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Cathedral Record

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First Sunday of Advent

We begin the new season Of Advent this morning with the rite of Blessing with water or 'Asperges' to give it the proper liturgical title and the blessing and lighting of the wreath which marks a new start to the year.

The readings this Sunday urge us to be awake to the presence of the Lord in our lives and looking ahead to when he will come again. It is also a reminder to us here at the Cathedral of the urgency of being ready for the wonderful mixed bag of events that lead up to the Feast of Christmas which will demand all our energy and time each day for the next four weeks.

The choirs have busy rehearsing along the corridor for the Advent Sequence which is at 5pm this Sunday.

Meanwhile in Cathedral House the final version of the script for the children's Advent Services is being printed out for the cast who will be taking part. The children's services will take place next Wednesday, with a dress rehearsal on Tuesday. The Cathedral cast of adults never seem to have time to learn their lines for this production so we have to scratch our heads to work out appropriate props around the sanctuary with prompts on so that the cast know what to say. The problems come when someone inadvertently moves a crucial prop away at the wrong time. With a eight hundred strong children's choir the Cathedral will be full to capacity with children that afternoon.

The first few pre-Christmas charity events and carol concerts begin in the Cathedral this week. On Monday evening the Wirral Catholic Multi Academy will gather in the Cathedral for their Carol Concert. On Tuesday NSPCC are holding their annual Carol Concert which has been a regular seasonal event within our Cathedral for the last decade.

The Second Sunday of Advent is also known as Bible Sunday and is in a special way a day of encouragement to us all to be open to the Word of God. The Pauline Sisters will have a stall at the back of the Cathedral and Crypt at all the masses that weekend. They will be especially promoting their new publication known as Gospel Power which contains all the weekend and Sunday readings throughout the coming year with a little reflection each day on the readings. Also on the Second Sunday of Advent the Boys Choir will perform Benjamin Brittens 'Ceremony of Carols' following Evening Prayer at 3pm.

Canon Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 3 December 2023

Sunday 3 December

First Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
3.00pm Choral Evening Prayer
 * This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 4 December

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

Tuesday 5 December

St John Almond

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

Wednesday 6 December

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

Thursday 7 December

St Ambrose

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

Friday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.30pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 2 December

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

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

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

CLERGY:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Paul Rowan (RIP), Michael Carney (RIP), John McCann (RIP), Marcella Madden (RIP), Stephen Parry (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP), Carl Petersen (RIP), Holy Souls, People of Ukraine.

JIGSAWS AND GAMES

We are looking for any unwanted jigsaws and games that you may have and are willing to donate to us? The seafarers who are often away from home for long periods of time are looking for these items to help pass the time when they are in port. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. Please drop off at Cathedral House.

STAFF AND POSTGRADUATE GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & Postgraduate Group! The group of staff and doctoral students meets fortnightly every other Wednesday for prayer, discussion and sharing. Please contact Antal on 07515821079 for further details.

ADVENT HIGHLIGHTS ADVENT SEQUENCE

Sunday 3 December - 5pm
As the season of Advent begins, the cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the Advent journey. The service lasts around 70 minutes and features the choir singing from a variety of places around the cathedral. All welcome.

CEREMONY OF CAROLS

**Sunday 10 December
3.00pm.**

The boy choristers join harpist Elizabeth McNulty to perform Benjamin Britten's sequence of carol texts by English poets. The performance lasts around 40 minutes and is free to attend, with a retiring collection. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will be an extra Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

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 31 December will be offered for all their names.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

**LAST FEW TICKETS LEFT
Friday 22 December 2023 -
7.00pm**

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Crypt Concert Room. Set by candlelight in the beautiful Crypt Concert Room we will be serving a delicious two-course Christmas supper prepared and served at your table by Horseradish, one of the Cathedral's preferred caterers. **The evening will start with the Youth Choir and end with the Dean's band! Something for everyone.** If you would like to buy individual tickets or reserve a table for friends and family please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk Tickets are limited so get them today and leave the rest to us! Cost: £50.00 per person.

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. Please drop in to Cathedral House/Cathedral Security Office.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Returns this year with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit. Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family. Saturday 16 December 2023 at 7pm. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

**Everything you need to know -
Wednesday 6 December**

Do you want to know about Families of Parishes? Did you miss the roadshows that took place recently? Join a Zoom meeting led by Fr Philip Inch and Fr Matthew Nunes at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th December: here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUJFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJjJT09>

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY CAROL SINGING

Saturday 16 December
Missionaries of Charity invite everyone to join them for carol singing at the roadside crib on Church Street, Liverpool, at 2pm on Saturday 16 December.

Last week's collection: **£1,737.00**



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

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