



**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARIE
with the Churches of Holy Family
and Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald**



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Office Hours: Mon–Thu, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm (*office closed Friday*)

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25th Sunday per annum (B)

19th to 26th September 2021

Readings: *I Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 53:3-4, 5, 6+8. R 6b II Jas 3:16–4:3 G Mk 9:30-37*

Next Sunday: *I Num 11:25-29 Ps 18:8, 10, 12-13, 14. R 9a II Jas 5:1-6 G Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

Cathedral

Saturday 18: 25th Sunday per annum (Vigil)

5.30pm Benefactors of the Parish

Sunday 19: 25th Sunday per annum

8.30am November Memorial List

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm John Michael Connell (anniversary)

6.30pm Dom James Leachman, O.S.B. (R.I.P.)

**Monday 20: Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong
Hasang & Companions**

8.00am Special intention

12.30pm Sile Burns (R.I.P.)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Tuesday 21: ST MATTHEW

8.00am Harrie May Treanor (anniversary)

12.30pm Isreal Dillop (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Matthew Hazell (intentions)

Wednesday 22: Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Sheila Cleary (recently deceased)

5.30pm Rita Pratt (recently deceased)

Thursday 23: St Pius of Pietrelcina

8.00am Martin Dunne

12.30pm Marie Lohan (recently deceased)

5.30pm Special intention

Friday 24: Our Lady of Walsingham

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm **Funeral Mass** (David Luscombe)

5.30pm Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Hallam

Saturday 25: Weekday

8.00am Dom James Leachman, O.S.B. (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Kathleen Finnigan (anniversary)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 25: 26th Sunday per annum (Vigil)

5.30pm Ken Biggin (sick)

Sunday 26: 26th Sunday per annum

8.30am November Memorial List

10.30am Peter Mulhall (recently deceased)

12.30pm Stephen Gordon (R.I.P.) & family

6.30pm Amelia & Eva (birthday)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 19: 25th Sunday per annum

9.45am Jack Hilton (R.I.P.)

Sunday 26: 26th Sunday per annum

9.45am Mary Drabble (anniversary)

Holy Family

Sunday 19: 25th Sunday per annum

11.00am Parish Intentions

Sunday 26: 26th Sunday per annum

11.00am People of the Parishes

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 19: 25. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 26: 26. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession Monday to Saturday, 11.30am–12.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday to Saturday, 11.30am–12.15pm

Rosary Friday and Saturday, after the 12.30pm Mass

We pray for Sile Burns, David Luscombe, 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, Ruth Bleakley, Helen Carroll, Mary Pridgeon, Kath Atherton, Pat O'Connor (Lintott), Jonathan Dempsey, Elizabeth Dillop, Kay Worsnop, Vladimir Korbar Jr, Jean Hegarty, Sheena Clarke, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Catherine, Kath Jarman, Angela Eddy, 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: 19 Sep – John Michael Connell, Rev Fr William Fitzpatrick, C.Ss.P.; 22 Sep – Marko Ninkovic; 25 Sep – Kathleen Finnigan; 26 Sep – Wiktor Gabzdyl.

Children's Liturgy will be back on Sunday 3rd October: We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will be back on Sunday 3rd October, at the 10.30am Mass, and then weekly from Sunday 17th October (there will be no Children's Liturgy on the 10th October). Please meet Candida at the back of church at the start of Mass. All children are welcome! If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Candida, or email her on the PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Women's Group on Thursday mornings: St Marie's has a parish group that is run by women, for women, and we meet at 11.00am on Thursdays mornings. The group is a great source of friendship, interesting discussion and support—with teas and coffees also available. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Candida in person, or on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. All ages welcome!

Rosary Groups Restarting in the Parish—everyone welcome: The Holy Rosary is a very powerful form of prayer that teaches us to reflect deeply on 20 Mysteries surrounding Jesus. We are all urged to say it as often as possible: as a form of protection; to create peace in our families, societies and nations; and for the conversion of sinners. There is a group meeting in the Cathedral after the lunchtime Mass on Fridays, and another after the lunchtime Mass on Saturdays. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Teas & Coffees available after the 10.30am Mass, this Sunday: We are delighted to invite you back into Houlden Hall for the opportunity of parish conversation after the 10:30am Mass—starting this Sunday! Houlden Hall is on the floor immediately above the Nottingham Building Society; you will find the entrance immediately next to the Cathedral's main entrance. Please come and join us when you feel ready to—it's always good to talk! If you would like the opportunity to have a similar social after one of the other Sunday Masses, and you are prepared to help to make that happen, please contact Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Vacancies at the Cathedral

