

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

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PENTECOST (WHITSUN) (A)

31st May to 7th June 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week at St Marie's

Sunday 31 May: PENTECOST (WHITSUN)

11.00am: James Courtney (anniversary)

3.30pm (Slovak): People of the Parishes

Monday 1 June: B.V.M., Mother of the Church

8.00am: Olga Almeida (birthday intentions)

Tuesday 2: Weekday

8.00am: Stefan Posluszny

Wednesday 3: Ss Charles Lwanga & companions

8.00am: November Memorial List

**Thursday 4: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL
HIGH PRIEST**

8.00am: Rev Fr Michael Sullivan (recently deceased)

Friday 5: St Boniface

8.00am: Bernard Simmonds (recently deceased)

Saturday 6: Weekday

8.00am: Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)

Sunday 7: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11.00am: People of the Parishes

3.30pm (Slovak): November Memorial List

Please note that the Cathedral is closed until further notice.

However, the Cathedral clergy will continue to celebrate Masses, which will be **live-streamed on both the Cathedral website (stmariecathedral.org) and the Diocese of Hallam website (hallam-diocese.com)**. Masses are at 8.00am on weekdays, and 11.00am (English) and 3.00pm (Slovak) on Sundays. Please see the schedule above.

Please note that the Slovak Mass time this Sunday (31st May) has been changed to 3.30pm due to the National Rosary Rally (see the notice below).

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 telephone, or posted to Cathedral House at the address above.

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, 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: 1 June - Winifred Zabrzewski; 4 June – Rev Fr Charles Tinker; 6 June – Jim Finnigan.

National Rosary Rally across England, Wales & Scotland

Pentecost Sunday (31st May)

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19. You are invited to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Great Britain.

Each diocese has been assigned one hour, in which Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary individually, in families, as online prayer groups and parishes. Once one hour is finished, the next diocese will take up the Rosary rally and so on until 9.00pm.

The Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Hallam is at 3.00pm, with Marian hymns from 2.45pm. Fr Chris, Fr Stephen and Fr Callistus will lead the Rosary via the Cathedral's live-stream, in English and Slovak, with the Slovak Mass following afterwards.

Celebrate Pentecost with our Pentecost Cake Challenge! This Sunday is the birthday of the Christian Church. To celebrate this, we are giving all our parishioners a Pentecost Challenge! Make a small cake (you might want to use this cake in a mug recipe: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/microwave-mug-cake>), light with a birthday candle, and take a picture of you and members of your household with your cake. Then send them to us via the PPC e-mail address (PPC@stmariecathedral.org) with the subject "Pentecost Cake". We will then share them on the Cathedral's Facebook page as the Church's Birthday Celebration! You can find our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/stmariecathedral/>

Weekly Children's Liturgy YouTube video: Children's Liturgy is now in the form of a YouTube video each week, and is usually around 15 minutes long. Candida and Molly would like to invite all our St Marie's families to join them spiritually at 10.00am on Sunday mornings to celebrate Children's Liturgy before Mass. It is suitable for all primary school aged children. There is usually an Illustrated Gospel reading available for older children too (and anyone else who is interested); it is designed to help us think more deeply about the Gospel, and what it means for us. These resources, along with access to a hymn, 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 here: <https://bit.ly/3cz56xb>.

Keep in touch with what is going on at St Marie's Cathedral: Now, more than ever, we are having to rely on electronic forms of communication to keep in touch with each other, and our Facebook page is a great way to keep in touch. If you use Facebook, but haven't already connected to us there, please do so; the link is provided here: <https://www.facebook.com/stmariecathedral/>.

Volunteer Stewarding Role

We are planning for the reopening of St Marie's Cathedral, in the first instance for private prayer, when it is safe to do so and following advice from the Government, the Bishops of England and Wales, and Bishop Ralph.

In order to ensure the Cathedral is safe for all who wish to use it, we need a significant number of volunteers to participate in a stewarding rota. We initially plan to open the Cathedral from 11.00am–3.00pm Monday to Saturday, and from 4.30–6.00pm on Sundays. We need a minimum of three Stewards to be on duty whenever the Cathedral is open.

We take very seriously our duty of care and therefore to comply with current guidelines cannot accept applications from those defined by the Government as extremely clinically vulnerable or clinically vulnerable, including those over 70 years of age, people with chronic pre-existing conditions or pregnant women.

If you are interested in being a steward please contact the Cathedral by telephone on 0114 272 2522 or by e-mail at PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

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.

“Alive!” is now online, and you are invited to join: “Alive!” is a prayer group, which will now be meeting online weekly via Zoom conferencing on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. Ask the Holy Spirit for some courage, if necessary, and come and join us! 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. “Alive!” is a time of prayer and reflective on the coming Sunday's Gospel, and everyone is welcome.

Receive our once-a-week news emails from St Marie's PPC: If you would like to receive regular communications from the PPC and an electronic copy of the bulletin, please register for our once-a-week emails. We will automatically send you details to connect to Zoom opportunities going on in the Parish, as well as providing you with quick links to new 'events' or content on the Cathedral's website. Simply send us a quick email saying 'I do' to PPC@stmariecathedral.org, and we will put you on our mailing list.

Tea and coffee is now available after Mass on Sundays: Following last week's successful social via Zoom video conferencing, we invite you to join us for tea / coffee and a chat. This event will take place each week, immediately after Sunday Mass is live-streamed. Don't forget to bring your own tea / coffee and biscuits! :-)) This week we are setting up 2 different 'coffee tables' (virtual meeting rooms), so that the numbers stay small enough to continue being enjoyable. We will continue to expand this over time, based on demand. Parishioners are welcome to pop into either / both 'rooms' we will have set up for this week. 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!

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