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Please visit [www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/support-us](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/support-us) or text **METROCATHEDRAL** to **70460** to donate £5\*.

\*Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message. If you do not wish to opt-in to hear more about our work and fundraising via text, but would still like to donate £5, text METROCATHEDRALNOINFO instead.

## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 4 January 2026

### Sunday 4 January Second Sunday after the Nativity

**9.00am** Mass Cathedral  
**10.00am** Mass Crypt  
**11.00am** Solemn Mass \* Cathedral  
\* This Mass will be streamed live on Youtube  
**4.00pm** Mass RLUH  
**7.00pm** Mass Crypt

### Monday 5 January

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

### Tuesday 6 January

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

### Wednesday 7 January

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

### Thursday 8 January

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

### Friday 9 January

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

### Saturday 10 January

**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**  
Royal Hospital  
Chapel

### 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](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)

## Cathedral News

### EPIPHANY SERVICE

The Epiphany Carol Service takes place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 3.00pm. The service begins at the Crib before processing around the cathedral. The service includes music and readings for Epiphanytide including Lux arumque by Eric Whitacre and Lully, lulla, lullay by Philip Stopford. All are welcome to attend this beautiful service which will last around 50 minutes.

### FOODBANK

Thank you to all those who have supported Micah through the Reverse Advent Calendar and throughout 2025, either with food donations, financial or prayer support. The last year has been one of much change, but also of encouragement. We have been touched by the kindness shown to us and know that our projects; foodbanks, community food markets, employment courses and child bed poverty project have benefitted hugely. Thank you. The Micah office will be closed from 24 December and reopen on 5 January. If you, or someone you know needs food support over the Christmas period, please take a look here [Liverpool Christmas Support Page 2025 - Feeding Liverpool](#) "

### 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](mailto: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!

### 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.

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Rosie Melia (97<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance), Odhran O'Donnell (RIP), Julia McElroy (RIP), Matthew Morton (RIP), Claire Bradley (RIP), Colin Frazier (RIP), Graham Christopher (RIP), Mary Grocott (RIP), Maureen Lynch (RIP), Veronica Nicholason (RIP Anniversary), Brenda and James Shannon (RIP Anniversary), Joann Conway (RIP), Tim O'Leary (RIP), Margaret Doran (RIP), Shaun Corrigan, Ted Corrigan, John McNulty, Nora Martin, Rita Feeney (RIP), Eileen and Patrick Connole (RIP), Holy Souls, Holy Souls and All Souls.

## 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.

## VACANCIES

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

## 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](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## PLEASE NOTE

There is Mass every Sunday at 4.00pm in the Chapel at the Royal Hospital. All welcome.

## ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

After the Christmas break, the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group will return, beginning with a Young Adult Mass on Tuesday 6 January 2026, 18:30-20:00. The Mass will be held at the Pauline Book Centre (Church Street, L1 3AY) in Liverpool City Centre. Anyone aged 18-35 is most welcome. There is no registration required. For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP

Join the monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby L32. All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome! For more information please contact: 07752 773037 Tiago and 07857 178601 Karine.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team at Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or [safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk)

## PLEASE NOTE

That the 12.15pm Mass all this week will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and not the Crypt due to examinations taking place. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage? The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA and consists of 5 sessions:

**Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Saturday 23 March 2026 (10am – 2pm)**

Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=lpLink> For more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

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## Golden Book of Remembrance

The Golden Book Office is now open each Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Please call **0151 707 2107** or email [goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:goldenbook@metcathedral.org.uk) for more information.

Last week's collection: **£1,185.00**



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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)