We are looking to appoint ASAP two new permanent part-time members of staff to the Cathedral maintenance team:

1. Part-time Cleaner (15 hours per week, to include Fridays and Mondays)

This role involves general cleaning duties, keeping the Cathedral and all surrounding backroom areas clean for the benefit of clergy, staff and visitors. Ideally applicants will have; cleaning experience, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, an ability to work unsupervised and on own initiative, the ability to work co-operatively with other members of the cathedral maintenance team, the ability to carry out verbal and written instructions, manual handling ability and a flexible approach to cleaning tasks and will be expected to follow health and safety guidelines when using materials and equipment.

2. Sacristan (8 hours per week including Sunday mornings)

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for the 10.30am and 12.30pm Sunday Masses, 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;
- There will also be a requirement to be available for all the main services of the Triduum, Easter and Christmas.

Please note that a DBS check will be required for the Sacristan role. Both roles will be paid at the appropriate rate of the National Living Wage. For further information on either role and for the full job description and person specification, please contact the Cathedral Office.

To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to the Cathedral Office. The closing date for both posts is Friday 8th October 2021. Interviews will be held on Monday 18th October from 10.00am.

The Monday Over 60s Lunch Club has returned to the Parish Room! The group meets after the 12.30pm Mass on Mondays—if you are over 60 and would like to meet up with others, you are very welcome to come along!

Journey in Faith 2021-22—Advance Notice: The Cathedral's "Journey in Faith" course is for all who want to become Catholic, for adult Catholics who have not received their First Holy Communion or been Confirmed, and for Catholics who want to learn more about the faith. This year's programme will begin on Friday 19th November from 7.00-8.30pm in Houlden Hall. If you are interested in taking part, please look out for more information in the coming weeks.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): Are you interested in studying for the CCRS, a nationally accredited course about the Catholic faith? The first module, on the Old Testament, with Rev Mgr John Ryan, begins on 3rd October for three Saturday mornings (3rd, 9th and 16th October), from 9.00am–12.30pm at the Hallam Pastoral Centre (in person, socially distanced). Modules on New Testament, Church, Christology, Sacraments and other special interest topics will be offered later in the year. Please see the national CCRS website (<http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk>) for more details. Application forms can be requested via formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com, and the closing date for applications is 25th September.

Job Vacancy—Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Hallam: The diocese wishes to recruit an experienced individual to this role, to lead on the development of Youth Ministry. Salary £30,000-£35,000 (depending on experience). The post will involve some evening and weekend working. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 6th October at 12 noon. Interviews will be on Friday 15th October. Further details and an application pack can be obtained from Mrs Jessica Moylan (jmoylan@hallam-diocese.com).

Cathedral Choir—New Members Welcome! Happily, as Covid restrictions ease, we are able to safely accommodate more people and are looking to expand the Cathedral Choir. The Choir is an important and enjoyable ministry, giving opportunities to enhance the liturgy for others and to deepen one's own faith and spirituality. All voices are welcome, though we would be delighted to increase our male section. We have a varied repertoire encompassing both traditional and modern church music. The Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings (7.30-9.00pm) and sings at the 10.30am Mass every Sunday, as well as at the major liturgical events of the Church's year. If you are interested, please see Robert Webb after Sunday Mass, or contact him by e-mail (robertwebb1968@gmail.com).

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill

In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life, as the "Assisted Dying Bill 2021" is due its second reading in the House of Lords with full debate on Friday 22nd October. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisting suicide, since life is a gift to be cared for and preserved until its natural death. As Pope Francis has said, "Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude—much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing."

Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of assisted suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced assisted suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. Whilst there are clear arguments to support Catholic teachings, it is important to remember that this position is not only a matter of faith but also human reason.

There are three important actions in the next weeks—praying, writing and sharing:

First: I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated.

Second: I ask you to write to the Peers (<https://www.parliament.uk/business/lords/whos-in-the-house-of-lords/get-in-touch-with-members/>) from your personal experience, and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life.

Third: I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

Briefing papers will be available on the Bishops' Conference website (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>) to help with this. Be assured of my prayers.

Rt Rev John Sherrington
Lead Bishop for Life Issues, CBCEW