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# Cathedral Record

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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 we all could clear away a few of the weeds which will be enough to make a path for the Lord to come, he will do the rest – but it still desires effort and an open heart for this to happen.

In place of Choral Evening Prayer this Sunday afternoon the choir will be singing one of J S Bach's Cantatas 'Wachet Auf no 140' (sleepers awake) written for this period of the Advent season.

St Nicholas Day, 6<sup>th</sup> December, is on Tuesday. Our Crypt Chapel and our primary School both share the patronage of this Eastern Bishop Saint who is closely associated with Advent and Christmas because of his acts of kindness and generosity to those in need. There will be an extra mass at 9am for the schoolchildren and staff of our school. The priest who celebrated at the Solemn Mass last Sunday, Fr Albert, who is a regular visitor to our Cathedral from Holland spoke to me after mass regarding the popular traditions that they have on St Nicholas day. He also handed me a few gifts of chocolate, including a chocolate Saint Nicholas. It is a strong tradition for them to give gifts on this day and especially chocolate – so there's a great excuse for us all to have a treat on Tuesday. We also celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary on Thursday.

The schools Advent Service takes place on Wednesday this week at 1.30pm with a cast ranging from a tiny baby, Theo, right across the age range to adult actors for Mary and Joseph, 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 year there have been two of our music staff going into schools as part of the Schools Singing Programme. The fruits of all of this are now beginning to show and we are likely to have a choir of over 200 children singing on Tuesday. Over the years we have had a donkey and a number of dogs dressed as sheep in the production to accompany the shepherds which the children love to see. This year we have had a number of applicants for the role and three dogs were called in to the audition to test their behaviour and calmness around children. One couldn't cope with working with others and another overplayed the role and became over excited- further training was needed for both. So Kissee, the old stager shepherd dog, who already has her equity card, is making a welcome comeback.

Next Saturday at 7pm we have our own Cathedral Christmas Concert 'A Celebration of Christmas' involving all our Cathedral choirs, the Knowsley Children's choir and the Rock Choir. It will be a magical night of carols and seasonal favourites and Christmas fun with all playing their part. Tickets are £8 each or £15 for a family. We now have the newly rebuilt Cathedral Organ in full working order which will add an extra sparkle to the celebrations. Come along and join in the fun and support the Cathedral!

Bishop Tom Neylon will be with us next weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent, and he will preside at the Solemn Mass. Later that afternoon at 3pm the Boys choir will sing Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols' following Evening Prayer.

**Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

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### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 4 December 2022

#### Sunday 4 December

##### Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass Cathedral

10.00am Mass Crypt

11.00am Mass \* Cathedral

5.00pm Advent Sequence

\* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

7.00pm Mass Crypt

#### Monday 5 December

##### St John Almond

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Mass BSC

#### Tuesday 6 December

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass Crypt

12.15pm Requiem Mass BSC

5.00pm Mass Lady Chapel

#### Wednesday 7 December

##### St Ambrose

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

#### Thursday 8 December

##### Immaculate Conception of the

##### Blessed Virgin Mary

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

#### Friday 9 December

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass BSC

12.15pm Mass Crypt

5.00pm Sung Mass BSC

5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

#### Saturday 10 December

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass BSC

5.00pm Vigil Mass

#### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will take place from 4.00pm on Fridays.

#### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

##### Monday - Friday:

Following the 12.15pm Mass in the Crypt

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please note that there are no Confessions on Holy Days.

#### Crypt

Crypt Chapel

#### SS -

55 Seel St,  
Missionaries of  
Charity

#### RLUH -

Royal Liverpool  
University Hospital

#### CLERGY:

##### PRIESTS:

Canon Anthony  
O'Brien Dean

Fr Derek Lloyd

Fr Chris McCoy

Fr Peter Murphy

##### DEACONS:

Rev Noel Abbott

Rev Paul Mannings

# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Agnes Stewart (RIP), Mary McManus (RIP), Maud Holder (RIP), Martin Maloney (RIP), Michael Cross (RIP Anniversary), Cathy White (RIP), Bridie Brady (RIP), Eileen Sanderson (RIP), Nell Sanderson (RIP), Joan Doyle (RIP), Deirdre O'Gorman (RIP), Dorothy Allen (RIP), Angela Monks (Get Well), Gerard Webb (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine, Ted Byrne.

## CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

Start the New Year on the right foot (plus the left) and join the Cathedral walking group on Sunday, 8th January 2023, for a stroll round the city centre and along the waterfront. Meet in the car park at 12.30pm, suitably attired. En route there'll be plenty of places for a warming beverage if it's a cold day! Distance: about 4 miles. Contact: [nicklightbearer@gmail.com](mailto:nicklightbearer@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Tickets are selling fast for our annual Christmas Carol Concert, "A Celebration of Christmas" which takes place on 10th December. We hope you can join us for a very special evening of carols, readings and festive cheer. Our Cathedral Choir will be joined by some very special guests and everyone, young and old, are warmly welcome. Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedraledral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedraledral) or from the Cathedral Welcome desk Monday to

Saturday.

## LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

The next gathering and Mass will be on Sunday 11th December 2022 here at All Saints Anfield. There will be a social gathering after Mass. Mass will begin at 2.00pm. For more information, please contact Canon Stephen Maloney [frsmaloney@aol.co.uk](mailto:frsmaloney@aol.co.uk)

## WARM AND COSY

During the winter months, parish centres across the archdiocese will be open to all as 'warm and cosy' hubs. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits with access to TV and wifi and friendly company in a safe and warm space. The centres will be open from 1.00 pm-3.30 pm but opening days will vary, please see the link for more details and information on other places in the archdiocese offering similar support: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/in dex.php?p=2561>

## ST EDWARD'S COLLEGE

Please support the Sixth formers of St Edward's College, who are helping fundraise for our Cathedral, by running a piety stall at Sunday 11am Mass. They have a selection of cards, calendars and religious gifts for Christmas.

## 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 1 January 2023 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.

## WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge has started. Anything you can spare for the women and their families will be appreciated.

## NEWS FROM SAINT NICHOLAS' ACADEMY

A week ago on Friday Helen Jones (Radio Merseyside DJ) made a special visit to us to chat and record the children and our Deputy Head teacher talking about Advent. Everybody was a little nervous at the start but she soon put everyone at ease. The children were exceptional and spoke beautifully (as would be expected of Saint Nicholas pupils) and we are all very proud of them. The article was broadcast at 7.38am last Sunday morning, if you have a moment you can hear it on BBC Sounds, it's lovely and very uplifting. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/pl ay/p0dk2ngp>

## CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL

"I was sick and you cared for me..."

The Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Hospitals, is looking for new volunteers to join our team. Volunteers often enjoy visiting patients and their families on the wards. These visits can include praying with patients, and bringing them Holy Communion, or simply having a chat. It is possible to volunteer just a few hours one morning or afternoon each week. Full training and support will be given. You don't have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Fr Peter by email [peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk](mailto:peter.murphy@rlbuht.nhs.uk) or by calling 0151 706 2828.

## Liverpool Archdiocese Online Advent calendar

This Advent, the archdiocese will be running an online Advent calendar which will feature daily videos from various people across the archdiocese. The videos will include reflections, an insight of what Advent means to them and their plans for Advent.

To see our Advent calendar, please follow the archdiocese's social media channels: <https://www.facebook.com/liverpoolarchdiocese> <https://www.instagram.com/liverpoolarchdiocese/> <https://twitter.com/lpoolcatholic>

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Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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