

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

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CORPUS CHRISTI (A)
14th June to 21st June 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week at St Marie's

Sunday 14: CORPUS CHRISTI

11.00am: Bonny DeSouza

3.30pm (Slovak): People of the Parishes

Monday 15: Weekday

8.00am: Tim Bennett (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 16: Weekday

8.00am: Annie O'Connor (recently deceased)

Wednesday 17: Weekday

8.00am: Michael Smith (intentions)

Thursday 18: St Barnabas

8.00am: Lucy Hazell (birthday intentions)

Friday 19: MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8.00am: Yorkshire Brethren

Saturday 20: Immaculate Heart of Mary

8.00am: Oswald Fernandes

Sunday 21: 12th Sunday per annum

11.00am: People of the Parishes

3.30pm (Slovak): November Memorial List

Cathedral Reopening for Private Prayer

We are pleased to announce that, after an inspection by the Diocese, **the Cathedral is to be open to the public for private prayer commencing on Monday 15th June.**

The times of opening will be **12.00–3.00pm on Monday to Saturday**, and **4.30–6.00pm on Sunday**. There will be hand sanitising material provided and social distancing arrangements are in place, supervised by our team of stewards. The Church has been thoroughly deep-cleaned prior to opening, and will undergo regular and thorough cleaning to ensure that your visit is safe and secure.

This is the first step towards fuller use of the Cathedral, so public celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments is still not yet possible. Therefore, Masses will continue to be live-streamed on both the Cathedral website (stmariecathedral.org) and the Diocese of Hallam website (hallam-diocese.com), at 8.00am on weekdays, and 11.00am (English) and 3.00pm (Slovak) on Sundays.

We pray for Annie O'Connor, and 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, Jonathan Dempsey, 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: 16 June – Mamerta Cadano; 17 June – Rev Fr John Jackson; 21 June – Jean Bayley.

Sacristan Post: This appointment is being postponed, following the prolonged closure of the Cathedral and the uncertainty surrounding arrangements when public worship resumes. The requirements of the post will be reviewed over the summer, after which a revised advertisement will be publicised with the hope of making an appointment by the beginning of Advent.

A Message from Bishop Ralph

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You will have heard over the weekend that the Government has agreed plans to open places of worship for private prayer only on Monday 15th June. We welcome this news as the first step towards opening our churches for the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments. However, not every Catholic Church will open on the 15th June and your church may not be amongst the first group to do so. You have shown extraordinary patience in recent weeks and I ask you to exercise your patience a little longer if you are disappointed that your church is not included in the first group. Hopefully it will follow quickly.

The preparations of re-opening the churches in the Diocese for private prayer are well underway. This includes obtaining cleaning materials, and necessary equipment and plans for some basic training for volunteers so that we can be confident of providing a safe place when our churches re-open from the 15th June, with Government guidelines being fully observed.

I remind you that with the lifting of restrictions to enable our churches to open for private prayer is the first step towards fuller use of our churches for the celebration of Mass and other Sacraments and “We await that time with deep longing but with patient understanding that the protection of the health of our society, especially the vulnerable in our society is a proper cause for caution and care.” (Cardinal Nichols, 7th June 2020)

Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

+ *Ralph Heskett C.S.S.R.*

Corpus Christi Procession—Sunday 14th June (after 11.00am Mass): This year, in place of the normal Corpus Christi procession around the city centre of Sheffield, there will be a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament within St Marie's Cathedral. The procession will take place after the 11.00am live-streamed Mass. Everyone is encouraged to participate online, and join with the Cathedral clergy in this adoration of and prayer to the Lord Jesus!

Weekly Children's Liturgy YouTube video: This week's YouTube video for children's Liturgy, Illustrated Gospel, link to this week's 'sing-along' hymn (*This Is My Body*) can be found under What's On, or use the quick link here: <https://bit.ly/3cAPB86>. This week's activity sheet, based on the Gospel, can be found at <https://bit.ly/3cz56xb>.

