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Cathedral Record

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First Sunday of Advent

We begin the Season of Advent, a time of hope and of new beginnings. On this first Sunday a candle is lit as a sign that a new dawn begins. We are called to wake up and turn towards the light that glows ever more brightly in the darkness that surrounds it. Let us listen and take to heart the living Word proclaimed during these weeks for we are once again assured that the Living Word of God is forever new and forever with us. The prayers and readings this Sunday urge us to be awake to the presence of the Lord in our lives and looking ahead to when he will come again. "You know the time; it is now the hour for you to wake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is advanced, the day is at hand."

Next Saturday is the memorial of St Nicholas, patron saint of the Crypt and of our Cathedral Primary School. In anticipation of this the school children and staff will have a celebration service on Friday in the Crypt at 10.15am.

On Saturday at 12noon Archbishop Malcolm will preside at Mass to celebrate the occasion of his silver Jubilee as a bishop. All are welcome to attend this Mass and join him in giving thanks to God for his years of service as a Bishop in Nottingham and more recently as Archbishop of Liverpool.

"They watch for Christ who are awake, alive, quick sighted, zealous in honouring him. Who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated, if they found he was coming at once...."

This then is to watch: To be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming from our grateful and affectionate remembrance of his first." (Saint John Newman)

Monsignor O'Brien CATHEDRAL DEAN

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY). From 18:30-20:00 on Tuesday 16 December, Fr Hugh Donleavy will deliver a faith-based talk about 'Is Scripture Outdated?'. There will also a social time with food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. Please sign up online if you are interested to join us <https://forms.office.com/e/3A8CKHijnD?origin=prLink> For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 30 November 2025

Sunday 30 November First 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 1 December

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

Tuesday 2 December

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

Wednesday 3 December

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

Thursday 4 December

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

Friday 5 December

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
12.15pm Mass Crypt
5.00pm Sung Mass BSC
5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer

Saturday 6 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 Hugh Donleavy
Fr Anthony Lippo
Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Marc Stringer (RIP), Steve Minchin (RIP), Faye Blease, Scott Bound and Baby Oscar, William (Willie) McIntyre (RIP), Francis McKenzie (Special Intentions), Joseph Kenneth Langley (RIP), Sarah Crompton (RIP), Christine Quine (RIP), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), Veronica Hughes (Intentions) Paul Geaney (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.

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.

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.org.uk

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will celebrate his silver jubilee of Episcopal ordination in the coming weeks. He will celebrate Holy Mass at 12noon on Saturday 6 December at the Metropolitan Cathedral - all are welcome.

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.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday 13 December

A *Celebration of Christmas* returns this year on Saturday 13 December 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.

Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcatheedral

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 28 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.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeremy Paterson-Fox who died last week. Jeremy was a gret supporter of the Cathedral and he will be sadly missed. Please also remember his wife Gillian, and his family in your prayers. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 16 December at 12.15pm in the Cathedral.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're aware that some families who would like to take part in this year's first Holy Communion programme may have missed the initial registration meeting. If you live in the Cathedral parish; regularly attend Mass here at the Cathedral, or have children in the parish school of St Nicholas, and would like your child to receive their first Holy Communion this year then please contact Fr Hugh as soon as possible at h.donleavy@rcaol.org.uk.

MICAH LIVERPOOL

Micah's latest blogpost focuses on Micah's foundation principles of acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly. It provides an insight into the context of Micah's social justice work. The blog can be accessed at <https://micahliverpool.com/blog-post/act-justly-love-mercy-walk-humbly/> If you would like to know more about the work of Micah, donate directly to us or volunteer, please contact catherine.kearney@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

VACANCIES

The latest vacancies from the archdiocese can be found here: [Careers - Join the team \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](#)

CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Signup is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need! Search CAFOD Fun Run.

Last week's collection: **£1,451.00**

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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)