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Mass & Service Times

All services take place in the cathedral unless marked otherwise

WEEK COMMENCING 8 February 2026

Sunday 8 February

5th 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 9 February

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

Tuesday 10 February

St Scholastica

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

Wednesday 11 February

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

Thursday 12 February

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

Friday 13 February

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

Saturday 14 February Sts Cyril and Methodius

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

Happy Anniversary!

We extend a special welcome this Sunday to married couples who are celebrating special anniversaries this year and who will be joining us for the Solemn Mass. Archbishop Sherrington will preside at this Mass which will include a renewal of vows and conclude with a special nuptial blessing.

We are currently experiencing real problems with our Cathedral heating system. Two of the four boilers have been condemned and this has resulted in parts of the building – particularly the main Cathedral receiving little heat. Procedures have been put in place to replace these two boilers but this is not an instant fix so I apologise for the inconvenience – please dress warmly when you come to the Cathedral for the next few weeks.

The evening Mass at 5pm this Wednesday will be celebrated in the Crypt Chapel and the main Cathedral will be closed from 4pm that day for a BBC Radio 4 Recording of Mass for the First Sunday of Lent.

Over the years the Cathedral has owned a series of second hand transit size vans for dropping off and picking up necessary items and for general use. Kevin from the maintenance team and myself are the only two remaining insured drivers. Having been away last week I returned to discover that the current van had been booked in to have the Cathedral logo emblazoned on the sides. I have always had mixed feelings about this. It may be a very positive advert for us when dropping off gifts to the women's refuge for instance, or for

recognition. But it is not so good when we break down or have a problem and this always seems to occur once the logo goes on.

Over the years we have experienced breakdowns from as far afield as Coventry resulting in having to get a train back, or as close as Liverpool Cathedral car park when dropping off food bank items and nine times out of ten it is when I am driving. Hence my scepticism. So, what happens this week- the van gets taken down for the new signage and is left overnight. The next day with the new sign proudly displayed we get a call that the van won't start. So if you are in the car park admire the new logo on the van but rest assured I won't be driving it any time soon!

Monsignor Anthony O'Brien Cathedral Dean

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Cathedral Notice Board

MASS INTENTIONS

Kevin Parkes (RIP), Kwaaki Avong Patrick (RIP), Varghes Family (Mother RIP), Michael (Mickey) Brady (RIP), William M David Gladstone (Anniversary), Peter Paul Caruana (Anniversary), James Matthews (RIP), Karen Jones (Get Well), Nick (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

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

TALKS FOR INTEREST

Date: Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm

Speaker: Kate Wilkinson

Title: "Adventurous Accompaniment - the Universal Call."

Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd, Crosby L23 7TQ

Date: Thursday 16th April at 7.30 pm

Speaker: Kate Wilkinson

Title: "The Now of God - Seeing Young People with the Eyes of God"

Venue: St. Helen's Parish Centre, Alexandra Rd, Crosby L23 7TQ

VACANCIES

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

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.

MARRIAGE WEEK PRAYER

Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together to make a family. We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and in holiness.

We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage at present, that they can make it through this tough time and find hope and consolation in You.

We pray that this year can be a year of hope for marriages, with your gentle guiding hand through each action, decision, discussion and event. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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. 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

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Archdiocese will organise the Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults (aged 18 to 35) on Saturday 7 March 2026 at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. The Retreat Day will start at 10.00 and aim to finish at 16.00. Fr Peter McGrail will be with us and talk about baptismal priesthood. This Retreat Day is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. If you are interested, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/B8jbFyeYzV?origin=lprLink>. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS

The Archdiocese will organise the Retreat Day for Catechumens on Saturday 14 March between 9.45am and 3.00pm, at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. All RCIA catechumens, candidates, sponsors and catechists are most welcome to join. If you're interested, please sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G6YkmHFS85?origin=lprLink>. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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ARCHITECTURAL SECRET

Open Monday – Saturday: First Admission: 10am, Last Admission: 3.30pm

Crypt Admission Charges: £5 Adult, £12 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

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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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