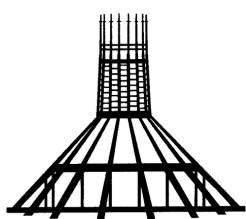




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Regular choral services in the cathedral

Monday–Thursday: Sung Mass at 17.00

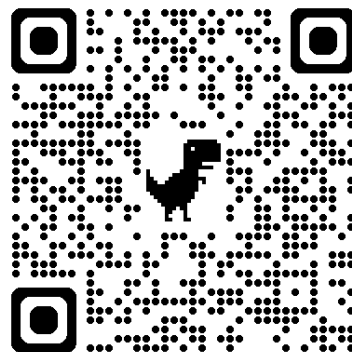
Friday: Sung Mass and Choral Evening Prayer at 17.00

Sunday: Solemn Mass at 11.00 and Choral Evening Prayer at 15.00

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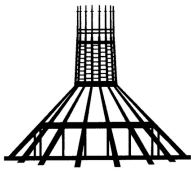
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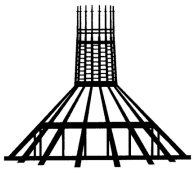
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Monday	1	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Youth Choir</i> Missa Brevis (K, S, A) - Wilton Adam lay ybounden - Ord Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian	See, the Lord is coming E The Lord is just C
Tuesday	2	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Boys & Girls</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian Wolcom Yole! - Britten There is no rose - Britten	See, the Lord is coming E The Lord is just C
Wednesday	3	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Girls & Adults</i> Missa Brevis (K, S) - Rheinberger This is the truth - Vaughan Williams Agnus Dei - Rheinberger Agnus XVIII - Gregorian	See, the Lord is coming E Ostende nobis (16) G The Lord is just C
Thursday	4	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Boys & Adults</i> Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera (K, S, A) - Lassus And the glory of the Lord - Handel O radiant dawn - MacMillan	See, the Lord is coming E Ostende nobis (16) G The Lord is just C
Friday	5	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Adults</i> Messe Douce Memoire (K) - Lassus Es ist ein Ros entsprungen - Praetorius Agnus Dei - Lassus Mass XVIII (S, A) - Gregorian	See, the Lord is coming E
		17.30	Choral Evening Prayer <i>Adults</i> Jesus Christ the apple tree - Poston Magnificat 'Fifth Service' - Tomkins Alma Redemptoris Mater - Gregorian	Set 16 - Herbert R Creator of the stars of night H Friday Advent Week I P



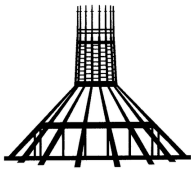
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Sunday	7	11.00	Solemn Mass <i>Girls & Adults</i> Mass in G minor (K, S) - Vaughan Williams A tender shoot - Briggs Agnus Dei - Vaughan Williams Agnus XVIII - Gregorian Wachet auf (BWV 645) - Bach	Long ago, prophets knew Populus Sion (18) #N/A Ierusalem, surge (20) On Jordan's bank	H I G C H
2nd Sunday of Advent		15.00	Bach and Handel <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i> <i>Music by Bach (Cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme) and Handel (selections from Part I of Messiah) for the Advent and Christmas season performed by Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and members of the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra</i>		
Monday	8	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Cantor</i> Mass VIII (G, S, A)	Hail, holy Mother The Almighty works marvels Holy virgin, by God's decree	E C H
Immaculate Conception					
Tuesday	9	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Cantor</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne I am coming quickly	E C
Wednesday	10	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Girls & Adults</i> Missa Brevis (K, S, A) - Gabrieli Adam lay ybounden - Ord Zion hört die Wächter singen - Bach	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne Lætatus sum (19) I am coming quickly	E G C
Thursday	11	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Adults</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian Gloria tibi, Domine - Byrd This is the record of John - Gibbons	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne Lætatus sum (19) I am coming quickly	E G C
Friday	12	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Adults</i> Missa Quarti Toni (K) - Victoria I sat down under his shadow - Bairstow Agnus Dei - Victoria Mass XVII (S, A) - Gregorian	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne	E
Saturday	13	19.00	A Celebration of Christmas <i>The choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and from across the Archdiocese provide an evening of Christmas music</i> <i>Tickets available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral</i>		
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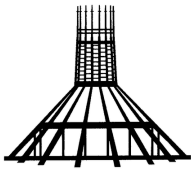
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Sunday	14	11.00	Solemn Mass <i>Boys & Adults</i> Messe Solennelle (K, S) - Vienne Rejoice in the Lord alway - Rathbone E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come - Manz Agnus XVIII - Gregorian Final (Symphonie I) - Vienne	O come, O come Emmanuel Gaudete in Domino semper (21) Excita, Domine (23) Dicite: Pusillanimes (23) The voice of God	H I G C H
3rd Sunday of Advent		15.00	Britten & Saint-Saëns <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i> <i>Music by Britten (A Ceremony of Carols) and Saint-Saëns (Christmas Oratorio)</i> <i>for the Advent and Christmas season performed by</i> <i>Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and Harp</i>		
Monday	15	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Youth Choir</i> Missa Brevis (K, S, A) - Wilton Conditor alme siderum - Gregorian Veni, veni Emmanuel - Luxton	Hear the message Come to us, Lord	E C
Tuesday	16	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Boys & Girls</i> St Anne's Mass (K, S, A) - MacMillan The Lamb - Poston Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian	Hear the message Come to us, Lord	E C
Wednesday	17	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Adults</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian Conditor alme siderum - Gregorian	Hear the message O Sapientia Come to us, Lord	E G C
Thursday	18	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i> Mass in G minor (K, S) - Vaughan Williams Ave Virgo sanctissima - Guerrero Agnus Dei - Vaughan Williams Agnus XVIII - Gregorian	Hear the message O Adonai Come to us, Lord	E G C
Friday	19	17.00	Sung Mass <i>Adults</i> Mass for Four Voices (K) - Byrd The angel Gabriel - Trad Agnus Dei - Byrd Mass XVIII (S, A) - Gregorian	He who is to come O Radix Jesse	E G
		17.30	Choral Evening Prayer <i>Adults</i> A spotless rose - Howells Magnificat in E minor - Purcell Alma Redemptoris Mater - Palestrina	Set 16 - Herbert Creator of the stars of night Friday Advent Week III O Radix Jesse	R E P M



