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# Cathedral Record

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## Third Sunday of Advent

### WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTMAS

#### SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

A Ceremony of Carols  
The Cathedral choristers sing Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence, accompanied by harpist Elizabeth McNulty.  
3.00pm  
Free Admission

#### SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

Festival Carol Service and La Nativité du Seigneur – Messiaen  
Join the cathedral choir and clergy for a mix of seasonal music, readings and congregational carols. Immediately following the carol service, there will be a performance of Olivier Messiaen's monumental organ work La Nativité du Seigneur given by the cathedral organist, Richard Lea. In composing the nine meditations, Messiaen was inspired by the nativity narrative, mountains, birdsong, and stained-glass windows.  
5.00pm  
Free Admission

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00am Mass  
3.00pm Blessing of Crib and First Vespers  
All families welcome  
(This is not Mass)  
6.00pm Vigil Mass  
**Midnight Mass**  
The congregation are asked to be seated by 11.30pm. No tickets required.  
Anyone wishing to attend, and wanting a Car park Pass can apply on a first-come-first-served basis up until Friday 20 December.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Mass  
10.00am Family Mass  
11.00am Solemn Mass  
The Cathedral closes at 1.00pm.

#### BOXING DAY

St Stephens Day  
10.00am Mass

#### FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER

Usual Timetable

#### SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

Usual Timetable

#### MONDAY 30 DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

#### TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2025

10.00am Mass

#### THURSDAY 2 JANUARY 2025

Usual Daily Timetable Resumes

**Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean**

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 15 December 2024

#### Sunday 15 December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass Cathedral  
10.00am Mass Crypt  
11.00am Solemn Mass \* Cathedral  
\* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

3.00pm Bach Cantata  
7.00pm Mass Crypt

#### Monday 16 December

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

#### Tuesday 17 December

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

#### Wednesday 18 December

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

#### Thursday 19 December

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

#### Friday 20 December

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

#### Saturday 21 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:**  
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean  
Fr Derek Lloyd  
Fr Anthony Lippo

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

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Denise Crighton (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Winifred Marston (RIP), Albert and Mary Foster (RIP), Mrs Ann Tierney (Get Well).

## 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](mailto:p.mannings@rcaol.co.uk)

## CAFOD

The CAFOD Christmas fun run is celebrating 40 years on Friday 27 December! It's a day not to be missed! You could be joined by CAFOD celeb supporters Frank Cottrell Boyce and former England Lioness, Sue Smith. Festive treats: raffle, live music, mince pies, mulled wine or a hot cuppa. Run, walk or wheel 3k or 5k, or just come along to be part of the atmosphere and cheer on our runners! Dogs on leads are welcome and the route is pram friendly. 10am registration for an 11am run. Wavertree Sports Centre, Wellington Road, L15 4LE. Visit [cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun](http://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun) for more details.

## 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. No tickets or passes for the Car Park needed.

## 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.

## PEACE SUNDAY

19 January 2025, Mass and Lecture. Join Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and Pax Christi Merseyside for Solemn Mass at 11am to mark Peace Sunday. You are also invited to the Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace commission's annual memorial lecture in the Gibberd Room at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Join Gee Walker who will talk about the murder of her son Anthony, forgiveness, reconciliation and justice. This is a partnership event by Pax Christi and the Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission. For more details and registration click here [A Mother's Forgiveness: Gee Walker talks about the tragic death of her son Anthony \(19-Jan-2025\)](#). [ChurchSuite Events](#) For more details contact [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk)

## SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a hard time for a whole range of reasons. That's why mental health charity Mind have put together some resources for supporting people who are struggling at Christmas. Please share these resources with your parish: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/why-christmas-is-hard/>

## JOB VACANCY

Executive Assistant to the COO. We are currently seeking applications for the position of Executive Assistant to the COO. The role is full time Monday to Friday and is based at SMCC. If you are a highly organised and detail orientated person who does not shy away from a challenge we are interested in hearing from you. Applications should be sent to [hrrecruitment@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:hrrecruitment@rcaol.org.uk) by noon on Monday 16 December 2024. Your application should be no more than 2 sides of A4 and should detail how your existing skills and experience match the responsibilities of the role. If you have any queries about this opportunity, please contact Michelle Griffiths at SMCC.

## MIDNIGHT MASS

Will be celebrated by Archbishop McMahon OP at Midnight. Please be seated by 11.30pm. No tickets are required. Car Park passes can be applied for: [enquires@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquires@metcathedral.org.uk)

Last week's collection: **£1,413.00**



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