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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 18 January 2026

Sunday 18 January

2nd 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
4.00pm Mass RLUH
7.00pm Mass Crypt

Monday 19 January

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

Tuesday 20 January

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

Wednesday 21 January

St Agnes

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

Thursday 22 January

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

Friday 23 January

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

Saturday 24 January

St Francis de Sales
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

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Prayer for Peace

We haven't quite finished with the Christmas season just yet despite returning to the ordinary seasons of the year for the liturgical celebrations. This Sunday afternoon at 3pm the choirs will lead an Epiphany Carol Service in place of Choral Evening Prayer reflecting on the significance of the Epiphany Feast and in hope for peace in the troubled areas of our world on this day of Prayer for Peace and on the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4)

For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. "Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world. Disturb the hearts of all who would make war; touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war. We pray especially for the people of Armenia and Artsakh, and their kindred throughout the world. Let the light of your love shine in all the dark places of our world, and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace with justice. Amen" Daily prayers can be

found on the 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website'.

This coming Thursday 22nd January Liverpool Hope University will be holding their Winter Graduations in the Cathedral and will also be using the Crypt Halls for gowning and receptions. Throughout this week the midday mass at 12.15 will return to being celebrated in the Crypt apart from Thursday when it will be in the Blessed Sacrament before the general public are allowed in to the Cathedral for the afternoon graduations.

Our city centre deanery of parishes are due to have the 5 yearly Bishops Visitation in the next few months. As part of this we welcome Bishop Tom Neylon who will be celebrating most of the masses within the Cathedral and Crypt next Sunday and will visit the hospitals and primary school of St Nicholas on separate occasions. Also next Sunday we have our annual celebration of Joint Evening Prayer for the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at 3pm. This year the service is at our Cathedral and we welcome the choir, clergy and parishioners from Liverpool Cathedral who will join us for this shared service. This year our guest preacher is Rev Yazid Said, who is an Anglican priest and lecturer in Islamic studies at Hope University.

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Luis Guio (Birthday Remembrance), Patricia Harrison (nee Partland), Colette Dulson (RIP), Maureen O'Brien (RIP), Mary Kilroy (RIP), Jackie Cassidy (RIP), James Wrigley, Rita Daly and Gladys King (Birthday Remembrance), Patricia Kelly (RIP), Mary Bernadette Clancy (RIP), Agness Skelly (RIP), Michael Francis Flexen (RIP), Barbara and Tony Forshaw (RIP), Richard Cooke (RIP), Derek Lord (RIP), Joseph Anthony Grant (RIP), Nicholas Grant (1st Anniversary 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

PEACE SUNDAY – 18 JANUARY

Memorial lecture at 2pm at St Vincent de Paul parish, L1 5JN, by Dr Joanna Frew (organised by the Diocesan J&P Commission). Dr Frew's title echoes the Pope's theme for his Peace Sunday message: Towards an 'Unarmed and disarming Peace: Seeking sustainable security for an unstable world.' All welcome

VACANCIES

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

EPIPHANY SERVICE

The Epiphany Carol Service takes place on Sunday 18th 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.

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!

ANNUAL CIVIC MASS

Celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington. The Mass will be on Sunday 15 February 2026 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass. All most welcome.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Website Photoshoot Wednesday 21 January

We are looking for members of our cathedral community to take part in a short photoshoot for the Cathedral website. The aim is to capture natural, people-focused images that reflect the life of the Cathedral. The photos will be used across the website and other communications.

The commitment is just one hour, and there are two time slots available:

- 10:30–11:30
- 2:30–3:30

You don't need any experience — just a willingness to be part of a small group and help represent our community.

For more information or to get involved, please contact e.potts@rcaol.org.uk

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at the Pauline Book 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. On **Tuesday 20 January** (18:30-20:00), the group will meet with Chris Reynolds from Stella Maris to discuss how we can stand in solidarity with seafarers and fishers. To reserve your place please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Rc8CSK0XbW?origin=lpLink>

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