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, 9.30am–12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm
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27th Sunday *per annum* (A)

8th to 15th October 2023

Readings: ***I*** *Isa 5:1-7* ***Ps*** *79:9+12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20. ℟ Isa 5:7a* ***II*** *Phil 4:6-9* ***G*** *Mt 21:33-43*
Next Sunday: ***I*** *Isa 25:6-10a* ***Ps*** *22:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. ℟ 6cd* ***II*** *Phil 4:12-14, 19-20* ***G*** *Mt 22:1-14*
Readings can also be found at http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm or on the Universalis app

Cathedral

Sunday 8: 27th Sunday *per annum*
8.00am November Memorial List
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Afamefuna Darlington Esike (recently deceased)
6.30pm Malwina & Nikolay (1st wedding anniversary)

Monday 9: ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
8.00am Matthew Hazell (intentions)
12.30pm Natasha & Mowji family (intentions)
5.30pm Gerard (special intention)

Tuesday 10: Tuesday in Week 27 *per annum*
8.00am Sene Sommer & Sonny (intentions)
12.30pm Katy O'Malley (anniversary)
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Wednesday 11: Wednesday in Week 27 *per annum*
8.00am **NO MASS**
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Thursday 12: Thursday in Week 27 *per annum*
8.00am **NO MASS**
12.30pm **NO MASS**
5.30pm Antonio Piletto (anniversary)

Friday 13: Friday in Week 27 *per annum*
8.00am Rohon & family (special intentions)
12.30pm Lynne Connell (sick)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 14: Saturday in Week 27 *per annum*
8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Veronique Akossibié Adje (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 15: 28th Sunday *per annum*
8.00am Anna Staszek (anniversary)
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Deceased Members of the Hazell family
6.30pm November Memorial List

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 8: 27th Sunday *per annum*
9.15am McKernan family (intentions)

Sunday 15: 28th Sunday *per annum*
9.15am In thanksgiving

Holy Family

Sunday 8: 27th Sunday *per annum*
10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 15: 28th Sunday *per annum*
10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine
(*Slovak Mass*) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 8: 27. nedeľa v Cezročnom období
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 15: 28. nedeľa v Cezročnom období
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession ..... *Monday–Wednesday, Friday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament... *Monday–Wednesday, Friday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm*
.....Saturday: after 8.00am Mass (with Benediction)

Rosary.....*Friday & Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass*

Adoration and Prayer Group.....*1st and 4th Wednesdays in October, 6.00pm (next one 4th October)*

We pray for Pope Benedict XVI, Nadeeka Don, Rev Fr Bernard O'Brien, Maria Farrugia (née Cedola) and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: John Carroll, Helen Carroll, Gloria Welsh, Mary Pridgeon, Pat O'Connor (Lintott), Elizabeth Dillop, Jean Hegarty, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Angela Eddy, Mary Parkinson, Kevin Worsnop, Emma Green, Damian Osako, Patricia Allen, Mary Worsnop, Jean Rogers, Kingsley Owomero, Margaret Smith, Anthony Gallagher, Charles Teti, Liam Blayney, Yvonne O'Donovan, Lynne Connell, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Joseph Lattimer, Danny Azavedo, 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: 10 Oct – Michael Hewitt, Katy O'Malley; 11 Oct – Canon Michael O'Sullivan, Rev Fr Terence Doherty; 15 Oct – Anna Staszek.

Health & Safety Matters: If you wish to raise any issues regarding health and safety at St Marie's, please e-mail healthandsafety@stmariecathedral.org.

Each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass there is an opportunity to get together with other parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea. This is an important way of building and strengthening the parish community, so please join us, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or a visitor. Refreshments are served in the Houlden Hall (1st floor of the building next door to the church), and we look forward to getting to know you better – all welcome!

Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass—all children welcome! Children's Liturgy exists to nurture the hearts and minds of our youngest parishioners in the Truth and the Light that is Jesus. Each week, we share and discuss the Gospel, and celebrate with an appropriate faith and worship song. Please meet Candida and the team at the baptismal font at the start of Mass, or ring the bell for Houlden Hall if you are running late. If your child is under five years old, please come along to help and support them.

Wednesday Adoration & Prayer Group, 6.00pm: This month, the Adoration and Prayer Group will be meeting on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays, at 6.00pm. This Holy Hour takes place directly after the 5.30pm Mass, and is a wonderful opportunity for us to spent some time with our Lord Jesus – present in the Eucharist—in adoration, prayer and praise! If you have yet to experience it, please do come along. The next opportunities will be on the 25th October. Fr Jom Mathew will also be hearing Confessions, in English and Malayalam. Everyone is welcome!

Good Shepherd Youth—next session Saturday 14th October, 4.00-7.00pm: Good Shepherd Youth is open to all secondary aged young people, whether they come to Church or not. For more information, please contact Candida on GoodShepherd@hallam-diocese.com. Please let us know to expect you, so we know how much pizza to make!

For Readers: If you have not already done so, please pick up a copy of *A Guide to Reading at St Marie's Cathedral*. This is a vital Guide for all readers, helping to maintain high standards for the Ministry of Readers.

Masses and Confessions this Week: Due to a diocesan clergy conference, there will be no 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday 10th October, no 8.00am or 5.30pm Masses on Wednesday 11th October, and no 8.00am or 12.30pm Masses on Thursday 12th October. There will also be no Exposition or Confessions on Thursday.

