

**Cathedral Church of St Marie,
and the Churches of Holy Family
and Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald**

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**4th Sunday of Lent (C)
31st March to 7th April 2019**

Today's Readings: *I* 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a *Ps* 22:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. *R* 1 *II* Eph 5:8-14 *G* Jn 9:1-41
Next Sunday: *I* Ezk 37:12-14 *Ps* 129:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 7-8. *R* 7 *II* Rom 8:8-11 *G* Jn 11:1-45

Cathedral

Saturday 30 March: 4th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

5.30pm Stella McAssey (birthday)

Sunday 31: 4th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Hugh & Maureen Finnigan (intentions)
10.30am For All Mothers of the Parishes
12.30pm James Cotter (birthday)
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Monday 1 April: Lenten Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List
12.45pm Special intention (LJ)
5.30pm Matthew Smith (recently deceased)

Tuesday 2: Lenten Weekday

8.00am Liberata Martins (anniversary)
12.45pm Paul Butler
5.30pm The Medina family (intentions)

Wednesday 3: Lenten Weekday

8.00am Pat Lee (recently deceased)
12.45pm In thanksgiving
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 4: Lenten Weekday

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.45pm Special intention (LJ)
5.30pm Robert Heathcote (anniversary)

Friday 5: Lenten Weekday

8.00am The Holy Souls
12.45pm D. George (special intention)
5.30pm Rev Mgr Michael Keegan (anniversary)

Saturday 6: Lenten Weekday

12.30pm November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses – Cathedral

Saturday 6: 5th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

5.30pm Julia Lynch (anniversary)

Sunday 7: 5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am People of the Parishes
10.30am Catechumens and Candidates of the Diocese
12.30pm In thanksgiving
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 31 March: 4th Sunday of Lent

9.45am Katie, Danny & Owen McKernan (R.I.P.)

Friday 5 April: Lenten Weekday

9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 7: 5th Sunday of Lent

9.45am People of the Parish

Holy Family

Sunday 31 March: 4th Sunday of Lent

11.00am People of the Parishes

Sunday 7 April: 5th Sunday of Lent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Divine Office at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7.45am

Midday Prayer: Monday–Friday 12.30pm

Evening Prayer: Monday–Friday 5.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday–Friday 12.00–12.30pm

Saturday 11.00am–12.15pm, 4.45–5.15pm

Exposition

Monday–Friday 12.00–12.30pm

Prayer Led by Parishioners at the Cathedral

Rosary

Friday 2.00pm; Saturday 12.00pm

Devotion to The Divine Mercy

Friday 2.30pm

Parish Groups at the Cathedral

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays during 10.30am Mass. All Children Welcome

Monday Over 60s Lunch Club

After 12.45pm Mass in the Parish Room

Friday Lunch Club

After 12.45pm Mass in the Parish Room

Sunday Teas & Coffees

After 10.30am Mass in Houlden Hall

"Alive!" Prayer Group

Wednesday 7.00–8.00pm

Stations of the Cross

During Lent: Thursday, after 12.45pm Mass & Friday, 6.00pm

We pray for all those who have died recently.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick: Pauline West, Phyllis Caesar, Dominic, Jackie Davison, Mavis Hamilton, Marie Casey, Ann Harvey, Trevor Harvey, Nora Kenny, Maura Hallam, Rev Fr Colum Kelly, John Carroll, Robert Stocks, Gloria Welsh, Anthony Gallagher, and all those who are suffering mentally, emotionally or physically.

Names will stay on the list for 3 months. Please contact Cathedral House if you wish your friend or family member to be included.

Anniversaries this Week: 31 Mar – Marion Green; 1 Apr – Emilio Piletto; 2 Apr – Bernard Sun, Liberata Martins, Sidney Hague; 3 Apr – Charley Shirley Tagab; 4 Apr – Consolata Mudzamiri-Zvirikuzhe, Robert Heathcote; 5 Apr – Rev Mgr Michael Keegan; 6 Apr – Julia Lynch, Jayne Languer; 7 Apr – Helen Turner, Michael Day.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £1187.34; CAFOD: £45.00

This weekend there will be a **second collection** for **Hallam Support for LIFE**.

LIFE performs vital work in prolife advocacy and education work across the nation, providing positive alternatives to abortion, and supports anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after abortion. Please be as generous as you can next weekend!

Slovak Mass (Svätá Omša v slovenčine): the next Slovak Mass is at St Charles this Sunday (31st March), at the new time of 4.30pm. The next Mass will be on Sunday 14th April, 4.30pm at St Bede's in Rotherham (Station Rd, S60 1HF).

Stations of the Cross—every Thursday afternoon and Friday evening during Lent: The Stations of the Cross focus on specific events of the last day of Our Lord, beginning with His condemnation, and are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage, particularly during Lent. At each station, people recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day, and prayers are recited. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and participate in the Stations of the Cross at St Marie's every Thursday afternoon after the 12.45pm Mass, and every Friday at 6.00pm during Lent.

“Alive!”—A New Wednesday Evening Prayer Time at St Marie’s: on Wednesday evenings, 7.00-8.00pm, there is a new opportunity for prayer at the Cathedral, with Adoration, hymns and praise, Bible reading with reflection, and intercessory prayer. If you want to deepen your faith, open your heart more to the Lord, and become more active in the Church, then prayer is an excellent place to start—and everyone is welcome!

