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Cathedral Record

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First Sunday of Advent

We enter the season of Advent this weekend, a time of new beginnings. The simple liturgical symbols of this changing time are the appearance of purple vestments and a wreath and we mark the passing of the four weeks of this short season with lighted candles. Advent summons us to look forward in hopeful anticipation and also to be awake to the Lord who has come, is with us now and who will come again. We wait in hopeful anticipation preparing for the celebration of the Lord's first coming at Christmas. We live in the confident expectation that the Lord will come again. Over these weeks the Cathedral Masses and services call us to wake up and listen for, and heed the voice of the Lord and to wait patiently for his coming. 'Salvation is nearer now than when we were first converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon. Let us live in the light and let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.' We are to be ready for the Lord when he comes through acting justly, helping those in need and clearing a way in our hearts for Christ's Word.

Along with our weekend masses for the First Sunday of Advent we have an afternoon service on Sunday at 5pm which takes the place of the usual Choral Evening Prayer. This is a service of word, hymns and Advent music – known as the Advent Sequence- and it offers us a an opportunity to enter into the Spirit of the season in a prayerful and reflective way.

On Thursday at 1pm the Cathedral will be full for the Schools Advent Service. In recent years there has been a cast of hundreds for this service with many of the schools who now take part in the Schools Singing Programme taking

advantage of this occasion to form together into a grand joint children's choir. This year the story of the Nativity is told through the eyes of the Innkeeper. With all the comings and goings and the signs in the sky will he come to realise the importance of the child that is born in the humble stable at the back of his inn? The greatest guest he could ever have welcomed to his home.

Friday is the Memorial of St Nicholas and there will be an extra mass at 9am in the Crypt for our Parish Primary School as they celebrate their Feast Day.

The NSPCC have their Christmas Carol Concert in the Cathedral this Tuesday evening and Clatterbridge have their Christmas Concert on Friday evening. Please see their websites if you wish to purchase a ticket.

Next Sunday at 3pm instead of the afternoon service the Cathedral Choirs and Mozart Orchestra will perform a Bach Cantata and excerpts from Part 1 of Handel's Messiah.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 1 December 2024

Sunday 1 December

1st Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass Cathedral
10.00am Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Mass * Cathedral
 * This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
5.00pm Advent Sequence
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 2 December

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

Tuesday 3 December

St Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday 4 December

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

Thursday 5 December

St John Almond

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

Friday 6 December

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

Saturday 7 December

St Ambrose

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:
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean
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Fr Anthony Lippo

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Ann Miller (RIP), Mary Williams (RIP), Mrs Iris Short (RIP), Delia Ryan (RIP), Janet Murphy (RIP), David Ballard (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

GIBBERD ROOM

Please note that refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after the Solemn Mass on Sundays. All are welcome to come along and have a chat with friends and make new acquaintances. Everyone made to feel part of the Cathedral family.

COME AND BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE & WELCOMER!

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. 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! Give us a call and we shall arrange for you to Come and See. Contact Dcn Paul Mannings: p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk

LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

Sunday 8 December
The LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass will be at 2.00pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome. Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Hindley Green, Wigan, WN 2 4HD.

A 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. Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Saturday 14 December 2024.
7.00pm
Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedra

FRIENDS EVENT

Creative Christmas Workshop at the Cathedral

Experience the joy of the holiday season by joining our Christmas wreath and table-centre making event. The perfect opportunity to indulge in self-care whilst getting creative! A fun way to spend the day getting into the Christmas spirit whilst learning a new skill under the expert guidance of Muir Simpson. You will impress your family and friends with the wreath and centre-piece you will take home with you. Please bring a packed lunch as well! Refreshments throughout the day will be provided. Christmas jumpers – optional!! Let's celebrate the season together!

Saturday 7 December 2024

10am – 3.00pm

Gibberd Room, Metropolitan

Cathedral

£45 per person.

For further information on how to book, and to receive the list of 'ingredients' you need to bring on the day please email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Our appeal for toiletries, nightwear, toys for children, chocolates and other new items for the Women's Refuge in our area has started. Anything you can spare for the women and their families will be appreciated. Please drop in to Cathedral House/Cathedral Security Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

JIGSAWS

If anyone has any jigsaws or games that they have finished with we can pass them on for you to the Seafarers at Stella Maris. Please just drop them in to Cathedral House or to the Security Office. They are always so grateful for anything that we can send on.

ADVENT SEQUENCE

Sunday 1 December, 5.00pm.

As the season of Advent begins, the Cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the liturgical journey, including works by Britten, Byrd and Sandstrom. All welcome.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

Required as soon as possible

Fixed Term, term time, 7.5 hours per week

Salary Range SCP 2 £23656

(£4009.53 per annum pro-rata)

We are seeking to recruit a flexible, enthusiastic and highly committed person to be responsible for providing learning support for the children in our friendly and caring school. We are an averaged sized primary school in Liverpool city centre (the number on roll is 190 pupils) and require a person with relevant experience. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of St Nicholas Catholic Academy, which is part of St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust. To work under the direction of the Head Teacher, as a member of a team, for securing the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break period in according with established practices and procedures. You are strongly advised to visit our website for further information about our school:

www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk and the Trust website: www.stjosephmat.org.uk

For the job description, person specification and application form please visit the school website. Visits to school are also recommended, to arrange a tour please contact Catherine Martin on 0151 709 5532. Application forms should be returned via email to cmartin@stnicholas.sjcmat.co.uk
Closing date for applications: **Monday 2 December 2024 at 9am.**

Last week's collection: **£1,479.00**



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— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —
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Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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