



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: Tue–Fri, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm (*office closed Monday*)

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26th Sunday per annum (B)

26th September to 3rd October 2021

Readings: *I Num 11:25-29 Ps 18:8, 10, 12-13, 14. R⁹a II Jas 5:1-6 G Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

Next Sunday: *I Gen 2:18-24 Ps 127:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6. R⁷cf. 5 II Heb 2:9-11 G Mk 10:2-16*

Cathedral

Saturday 25 Sept: 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)

Monday 27: St Vincent de Paul

8.00am Rev Fr Frank Flynn (diamond jubilee)

12.30pm Mary Parkinson (sick)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Tuesday 28: Weekday

8.00am Wladyslaw (Walter) Lechowski

12.30pm Anne McDonnell (née Leech) (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Adriana (intentions)

Wednesday 29: Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

8.00am Stella & Rashna (intentions)

12.30pm Sujesh & Favina (in thanksgiving)

5.30pm Dr Frank Neal (anniversary)

Thursday 30: St Jerome

8.00am Anne O'Brien

12.30pm November Memorial List

5.30pm Justina (intentions)

Friday 1 October: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm The Moon family

5.30pm **NO MASS**

Saturday 2: Holy Guardian Angels

8.00am Mike & Mika (intentions)

12.30pm Mary Parkinson (sick)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 2: 27th Sunday per annum (Vigil)

5.30pm Parish Sick List

Sunday 3: 27th Sunday per annum

8.30am Violet Lloyd (anniversary)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Giovanni Di Bella (intentions)

6.30pm Lucy Hazell (intentions)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 26 Sep: 26th Sunday per annum

9.45am Mary Drabble (anniversary)

Sunday 3 Oct: 27th Sunday per annum

9.45am Molly Brett (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 26 Sep: 26th Sunday per annum

11.00am People of the Parishes

Sunday 3 Oct: 27th Sunday per annum

11.00am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 26 Sep: 26. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 3 Oct: 27. 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, Mary Parkinson, 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: 26 Sep – Wiktor Gabzdyl; 29 Sep – Frank Edward Neal; 1 Oct – Lily Moon; 2 Oct – M.P. Varghese; 3 Oct – Violet Lloyd.

Children's Liturgy will be back on Sunday 3rd October: We are delighted to announce that Children's Liturgy will be back next Sunday, 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!

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday 1st October): for those who wish to participate, envelopes for the Harvest Fast Day are available from the back of the Cathedral.

St Marie's Parish Pastoral Council—Update: After 10 years as Chairman of the PPC, Leandro Martin has recently stepped down. We want to pay tribute to his dedication and commitment during that time—a huge thank you and very best wishes for the future, Leandro! The new Chair elected at the last meeting is Mrs Eileen Maher, with Miss Charlie Currier as Vice Chair. Both feel very honoured and hope to offer both dedication and enthusiasm to their new roles, together with Dr Niall Corroon who remains as Secretary. The responses to the recent parish questionnaire are being studied and we hope to be able to engage everyone in plans for future developments.

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!

Collection for Mel (Cathedral Cleaner): Many of you will recall over the past 10 years seeing Mel (Melanie) cleaning, dusting and polishing our beautiful church, but the time has come for her to move on. She left us at the beginning of September. If you would like to show your appreciation, there are envelopes at the back of church for donations. Please mark your envelope “Mel” and give to one of the stewards or place in a donation pedestal before 30th September. Thank you!

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!

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.

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).

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).

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