

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

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Office Hours (*until further notice*): Wednesday & Friday, 9.00am-12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm

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**4th Sunday of Lent (A)
22nd March to 29th March 2020**

IMPORTANT

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information

On Wednesday 18th March, the Bishops of England and Wales took the decision to **suspend public Masses and other public acts of worship in Catholic churches until further notice**. This suspension began on the evening of Friday 20th March.

St Marie's Cathedral will remain open during this time for individuals to come in and pray. However, **there will be no public celebration of Mass in the Cathedral until further notice**. Neither will there be scheduled celebration of the Divine Office or other scheduled public acts of worship.

The Cathedral clergy will continue to celebrate Masses at **8.00am each weekday and Saturday**, and at **11.00am on Sundays**. These Masses will be **live-streamed on the Cathedral website**. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the prayer of the Church through these live-streams, especially on Sundays, and to join in spiritually with these celebrations. Any Mass intentions can be communicated to the Cathedral Office via e-mail or posted through the letterbox of Cathedral House.

Through this time of crisis, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it as individuals, as families, as friends, and as brothers and sisters in Christ. For as Saint Paul writes:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:35, 37-39)

List of Parish Groups and Activities Suspended until Further Notice

- **Scheduled Divine Office**
 - *Individuals are welcome to come and pray the Office at any time during Cathedral opening hours. The Divine Office can also be prayed at home, using the Universalis website or app (more details at universalis.com).*
- **Scheduled Confessions**
 - *The Sacrament of Confession will be made available by request. Please approach one of the Priests in the Cathedral during opening hours and ask them to hear your Confession.*
- **Scheduled Rosary, Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross**
 - *Individuals are, of course, welcome to come in and pray the Rosary or other prayers at any time when the Cathedral is open.*
- **Scheduled Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
 - *However, there will be unscheduled Exposition in the Cathedral during opening hours.*
- **Friday Lunches**
- **Monday Over 60s Lunch Club**
- **Walsingham Association**
- **“Alive!” Prayer Group**
- **First Holy Communion programme**
 - *The session scheduled for this Sunday (22nd March) is cancelled. Further information will be provided to parents about continuing the course via the Internet.*
- **Confirmation programme**
 - *Further information will be provided to parents about continuing the course via the Internet.*
- **Journey in Faith programme**
 - *Arrangements will be made to finish the course via the Internet.*
- **Parish Walking Group**
- **St Marie’s Fellowship Theatre Group**

If the **baptism** of your child is due to take place at the Cathedral within the next three months, please contact Fr Chris (office@stmariecathedral.org).

If your **wedding** is due to take place at St Marie’s in the next three months, please contact Fr Chris (office@stmariecathedral.org).

Cathedral Opening Hours until Further Notice

Monday–Friday: 9.00am to 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00-10.00am, 12.00-2.00pm, and 4.00-6.00pm

Please note that occasional changes to these times may be necessary

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, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Stella McAssey, Ted Harrison, Ruth Bleakley, Cyril Morewood, Helen Carroll, Mary Pridgeon, Kath Atherton, Jack Hilton, Pat O'Connor (Lintott), Carl Cole, 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: 22 Mar – Rev Fr Bernard Jackson; 24 Mar – Sr Mariamma Joseph; 26 Mar – Tadeusz Skrzypczak; 28 Mar – Roy Scott.

St Marie's Collections

Collection for Sunday 15th March: £547.50; CAFOD: £20.00

Even though public Masses have been suspended, the Cathedral still needs your financial support during this time. If you would like to set up a standing order or make alternative arrangements for your offering, please contact the Cathedral Office.

Mass Intentions for the Week at St Marie's

Sunday 22:

11.00am: Ann & Alan Thierens

3.00pm (Slovak): People of the Parishes

Monday 23: Patricia McGuone (intentions)

Tuesday 24: David Jarvis (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 25: Parish Sick List

Thursday 26: Special intention (A.K.)

Friday 27: Paul Hazell (sick)

Saturday 28: November Memorial List

Sunday 29:

11.00am: People of the Parishes

3.00pm (Slovak): Jozef Mižigar

Prayers in time of flu and illness

**Merciful God, come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease,
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(From the Bishops' Conference)

**Almighty ever-living God,
eternal health of believers,
hear our prayers for your servants who are sick:
grant them, we implore you, your merciful help,
so that, with their health restored,
they may give you thanks
in the midst of your Church.**

*(From the Roman Missal:
Mass for the Sick, Collect)*

Part-time Vacancy: Cathedral Sacristan

Jean, our Sacristan, is retiring at Easter, so we are looking for a new sacristan from the end of April. This is a part-time role of 16 hours per week. The distribution of these hours is negotiable, but it will include Saturday/Sunday working. There will also be a requirement to be available for all the main services of the Triduum, Easter and Christmas. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for mass, and that all the requisite books and sacramental vessels etc. are in place,
- Ensuring the sanctuary is cleared after services and the church is left secure and tidy.
- Maintenance of the sacristy ensuring there are sufficient stocks of consumables such as candles, hosts and wine and making sure vessels candlesticks and linen are clean and well maintained.

For more information, please contact the Cathedral Office via telephone (0114 272 2522) during office hours or via e-mail (office@stmariecathedral.org). To apply, please submit a CV and covering letter to the Cathedral Office. The closing date for applications is Friday 24th April.

Please note that interviews may be postponed due to the current situation with the coronavirus.

Live-Streaming of Cathedral Masses: Masses celebrated by the Cathedral clergy will be live-streamed on the website (<https://stmariecathedral.org/>). Sunday Mass will be at 11.00am, and weekday Mass will be at 8.00am. A Slovak Mass will be streamed on Sundays at 3.00pm. All of these will be available to watch for the rest of the day. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to spiritually join in with these celebrations.

Staying Connected During This Difficult Time: Since normal Parish life has had to be suspended for the time-being, we would like to set up new ways for the Parish to stay connected. This will enable us to share important information, but also to try and put the right people in touch, so that everyone gets the help and support they need at this difficult time. The Cathedral's website (<https://stmariecathedral.org/>) will be a vital source of information, but we also have a new opportunity to try connecting groups of individuals together by e-mail, WhatsApp or telephone. Over the next week, the PPC will put something together, but in the meantime, please let us know who you are and how we can contact you. You can e-mail the PPC (PPC@stmariecathedral.org) or contact the Cathedral office. We look forward to hearing from you!



Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father,
it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you.
In particular, you call some to serve you
as ministers in your Church.
Bless our diocese of Hallam by raising up
faith-filled and dedicated Priests, Deacons and Religious.
Bless our families and choose from our homes
those who are needed for your mission. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
Blessed John Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Robert Ludlam, pray for us.
Blessed Nicholas Garlick, pray for us.
Blessed William Richardson, pray for us.

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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