Journey in Faith: the next session will be on Tuesday 2nd April from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall, and the topic will be “The Passion of the Lord”.

Lenten Talks—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week: The PPC are currently finalising some fascinating speakers for this year’s Lenten Talks, which will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, all at 7.00pm. This year’s theme is ‘healing’. Full details will be published in the Cathedral shortly, so please do look out for them!

This year’s Holy Week Witness (Cross) at the Town Hall will be from Monday 15th–Saturday 20th April, and there is a sign-up sheet at the back for those who wish to volunteer to spend an hour collecting prayers and witnessing to the love of God. There are also special services at the Cross at 12.00 noon on Palm Sunday, and at 11.30am on Good Friday. Please see the poster, or visit <http://bit.ly/2DaUG4g> for more info.

Gregorian Chant in Lent: The Lenten season is a period of preparation and reflection for Easter. In keeping with the season of Lent and supporting parishioners in their reflection the Gregorian Choir will sing for the first time a number of chants on Saturday 6th April and Saturday 13th April from 4.00-4.30pm in the Cathedral. Parishioners and visitors alike are warmly invited to listen to Gregorian Chant, the foundation of the musical heritage of the Church.

Lenten Prayer Meeting at Holy Family: on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 7.00pm, there will be a prayer meeting at Holy Family parish, with reflection on the Lenten Gospel readings. Lent is a great time to devote ourselves more to prayer, so why not come along? The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March.

The Mass of Chrism: Everyone is welcome to come to the Mass of Chrism, which starts at 11.00am in the Cathedral on Holy Wednesday (17th April).

Blessing of Easter Breakfast Food—Holy Saturday (20th April): It is the tradition in some Eastern European countries to begin the celebration of Easter Day with a family or communal breakfast. On Holy Saturday, food including bread, meat products and boiled painted eggs, can brought in baskets to be blessed before being shared in the home on Easter morning. These blessings will be performed at the Cathedral between 11.30am and 12.30pm (in Polish) and 12.30-1.00pm (in Slovak) on Holy Saturday. Everyone is welcome to bring a basket!

The next PPC Meeting will be on Monday 1st April, at 7.45pm in Cathedral House. Any interested parishioners are very welcome to attend—please e-mail ppc@stmariecathedral.org to let the PPC know beforehand.

Do you have any unwanted gifts? We are always on the look-out for items to include in our social and fundraising activities. If you have any unwanted gifts, or other suitable items, please bring them into church and pass them to a volunteer. They can be safely kept in the flower room for collection. Many thanks!

Sponsor Bishop Ralph to stay “siLENT”

“I invite you to support me as I join “siLENT 2019” and spend a day in silence. Every day we are surrounded by noise and distractions. The very origin of Lent is Jesus entering the silence of the desert to reflect and pray, and to prepare himself for his mission ahead. siLENT not only creates this space, but through sponsorship also raises money to support projects for your people in our diocese and beyond.

“Please sponsor me at millionminutes.org/bishopralph. You can also join me in staying siLENT at www.millionminutes.org/silent.”

+ Ralph

Sheffield Catholic Men's Group: On the second Wednesday of every month we meet in the Parish room at 7.30pm. We begin with ten minutes of sharing in pairs about our faith or how the last month has been. Then we read the following Sunday's gospel, reflect, share and pray about it, using St Benedict's *Lectio Divina* method. After that we have a drink in a nearby pub. All men of any age are most welcome. Next meeting is Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm.

Easter Flowers and Easter Garden 2019: This year there will be the opportunity to dedicate a stem of lilies in memory of your loved ones. Lilies will be arranged in the Easter Garden. The envelopes and dedication tags will be available by the side of the main door in the Cathedral from next Sunday

There will be an Easter egg hunt at St Oswald's Church on Saturday 13th April from 2.00-4.00pm. Entry is £2.50. Please telephone 07472 500009 or 07449 573231 for more information.

Bell Ringing at St Marie's: The sound of the St Marie's bells has changed for Lent. The bells are being rung “half muffled” to commemorate the season—a practice which is also followed at times of national mourning and, sometimes, on Remembrance Sunday, too. The muffles are leather pads, which are secured to one side of the clappers and held in place by straps—and you have to make sure the pads are on the correct side if all the bells are to strike normally on one stroke and be muffled on the other. The bells will fall silent during Holy Week, but will ring unmuffled from Easter Sunday onwards, as we celebrate the Resurrection. If you are interested in finding out more about St Marie's bells and what is involved in ringing them, please contact Bob Rae (e-mail bob.rae@stmariecathedral.org; tel. 07710 116701).

Extended Lenten Confessions and Penitential Service at the Cathedral

Monday 8 – Friday 12 April: Confessions from 11.30am–12.30pm

Saturday 13 April: Penitential Service at 11.00am, followed by Confessions until 12.00noon.
Confessions also from 4.30–5.15pm

Palm Sunday (14 April): the Service of Witness will take place at 12 noon at the Cross outside the Town Hall. Please join the Bishop and congregations from the other city centre churches for this short service.

Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April: Confessions 11.00am-12.30pm

Wednesday 17 April: Confessions 4.30-5.15pm

Thursday 18 April: Confessions 11.00am–12.30pm

Security

Be aware that thieves operate in the city centre so keep handbags & valuables with you at all times when in Church

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