk)

## MICAH FOODBANK

Numbers are holding steady at

present, but we expect an increase as Christmas approaches. To bolster our supplies, this week we launch our "Reverse Advent Calendar" campaign. The calendar can be downloaded from the Micah website using this link: [Reverse-Advent-Calander-with-Gift-Aid-no-date.pdf](https://micahliverpool.com) ([micahliverpool.com](https://micahliverpool.com))

## LGBTQ+ Catholics Liverpool Archdiocese Prayer and Support Group

Our next Mass will be at All Saints Anfield on Sunday 5th December at 12.30pm followed by a social gathering. This is an open invitation to our LGBTQ+ Catholics, their families and friends but also to anyone who would like to come along. It would be helpful to know who might attend for catering purposes. If you are intending to come along you are very welcome but please do let us know: You can phone 0151 287 8787 or email [frsmaloney@aol.com](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.com)

## LUKE, AN ADVENT GOSPEL – A SERIES OF TALKS

This Advent, we are hosting series of four talks on the Gospel of Luke. As we will be hearing from this Gospel on most Sundays next year, it would benefit us all to refresh our memories and gain some new insights into this rich and varied text. These talks will run on consecutive Wednesdays in the Gibberd Room, beginning on the 24th of November. We also anticipate an opportunity for discussion/Q&A at the end of each session. More details below:

**Luke, a Gospel of Prayer - 8/12/2021 at 7pm - Canon Anthony O'Brien**

**Luke, a Christmas Gospel - 15/12/2021 at 7pm - Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP**

For more information please contact Peter Ross - [p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk). Admission is free and all are welcome!

## CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS

We have been delighted with the uptake! There is one vacancy on Thursday and one on Friday, with two on a Saturday afternoon. So, if you want to be based at one of our welcome desks or move about as a guide, or both, we'd love to hear from you: Deacon Paul [p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.org.uk)

## 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, and is needed now more than ever before. 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 have found it more difficult than ever during lockdown. Please be as generous as you can.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to buy a Christmas flower or plant 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 26 December will be offered for their names.

## CATHOLIC VOICES

Have conducted a couple of interesting surveys about the impact of Covid on our parishes:

<https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

## SYNOD 2020

On this 1st weekend of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, we are delighted to be able to receive the pastoral plan. As the Archbishop has said: "This is to chart the way forward for the archdiocese in the years to come." The Plan will be available online at <https://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk/> or you can arrange to purchase it from Pauline Books and Media, 84 Church Street, Liverpool at a cost of £2 per copy.

There is a summary document for you at Mass this weekend and a postcard for you to take home containing some of the key words from the plan and details of how to access the pastoral plan online.

**Saturday 4th Dec 11.00am – 12.30pm in St Mary's Church, Leyland**

**Tuesday 7th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree**

**Thursday 9th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom**

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJkQ0TQ.9>. Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

## MICAH

Numbers were up from last week - we gave out food for 358 guests including 125 children. We've got plenty of pasta, but we're down to our last crate of tinned fish. Donations needed!! Also it's not too late to join the "Reverse Advent Calendar" challenge - see this link:

Reverse-Advent-Calander-with-Gift-Aid-no-date.pdf ([micahliverpool.com](https://micahliverpool.com))

Last week's collection: **£985.34**

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