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Cathedral Record

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Third Sunday of Advent

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday and we are encouraged to take to heart the words of St Paul. "Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God." This Sunday we begin to anticipate Christmas with our Cathedral Festival Carol Service at 5pm of beautiful Christmas Choral Music, Carols and Readings.

As it is a very busy weekend next week I list below the times of services from next Saturday onwards.

Saturday 23rd December Mass at 9am followed by confessions from 9.30-11am. From 11.45am – 1pm the Cathedral will be closed due to a BBC Recording. There will be BBC rehearsals for Midnight Mass that afternoon but the Vigil mass at 5pm will take place as normal in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Sunday 24th December, the Morning masses are as normal; 9am and 11am in the Cathedral and 10am in the Crypt Chapel. At 3pm there will be the First Vespers of Christmas concluding with procession of children and Blessing of the Crib. We will have a Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral.

Archbishop Malcolm will preside at Midnight Mass which will begin at 11.30pm. This Mass will be broadcast live for BBC Radio 4.

Our Masses on Christmas Morning are the same as on a Sunday. The 11am Mass will be the last service of the Christmas Day - there is no Evening Service.

There will be one mass for the following weekdays at 10am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Saturday morning mass on 30th December will be at 9am and the weekend Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family are as normal.

There will be one Mass at 10am on Monday 1st January for New Year's Day and the Feast of Mary Mother of God.

Canon Anthony O'Brien
Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 17 December 2023

Sunday 17 December

Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Mass * Cathedral
5.00pm Festival Carol Service
* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 18 December

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

Tuesday 19 December

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

Wednesday 20 December

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

Thursday 21 December

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

Friday 22 December

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

Saturday 23 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:

PRIESTS:
Canon Anthony O'Brien Dean
Fr Derek Lloyd
Fr Peter Murphy

DEACONS:
Rev Noel Abbott
Rev Paul Mannings



Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Jane Daly (RIP Christmas Intentions), Michael Cross (RIP Christmas Intentions), Tony Hampson and Family (Christmas Intentions), Nora Traynor and Family (Christmas Intentions), Flo Traynor and Family (Christmas Intentions), Ann Healy and Family (Christmas Intentions), Paul Roche and Family (Christmas Intentions), Barbara Richards (RIP), Pamela Monk (Thinking of You), Betty Burke (RIP), Frank Corrigan (RIP), Albie Rankin (RIP), Edna Rankin (RIP), Frances and Graham Wood (Intentions), Laura Stone (Intentions), Veronica, Charles and Charles Allen (Intentions), Veronica Maxwell (Intentions), Carmel and William Antrobus (Intentions), Tony O'Loughlin (RIP), Mary O'Connor (Private Intention and Good Health), Victoria O'Connor (Thinking of You), Doreen Lavin (Intentions), Peter Davies (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.

JOB VACANCY

Parish Administrator at St Margaret Mary's Parish. An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced

administrator to work in the parish office at St Margaret Mary's parish. This is a permanent, part-time post, working Tuesdays to Fridays 9am to 2pm. For more information and to apply for the role, please visit the Liverpool Archdiocesan website.

JOB VACANCY

Cleaner at St Philip Neri House. An opportunity is available for an experienced cleaner to work at Philip Neri House. This is a permanent, part-time post, working 4 hours per week Tuesday and Wednesday 10am 12pm. For more information and to apply for the role, please visit the Liverpool Archdiocesan website

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. Could this be you? The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does

need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk. You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. The next initial training day will take place on Tuesday 27 February 2024.

CHRISTIAN AID MIDDLE EAST CRISIS APPEAL

International development charity Christian Aid is appealing for more help in boosting funds to continue to support its local partners. Church leaders are being urged to renew appeals for donations - every amount will make a difference; £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza. To make a donation, please visit the Middle East Crisis Appeal page on the Christian Aid website.

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.

FEEDING LIVERPOOL

This Christmas, we are asking people to join together to support Feeding Liverpool's Christmas Appeal to help them and the 70 member charities they support that provide emergency and community food support in the region as they work towards #GoodFoodForAll. Your support will help them continue to put good food on tables this winter and beyond, at a time when Government Statistics indicate that 132,000 people in the Liverpool City Region- or 9% of the population - are having to turn to emergency food charities to feed themselves or their family.

Launch Day: Tuesday 28th November 2023
Feeding Liverpool's donation page: Help Feed Liverpool this Christmas - JustGiving

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.

PLEASE NOTE

That on Saturday 23 December the Cathedral will close to all visitors from 12noon - 1.00pm to allow for the BBC Recording to take place. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Last week's collection: **£1,229.00**

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

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LUTYENS CRYPT
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

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