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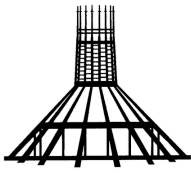
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Sunday	21	11.00	Solemn Mass <i>Girls & Adults</i>	
			Missa 'Rorate cæli' (K, S, A) - Haydn	Tell out, my soul H
4th Sunday of Advent			Ave Virgo sanctissima - Guerrero	Rorate cæli desuper (34) I
			O radiant dawn - MacMillan	O Oriens G
			Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) - Bach	Ecce virgo concipiet (37) C
				The angel Gabriel H
		17.00	Festival Carol Service <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i>	
			Hodie Christus natus est - Britten	O come, all ye faithful H
			In dulci jubilo - Pearsall	O little town of Bethlehem H
			In the bleak midwinter - Stopford	Silent night H
			Sussex carol - Ledger	Once in royal David's city H
			Candlelight Carol - Rutter	Hark! The herald angels sing H
			Gaudete! - Fitzgerald	
			Lux aurumque - Whitacre	
			Missi cælo super nos - Gevaert	
			Toccata 'Vom Himmel Hoch' - Edmundson	
		18.00	La Nativité du Seigneur	
			<i>Organist Richard Lea performs Olivier Messiaen's meditations on the Nativity of our Lord</i>	

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Wednesday	24	15.00	First Vespers <i>Boys, Girls, & Adults</i>	
Christmas Eve			Qui creavit - Chester nunnery	Once in royal David's city H
			A child is born in Bethlehem - Stopford	Christmas (I) P
			Magnificat in G - Stanford	Hodie Christus natus est M
			In dulci jubilo (BVW 729) - Bach	Come, come, come to the manger H
				Away in a manger H
		18.00	Vigil Mass <i>Cantor</i>	
				O come, all ye faithful H
				O little town of Bethlehem H
				Hark! The herald angels sing H
		23.30	Midnight Mass <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i>	
			Messe (Op 36) (G, S, A) - Widor	O come, all ye faithful H
			O magnum mysterium - Lauridsen	Dominus dixit ad me (41) I
			O holy night - Adam	I bring you news of great joy G
			Credo III - Gregorian/Duffy	In splendoribus (44) C
			Toccata (Symphonie V) - Widor	Silent night H
				Hark! The herald angels sing H
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Thursday	25	11.00	Solemn Mass <i>Boys, Girls & Adults</i>	
Christmas Day			Mass in G (G, S) - Schubert	O come, all ye faithful H
			Ding dong! merrily on high - Wilberg	Puer natus est nobis (47) I
			Missi cælo super nos - Gevaert	A hallowed day has dawned G
			Away in a manger - Gjeilo	Hark! The herald angels sing H
			Agnus VIII - Gregorian	
			Credo III - Gregorian/Duffy	
			Carillon-Sortie - Mulet	
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Sunday	28	11.00	Solemn Mass <i>Cantor</i>	
Holy Family			Mass VIII (G, S, A) - Gregorian	Once in royal David's city H
			Vom Himmel Hoch - Pachelbel	May the peace of Christ reign G
				God rest ye merry, gentlemen H
				O little town of Bethlehem H



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