St Marie's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The St Marie's PPC meets on the first Tuesday of the month. There are currently seven members out of a possible ten. The role of the PPC is to support and build the Parish community. We actively support the clergy whilst seeking to encourage all parishioners to play a part in the life of the church. Some of the things we are working on are: the Jubilee Year 2024; the Night of Lights, an alternative to secular Halloween; the Mass and Presentation for Deacon Paul Green; and the Big Thank You at the end of November. Various other groups are managed by members of the PPC. It's exciting work, and we could do with a few more members. After all, this is our parish! For details, contact Eileen Maher (PPC Chair) via e-mail (eileen.maher@stmariecathedral.org), or after the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

Presentation for Rev Mr Paul Green: Paul, who served here as Deacon, has now moved to Barnsley to continue chaplaincy work there. On Saturday 21st October, the 12.30pm Mass will be for Paul, followed by refreshments and a presentation in Houlden Hall. You are all invited! If you would like to contribute something in thanksgiving for Paul's ministry here, there will be a retiring collection at the 8.00am, 10.30am and 12.30pm Masses this Sunday.

Mother & Baby Group in Houlden Hall—Wednesdays, 10.30am–12.00pm: Mothers, and babies and toddlers are invited to join us for friendship, play and refreshments! Dads and grandparents also welcome. Please ring the bell for Houlden Hall—right next to the Cathedral's main entrance—and we will let you in. Houlden Hall is directly above the Nottingham Building Society. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Night of Lights—a Christian alternative to Halloween, Saturday 28th October 4.00-6.00pm: Come and experience St Marie's in a way never experienced before! Climb the bell tower by lantern light, hear Bible stories by torchlight, and adore Jesus by candlelight. You are also invited to bring along a Christian-themed carved pumpkin to help light up our church! This Night of Lights event is suitable for all the family, whatever your age, and will be followed by some games and light refreshments in Houlden Hall afterwards.

Mothers Prayers Group—every Thursday at 1.00pm, in the Parish Room: Mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and Godmothers are all invited to join Candida for Mother's Prayers, in the Parish Room, straight after the lunchtime Mass. Mothers Prayers began in in the UK in 1995, and has now spread right across the world – because the prayer of a mother is powerful. Do join us!

Journey in Faith 2023-24—Registration: 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. Registration for this year's programme will take place on Saturday 21st October, from 3.00pm. If you are interested in taking part, please come along to the registration session.

Choir—New Members Welcome! 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. It is also a good way to get involved in the community if you are new to the area. We have a varied repertoire encompassing both traditional and modern church music, all voices and experience welcome. A commitment to regular attendance at rehearsals on Thursday evenings (7.30pm–9.00pm) and the 10.30am Sunday Mass (practice from 10.00am) is expected, as well as availability for the major liturgical events of the Church year. If you are interested, please see Robert Webb after Sunday Mass or contact him by email (robertwebb@stmariecathedral.org).

Vacancy at the Cathedral: Sacristan (part-time)

We are looking to appoint ASAP, ideally for the start of Advent 2023, a new permanent part-time Sacristan for the Cathedral. The post will involve 8 hours per week, to be worked flexibly throughout the week but including some time on Sunday mornings. There will also be a requirement to be available for all the main services of the Triduum, Easter and Christmas. (Time off in lieu will be available for any extra hours worked.)

Responsibilities include cleaning of liturgical vessels, linen and vestments and stock control of consumables to ensure everything is available and in good order the parish liturgies. Please note a DBS check will be required for the sacristan role. Remuneration will be paid at the appropriate National Living Wage rate.

For further information about this role, full job description and person specification, please contact the Cathedral Office. To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to the Cathedral Office. **Closing date for this post is 30th October 2023, at 12 noon.** Interviews will be held week commencing 7th November 2023.

St Marie's Job Seekers Group—next meeting Wednesday 18th October: We are One Church, One Family. This group offers practical help, encouragement and coaching support to anyone trying to find new or better employment. To find out more, please contact Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Women's Group at St Marie's, each Thursday—welcoming new members: The Women's Group continues to meet every Thursday, offering friendship and laughter, discussion and loving support - always over cups of tea and delicious cake and biscuits! Women of all ages are most welcome. If you would like to join us, please come along at 11.00am on Thursdays and meet us by the piano.

Promoting the Rosary—to Jesus through Mary: During the month of October, we are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary, as a powerful contemplative form of prayer, and to promote it to others. A creative from the Leeds Diocese has produced a beautiful illustrated guide to the Rosary, with very contemporary images for each of the mysteries. For this and other Rosary-based gift ideas, have a look at her website: https://firstsaturday.co.uk

The Mass is a big deal—so let us all participate as we offer the Son to the Father: What a gift the Mass is! It truly deserves our full devotion and participation, and yet it is hard for many of us to fully engage our hearts with the mysteries of the Mass – particularly the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice. But the beautiful words of the Eucharistic Prayer capture this high point of the Mass. As the priest prays those beautiful words of consecration in persona Christi, let us listen really hard to those words… And then let us unite our own prayers to them, as the priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus to the Father. The quality of our collective worship will be all the richer for it. Heavenly Father, please help us all to enter more deeply into these most sacred mysteries of your Mass; in Jesus' mighty name we pray.

Saint of the Week – St John Henry Newman: On Monday, we celebrate the feast of St John Henry Newman, who was canonised in Rome in 2019 – the first English Saint to be canonised since 1970. Born in London in 1801, his journey of faith took him through Evangelical Christianity, Calvinism, all of the Anglican traditions (from low-church to high-church) to Catholicism. He lived in Oxford as an Anglican clergyman and influential academic for 20 years, and it was his studies of the early Church that led him towards Catholicism. In 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church, and was ordained priest in Birmingham 2 years later. This all happened within the context of the strong anti-Catholic feeling that had been central to British culture since the 16th-century English Reformation – and indeed, his move to Catholicism lost him friends and family in the process. He went on to found the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in England, and was created Cardinal in 1879.

Security

Be aware that thieves operate in the city centre so keep handbags & valuables with you at all times when in Church

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