



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: Monday–Friday, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm

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29th Sunday per annum (B)

17th to 24th October 2021

Readings: *I*sa 53:10-11 **Ps** 32:4-5, 18-19, 20+22. *R* 22 **II** Heb 4:14-16 **G** Mk 10:35-45

Next Sunday: *I* Jer 31:7-9 **Ps** 125:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6. *R* 3 **II** Heb 5:1-6 **G** Mk 10:46-52

Cathedral

Saturday 16: 29th Sunday per annum (Vigil)

5.30pm Mary & family (in thanksgiving)

Sunday 17: 29th Sunday per annum

8.30am James Donnellan (anniversary)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Special intention

6.30pm November Memorial List

Monday 18: ST LUKE

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Dermot Treanor (anniversary)

5.30pm Charles Elizabeth (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 19: Weekday

8.00am Canon Richard Hearn (recently deceased)

12.30pm Patricia Ann Lawler (operation)

5.30pm Parish Sick List

Wednesday 20: Weekday

8.00am Rev Fr Charles Gardiner, C.M. (anniversary)

12.30pm Ikechukwu Chikwelugo (R.I.P.)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 21: Weekday

8.00am Martin Dunne

12.30pm Giovanna Dente (anniversary)

5.30pm Rev Fr Daniel Ainsworth (anniversary)

Friday 22: Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Faith Greenfield (recently deceased)

5.30pm Rev Fr John Horan (anniversary)

Saturday 23: Weekday

8.00am Benefactors of the Parish

12.30pm George Mullins (recently deceased)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 23: 30th Sunday per annum (Vigil)

5.30pm Gene Mary Mockford (anniversary)

Sunday 24: 30th Sunday per annum

8.30am Shirley (birthday)

10.30am The Moon family

12.30pm Ikechukwu Chikwelugo (R.I.P.)

6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 17: 29th Sunday per annum

9.45am James Quinn (R.I.P.) & deceased members of the Quinn family

Sunday 24: 30th Sunday per annum

9.45am Katie, Danny & Owen McKernan (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 17: 29th Sunday per annum

11.00am Godfrey Mahaso (intentions)

Sunday 24: 30th Sunday per annum

11.00am People of the Parishes

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 17: 29. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 24: 30. 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: 17 Oct – James Donnellan; 18 Oct – Barnabas Ojinnaka, Mary Bridget Harvey, Rev Fr Gerard Harney; 20 Oct – Rev Fr Charles Gardiner, C.M.; 21 Oct – Rev Fr Daniel Ainsworth; 22 Oct – Napoleon Golingan, Rev Fr Patrick Higgins, Rev Fr John Horan.

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!

Teas & Coffees available after the 10.30am Mass: There is a chance to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea or coffee in Houlden Hall each Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass. 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.

New Stewards/Welcomers needed for the Sunday 6.30pm Mass: As the Covid restrictions have eased, the role of our Cathedral Stewards has changed accordingly. Nonetheless, it is very clear how valuable people view our volunteer Stewards! Our Stewards are always there with a welcoming smile, and to answer any questions or queries people may have about the Cathedral, or what is currently going on. We are blessed with a strong, very friendly Stewarding team, but we currently now only have 1 Steward for the 6.30pm Sunday evening Mass. If this is your preferred Mass, could you consider becoming that 'friendly face' to greet this part of our parish community? Could you consider being that 'helping hand'? If so, please contact Candida by emailing PPC@stmariecathedral.org, or by leaving a message for her at Cathedral House. Thank you.

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!

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Monday 1st November, starting at 6.00pm (after the 5.30pm Mass) in the Cathedral. Registration forms are available after one of the Masses, from a steward or the Priest, or from the Cathedral office. Please note that this will be the last preparation course before Christmas, so if you wish your child to be baptised at St Marie's, please do fill in and return the registration form.

November Memorial List 2021-22

November is the month in which we pray especially for the dead. Each parish brings together these prayers for their friends and family in the November Memorial List Masses celebrated throughout the coming year.

Forms are available on which you can list the names of individual family and friends, or make a family request (e.g. "Deceased members of the N. family"). Please place the form in the envelope provided, together with your donation, and hand it to one of the priests or stewards, put it in one of the donation pillars in the Cathedral, or post it through the letterbox at Cathedral House.

Children's Liturgy this Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass: All children are welcome to join Candida for their own special Liturgy of the Word during the 10.30am Mass; please meet her at the baptismal font at the start of Mass. This week, we will be talking about Jesus as our Servant King. If you are unable to bring your children along at that time, please log on to our Children's Ministry page where you will find the latest video instalment of the *Mark 10 Mission for Children*. You will also find our Children's Activity Sheets to download, and some YouTube worship music videos to enjoy! The webpage can be found at: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

The St Cecilia Schola (ladies' Gregorian chant group) has begun rehearsals again, at 6.00pm on Mondays. Please contact Lucy Hazell via email (scholacantorumsanctamariaeshf@gmail.com) or telephone (07816 930666) if you are interested!

Sheffield Chamber Choir Concert—Saturday 6th November, 8.00pm

Sheffield Chamber Choir will be returning to St Marie's Cathedral to celebrate their delayed 10th Anniversary with a programme of glorious French liturgical music.

The programme features the *Requiem* of Maurice Duruflé, one of the finest choral pieces ever written; the *Three Motets Op 23* by Charles Marie Widor (he of the toccata fame); and *Laudate Dominum* by Marcel Dupré. These motets use two organs to accompany the choir and are lavish, loud and spectacular. This is a rare opportunity to hear them as not many places have two organs which can be used simultaneously.

Tickets are **free**, and there will be a retiring collection.

World Mission Sunday—24th October 2021: World Mission Sunday is when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, the Holy See's charity to help missionaries throughout the world. This year, it is on Sunday 24th October. There will be a second collection taken at the Masses of that weekend, so please give whatever you can to support this work! Gift aid envelopes are available at the back of church, or you can visit <https://missio.org.uk/donate/> to give online. For our diocese, a live-streamed Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at St Peter in Chains, Doncaster, on Saturday 16th October. If you would like to have a red mission box, to keep your small change donations in throughout the year, please contact the Cathedral office, leaving your name and contact details, which will then be passed to Maureen Finnigan, the parish representative for Missio.

Volunteer needed to oversee and coordinate the Cathedral's Shop Stock: The Bibles, prayer booklets and Rosary beads are very helpful at supporting the development of people's faith beyond the Mass. Now that the shop has reopened, we are looking for a volunteer who has an interest in faith and faith development, to help us keep an eye on stock levels, and to make suggestions about how to develop the shop's offering. If you can help us with this important work, please get in touch with Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org, or pop in to see Matthew during office hours. Thank you.

Encounter Prayer Group—online via Zoom: there are a number of prayer sessions being held by the Christian Healing Mission over October and November. These free events represent a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection. They are entirely online so all are welcome. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex, or go to <https://www.encounterprayer.net/>

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