Keep in touch with what is going on at St Marie's Cathedral via Facebook, WhatsApp and Email: Now, more than ever, we are having to rely on electronic forms of communication to keep in touch with each other. The PPC manage our Facebook page, a thriving WhatsApp group, and a weekly email. Please sign up to at least one of these forms of communication to stay in touch with all that is going on at St Marie's. The Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/stmariecathedral/> – please contact PPC@stmariecathedral.org to get put on either the WhatsApp or Email lists. Thank you.

“Alive!” is now online, and you are invited to join: “Alive!” is a prayer group, which now meets online weekly via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. Come and join us for a time of prayer and reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel. If you don't have the log in details already, just send a quick email to the PPC on PPC@stmariecathedral.org, and they will be sent to you.

Tea and coffee is now available after Mass on Sundays: Come and join in our Sunday Zoom social! This weekly event now takes place each week, immediately after Sunday Mass is live-streamed. Don't forget to bring your own tea / coffee and biscuits! :-). We have break-out 'rooms' available, should you wish to have a smaller group chat at any time—just ask David to facilitate this. For security reasons, the meeting details are not published here; please request them from the PPC on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Parish socials via Zoom—do you have any ideas? We would like to invite parishioners to come forwards with ideas for online parish socials, to beat the boredom and isolation of this new era of 'social distancing'. The ideas must be something you are prepared to help organise—with the support of the PPC. What about a quiz night, or 'guess this tune'? A little concert would be possible, as would an evening of 'Desert Island Disks'. Please contact the PPC on PPC@stmariecathedral.org with any suggestions you can help us turn into a reality. Thank you!

Invitation to Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 27th June–Friday 3rd July): At the end of this month, our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes would normally take place. Sadly, we are unable to travel to Lourdes this year, so instead, Bishop Ralph is inviting the whole Diocese to join in a “Virtual Pilgrimage” to Lourdes. Live and pre-recorded events will be made available through a dedicated website, www.hallam-lourdes.com, with the services from each day available to watch afterwards. The Bishop will celebrate the Opening Mass of the pilgrimage on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, the Patron of our Diocese, on Saturday 27th June. Everyone is encouraged to join in whenever they can, from Saturday 27th June to Friday 3rd July!

A Message from the Parish Finance Committee

Now more than ever the parish needs our financial support. The main source of income for the upkeep of the Cathedral and the support of the clergy has disappeared, since it is no longer getting money from the weekly collections during this time when the church is closed for public worship. However, the majority of the expenses remain the same. We recently explained that £2,000 a week is needed to run the parish, keep the Cathedral in a good state of repair and support the clergy.

There are many ways to continue to financially support the parish during this difficult time.

Setting up a standing order is a very good way to ensure that weekly contributions are made regularly. They are easy to set up and forms are available from office@stmariecathedral.org to complete and return if you would like to do this.

If you are confident with online banking, it is possible to set up a standing order from your bank account yourself. The parish bank details, if you wish to do this, are:

Name of Bank Account: St Marie's Restoration Fund

Sort code: 40-41-07

Account number: 01094289

It is also possible to make a direct payment to the parish from your bank account, using your online banking platform and the above bank details. Doing this means 100% of your donation goes to the parish and the funds are immediately available.

To make a donation via debit or credit card, please go to stmariecathedral.mydona.com or use the "Dona" button on the Cathedral website. Donations made this way can be Gift Aided. (Please note there is a charge for this service, which is deducted from donations before they are paid to the parish).

If you are doing more of your shopping online during this period please consider using "Easy Fundraising". Whatever transactions you do online—shopping, arranging insurance, etc.—using this website allows charities to receive donations from the companies you use. Sign into Easy fundraising, select "Cathedral Church of St Marie – Sheffield" as the charity, and then choose the retailer you want to buy from. The retailer will pay a percentage of the value of your shop to St Marie's. It is really that simple and that worthwhile. 3,700 retailers are accessible through this website if you shop on line with Amazon, Argos, Debenhams, John Lewis, Not on the High Street, Dunelm, etc. St Marie's could benefit if you shopped through the Easy Fundraising website.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support.

The Parish Finance Committee