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## Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 25 January 2026

### Sunday 25 January

#### 3rd 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 26 January

#### Sts Timothy and Titus

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

### Tuesday 27 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 28 January

#### St Thomas Aquinas

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

### Friday 29 January

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

### Saturday 30 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

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## Welcome Bishop Tom

This weekend we welcome Bishop Tom Neylon who is formally visiting the parishes within the city centre deanery over the next couple of months. Last Sunday he celebrated the Masses at St Anne's, Overbury Street and this week it is the turn for the Cathedral. Bishop Tom will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass and the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, but due to the quick succession of Masses he will only have time to give the homily at the 10am Family Mass. Due to other commitments he will not be available to celebrate the 7pm evening service – however they have not been neglected as Archbishop John celebrated the evening Mass a few weeks ago.

As well as getting an opportunity to meet the various Mass communities, visits have been organised to the hospitals for meetings with the ministers and staff, and also to our local primary school of Saint Nicholas. The Quinquennial Bishop's visitation offers an opportunity for the deaneries to give an overall picture of the life of the parishes in the area, and share something of the challenges and opportunities that they face. It is often supportive and sometimes challenging to receive some feedback of the Bishops reflections of the life of the parishes following the round of visitations of the area.

At 3pm this Sunday afternoon we have our annual celebration of Joint Evening Prayer for the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity. 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.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> the Cathedral Friends have organised an evening with Bishop John Sherrington. Archbishop John will celebrate the 5pm Mass and afterwards give a talk on his life and ministry followed with a chance for some questions. It is an opportunity for people to get to know the Archbishop and will be followed by a shared evening meal. There may be a few final tickets available but anyone wanting a ticket would need to apply to the Cathedral Office by Monday evening.

Our young children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this year will be making their First Confession next Saturday in the Crypt Chapel at 10.30am. There is also a Diocesan meeting next Saturday in the Gibberd Room for those who are discerning a vocation to the Diaconate.

**Canon Anthony O'Brien** Cathedral Dean

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# Cathedral Notice Board

## MASS INTENTIONS

Patricia Cleghorn (RIP Anniversary), Lorraine Hearity (RIP), Margaret Perry (RIP), Derek William Lord (RIP), Hamish MacDonald (2<sup>nd</sup> RIP Anniversary), Michael O'Keefe (Birthday Remembrance), Kathryn Reid (Special Intention), Ann McDonald (RIP), Wade McLennan (RIP), Mary Teresa Doreen Kehoe (RIP), Owen Harrison (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=lprLink> 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.

## 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)

## EXTERNAL VACANCIES

Faiths4Change are Recruiting a Food, Land & Sustainability Coordinator. Closing date for applications is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This coordinator will be an advocate for the environment, biodiversity & nutritious food for all. They will manage a portfolio of projects and services, working collaboratively with our talented and highly regarded team. This is a 1-year full time post for maternity cover, likely to be a 0.75 FTE post from year 2 and onwards. Job share applications will be considered. **Christian, Faith-Based Community Outreach Officer** St John's United Reformed Church (URC), Warrington, seeks a committed Christian to serve as Community Outreach Officer. Please see attached advert. Closing date for applications is 26/02/2026. For

details about the role and to access the application process. If you have any questions regarding either position or the application procedure, please contact Maggie at 07956026823.

## VACANCIES

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

## 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](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!

## 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.

## HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

The Hong Kong Catholic Community in Liverpool extends its warmest wishes to all Cathedral parishioners and communities for joy, peace, and abundant blessings in the Year of the Horse, commencing on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

As this year's Chinese New Year coincides with the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday, 18 February), we will observe this sacred season of fasting and prayer. So, unlike in previous 2 years, we will not be celebrating by sharing our customary Chinese New Year delicacies at the Cathedral. Nevertheless, we are pleased to offer Chinese New Year scrolls (揮春) as a token of our best wishes and goodwill for the year ahead to all. These will be distributed freely after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 1 February. at the Cathedral entrance.

We are also greatly blessed to have Fr. Hugh celebrate a Cantonese Mass for our community on Saturday, 14 February, at 2:00 p.m., in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Hugh for his kindness, generosity, and the tremendous effort he has made in recent months to learn our language. Our most sincere gratitude also goes to Msgr. Anthony O'Brien for his unwavering support of our community throughout.

All are most welcome to join us for the Thanksgiving Mass on Feb 14. With every blessing, **The Hong Kong Catholic Community in Liverpool**

Last week's collection: **£1,293.00**

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