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# Cathedral Record

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## Cathedral News

### Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 9 February 2025

#### Sunday 9 February

##### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9.00am** Mass Cathedral  
**10.00am** Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Mass \* Cathedral

\* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube

**3.00pm** Choral Evening Prayer  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

#### Monday 10 February

##### St Scholastica

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

#### Tuesday 11 February

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

#### Wednesday 12 February

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

#### Thursday 13 February

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

#### Friday 14 February

##### Sts Cyril and Methodius

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

#### Saturday 15 February

**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

#### RLUH Mass

Sundays at 4.00pm

Monday and Friday at 12noon

#### CLERGY:

**PRIESTS:**  
 Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Dean

Fr Derek Lloyd

Fr Anthony Lippo

Fr Faustinus

Ugwuanyi

**DEACON:**

Rev Paul Mannings

#### BEER FESTIVAL 2025

On Wednesday 12 February 2025 we will be holding a private party for staff and friends ahead of the Beer Festival. The fun starts at 7pm – 10pm.

All of the beers will be available for you to try, and there will be bowls of delicious home-made scouse to buy! Tickets will be £5 which you can purchase from Cathedral House or enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk, and then on the night you will need to buy a card for £10 which will allow you to buy the beer/cider! There will also be live music to enjoy. Get your tickets fast!

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Civic Mass  
 Sunday 2 March 2025  
 11.00am

Celebrated by Archbishop Malcom McMahon OP. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome to attend.

#### LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES CATHOLIC STAFF & PhD GROUP

Are you a university staff or a PhD student? Come and join the Liverpool Universities Catholic Staff & PhD Group! We meet every two weeks during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion, using Church documents such as the Synod's material. The meetings take place every other Wednesday at 18:00 in the Catholic Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Universities (30 Catharine St, Liverpool L8 7NL, access through the gate on Blackburne Place). Any questions? Get in touch with us ([unichap@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:unichap@rcaol.org.uk); WhatsApp: +07515821079).

#### WINE AND WISDOM QUIZ NIGHT

##### ADULTS ONLY

The Choir Association's popular 'Wine & Wisdom' evening will be returning on **Saturday 29 March** at St Anthony of Padua Parish Centre, Mossley Hill, L18 8BD. **Start time:** 7pm featuring a special musical interval - the Cathedral Lay Clerks cabaret. **Tickets:** £20 which includes a charcuterie board. Bar available selling wine, beers and soft drinks. Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral). Please invite your friends and family so that we can make it an enjoyable evening, and raise funds towards future trips and events for the choir.

#### MASS OF CELEBRATION OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JACK TRAYNOR

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP invites you to a historic occasion for the Archdiocese of Liverpool as we celebrate the miraculous cure of Jack Traynor with Mass and a drinks reception on **Tuesday 18th February at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes. To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

Tel: 0151 709 9222

Email: [enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk)

# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Susan Gillies (Get Well), Marie Quinn (RIP), Michael Kirwan (RIP), Geoff Jones (RIP), Michelle Connolly (Special Intentions), Mrs Evelyn D'Silva (RIP Remembrance), Bev Bree (RIP), Jim Callaghan (RIP) (Letter Kenny), William (Billie Clarke (RIP), Silvia Lawrence (RIP Remembrance), Sean O'Connor (RIP), Padraic Staunton (RIP), Lillian May Montague (RIP), Gerard Webb (RP) and Carl Petersen (RIP).

## LGBT+ CATHOLICS

The next gathering will be held on **Sunday 2nd March 2025**. All Saints, High Street, Golborne, Warrington, WA3 3BG. Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

## THANK YOU

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Cathedral and everyone who joined us in celebrating the Chinese New Year on Sunday, February 2. A special and sincere thank you goes to our dedicated volunteers, whose hard work made this event possible. They not only contributed their efforts in preparing the food beforehand, but also generously assisted during the celebration. Many of them even covered the costs of food without seeking reimbursement, for which we are deeply grateful. We are also thankful for the generous donations received, totaling £216.85. After deducting the reimbursed food costs of £42.78, we are delighted to donate the

remaining £174.087 to the Cathedral as a token of our appreciation and support. With gratitude, **The Hong Kong Catholic Community in Liverpool**.

## CHRISTOPHER SYMONS 1931-2025, Cathedral Master of the Music 1960 - 1966

Christopher Symons was, at the age of 29, appointed to be the first Master of Music at the Cathedral. The Lutyens Crypt had been completed and opened only a short time, and Canon Edward Murphy (Diocesan Director of Music) was running a choir, mainly of students, to sing a plainsong mass each Sunday. Christopher's task was to found and train a choir of men and boys, the boys to be educated at the newly acquired choir school, The Gables. The choir sang for the first time on the Feast of Christ the King 1960, and under Christopher's direction, it developed its technique and its repertoire over the next years. Christopher resigned from his post in 1966, shortly before the opening of the new cathedral – at which ceremony several of his compositions were sung - and he returned to teaching, including a spell in various schools in Scotland and in Canada. As older age and illness took its toll, Christopher and his wife Sue moved into a care home in Somerset, but shortly after moving there Sue sadly died. Christopher felt her loss greatly, and his own health gradually deteriorated, until he died, peacefully, sitting in his room, just last week aged 94. His funeral is at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, 24 February, 1.00pm. May he rest in peace.

## 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)

## 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.

## FRIENDS EVENT

Saturday 22 March 2025 at 10.30am.  
The Secrets of the Archives.  
Join Archdiocesan Archivist Neil Sayer with the Cathedral Friends as he takes you on a tour of the Archives unveiling items rarely seen to the public. Price per ticket, which are limited, due to numbers, are £20. Please email the Chair of the Friends for further details and to book your place. [jean@cavenscoft.com](mailto:jean@cavenscoft.com)

## LECTURE

'Christians and Contemporary Culture.' How should Christians relate to the culture of our place and time? How have they done so in the past? The challenges and opportunities of fitting in or being different.  
**Speaker:** Professor John Sullivan  
**Venue:** St Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ  
**Date & Time:** Thursday 20th March, starting at 7.30pm. No charge but a small donation would help with our costs.

## SCHOOLREADERS

Is a charity that supports reading in primary schools. They are looking to find local people to volunteer for an hour or two each week in a school that is local to them, where they listen to children read individually and help to develop their reading and comprehension skills and also start to foster a love of reading. If you would like to find out more please visit the website <https://www.schoolreaders.org/>.

Last week's collection: **£1,268.00**



— THE MYSTERY OF THE —  
**LUTYENS CRYPT**  
— LIVERPOOL'S BEST KEPT —  
**ARCHITECTURAL SECRET**

Open Monday – Saturday: First Admission: 10am, Last Admission: 3.30pm  
Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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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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