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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 21 December 2025

Sunday 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
4.00pm Mass RLUH
5.00pm Festival Carol Service

Monday 22 December

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

Tuesday 23 December

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

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve

7.45am Morning Prayer
8.00am Mass BSC
3.00pm Vespers and Blessing of the Crib
6.00pm Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass
The congregation are asked to be seated by 11.30pm.

Thursday 25 December The Nativity of the Lord

9.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass Crypt
11.00am Solemn Choral Mass
This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube
The Cathedral closes at 1.00pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Friday 26 December St Stephen

10.00am Mass

Saturday 27 December St John

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass BSC
5.00pm Vigil Mass BSC

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday:
There are no Confessions between Christmas and New Year during the week.

Saturday: 9.30am - 10.30am &
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Crypt
Crypt Chapel

BSC
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

RLUH -
Royal Liverpool University Hospital

CLERGY:

PRIESTS:
Monsignor Anthony O'Brien *Dean*
Fr Hugh Donleavy
Fr Anthony Lippo
Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi

DEACON:
Rev Paul Mannings



Cathedral Record

www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

Christmas Message

Christmas Message of The Most Reverend John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool.

Good news for us today.

The greatest gift for you and me. Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph watch every smile and tear. They hear the cries and gurgles of the new baby.

God has become human and shares in our life to lead us to heaven.

He cries out to be loved like any child. Thank God for the gift of the Lord Jesus, our Saviour and brother, for all people. We sing,

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

As we exchange our gifts, and visit family and friends, 'the dear Christ enters in'.

A smile, a kiss, an embrace or however we show affection helps build his world of love.

Let this love grow and reach out to all people today.

I thank children from our schools who have given Christmas gifts to those who are in need and all those who serve the poor and lonely this Christmas.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

+John Sherrington



Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Bridie Gallagher (RIP), Peter McOnie (RIP), Evelyn De Silva (RIP), Raynold De Silva (RIP), Margaret Truswell (Anniversary), The Coogan Family, Jean Joens (RIP), Michael Flannery (RIP Anniversary), Nora and George Neilson (RIP Anniversary), Nora and Ken Rugkin (RIP Anniversary), Emily Cooper and Cooper Family (RIP Anniversary), Mrs Elizabeth Williams (RIP), Baby Arthur (Intention), Mia (Intention), Shirley (Intention), Nancy Reid (Anniversary), Gerard Webb (RIP) and Carl Petersen (RIP), James and Michael Thompson, William and Ellen Wade (RIP), Rene and Billy Tetley (RIP), Esther Barton (RIP), Marjorie McGwan and Family (Christmas Intentions), Sr Margaret Mary Kiernan (Christmas Intentions), Tom Rowlands (Birthday Intentions).

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the next Newsletter will be issued for 3/4 January 2026.

MASS TIMES

On Friday 26 December there will be one Mass at 10am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Saturday 27 December and Sunday 28 December Masses will be at our usual times. From Monday 29 December – Friday 2 January there will be one Mass only at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday and Sunday Masses remain at the usual times. The usual timetable for the Cathedral resumes on Monday 5 January 2026.

WOMEN'S REFUGE

Thank you so much to everyone who donated gifts and toiletries for our Christmas appeal. It was the most successful yet and the response was overwhelming.

We have never received so many beautiful gifts, toys and pyjamas. Your generosity was really appreciated. Thank you so much.

We appreciate your kindness even more as we know how many demands are being made on people to donate to all different charities, all of whom are as worthy as the next. We were able to support 3 local Refuges for Women and Children, the Foodbank, Nugent and the Mission Christmas Appeal. Thank you to everyone who made such an effort.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Christmas flowers. The flowers will now decorate the Cathedral and Crypt. 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.

CATHEDRAL CRIB

Please do go and have a look at the Cathedral Crib which is situated in the West Apse this year. Thank you to all those people who have made donations towards the Crib. It is most appreciated. May the peace and love of the new-born baby Jesus remain in your hearts and homes throughout this Christmas season.

PLEASE NOTE

That the Lutyens Crypt and Treasury will be closed to visitors from Monday 5 January – Monday 19 January 2026. Watch this space for more closures over the coming weeks, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

THANK YOU

To all Cathedral Staff and Volunteers who work so hard throughout the year to achieve so much in our Cathedral and Crypt. The work that we do with all the Masses, services, exhibitions, concerts, corporate events, fund raising, outreach work and a whole host of other events increases year on year. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes with so many dedicated people, young and old alike, and each one of what we do makes a tiny bit of difference. Never think that what you do goes unnoticed. You make a real difference and deserve a big **Thank You**.

VACANCIES

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

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS

Archbishop John Sherrington will celebrate the Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Sunday 8 February 2026 at 11:00**. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. For those couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please register online for a certificate which will be collected on the day. Register here

<https://forms.office.com/e/uE6amHrQ6w?origin=lpLink>

For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

MEET YOUR ARCHBISHOP.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY 5.00pm

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop John Sherrington. It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese. The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!

Last week's collection: **£1,429**

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Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 6 January 2026 between 10am and 3pm.

Please call **0151 707 2107** or email goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk for more information.



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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)