

# 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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## 2nd Sunday per annum (B)

14th to 21st January 2024

Readings: I 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 **Ps** 39:2+4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10. R\*8a+9a II 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 **G** Jn 1:35-42 Next Sunday: I Jon 3:1-5, 10 **Ps** 24:4bc-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9. R\*4a II 1 Cor 7:29-31 **G** Mk 1:14-20

Readings can also be found at http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm or on the Universalis app

#### Cathedral

#### Sunday 14: 2nd Sunday per annum

8.00am People of the Parishes

10.30am The Adefoye-Smart family (blessings)
12.30pm Janusz Skrzypczak (anniversary)

6.30pm November Memorial List

#### Monday 15: Monday in Week 2 per annum

8.00am The Wright family (intentions)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm George Cardinal Pell (R.I.P.)

#### Tuesday 16: Tuesday in Week 2 per annum

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Rev Fr Frank Flynn (anniversary) 5.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (R.I.P.)

#### Wednesday 17: St Antony

8.00am Eileen Lodge (anniversary)

12.30pm Joseph Lattimer (recently deceased)

5.30pm November Memorial List

#### Thursday 18: Thursday in Week 2 per annum

8.00am Vocations to the Priesthood
12.30pm The Calvert family (intentions)
5.30pm November Memorial List

#### Friday 19: Friday in Week 2 per annum

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Ellis Adefoye-Smart (guidance)

5.30pm Parish Sick List

#### Saturday 20: Saturday in Week 2 per annum

8.00am Rev Fr James Kennedy (anniversary)

12.30pm November Memorial List

## **Next Weekend – Cathedral**

#### Sunday 21: 3rd Sunday per annum

8.00am The Adefoye-Smart family (blessings)

10.30am November Memorial List

12.30pm Agnes Nagle (birthday anniversary)

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

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 14: 2nd Sunday per annum

9.15am Marie Leyton

Sunday 21: 3rd Sunday per annum

9.15am Mavis & Jim Thompson (R.I.P.)

## **Holy Family**

Sunday 14: 2nd Sunday per annum

10.30am Parish Intentions

Friday 19: Friday in Week 2 per annum

11.00am Funeral Mass (Mary Pridgeon)

Sunday 21: 3rd Sunday per annum

10.30am Parish Intentions

## <u>Svätá Omša v slovenčine</u> (Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 14: 2. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 21: 3. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession	Monday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm
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Rosary	Friday & Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass
Adoration and Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next one 24th January)

We pray for Mary Pridgeon, Roger Morewood, Leila McDonald, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: 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, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Diana, Karen Parry, 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:** 14 Jan – Rev Fr Peter Hurley; 16 Jan – Rev Fr Frank Flynn; 17 Jan – Eileen Lodge; 20 Jan – Barry Fenn, Rev Canon Emil Putmann, Rev Fr James Kennedy.

**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. 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 restarts this weekend:** Children's Liturgy will restart this Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass. During termtime each week, we share and discuss the Gospel, and nurture the hearts and minds of our youngest parishioners in the Truth and the Light that is Jesus. 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.

**2024 Sunday Missals are now available from the bookshop: Please note that** the open shelves in the bookshop will not be restocked for the foreseeable future. A small selection of general Mass intention cards and sympathy Mass intention cards will be available during office hours from the Cathedral office (front door opposite Crucible). Items from the locked cupboards will still be available when stewards are in attendance. If there is anything you particularly need email <a href="mailto:finance1889@gmail.com">finance1889@gmail.com</a> and Margaret Helliwell will arrange to get it to you.

**Wednesday Adoration & Prayer Group, 6.00pm:** The Adoration and Prayer Group that currently meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, with the next one on <u>Wednesday 24th January</u> 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! Everyone is welcome!

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 3rd February, from 9.30-11.00am in Houlden Hall. Registration forms are available after one of the Masses, from a steward or the Priest, or from the Cathedral office. If you wish your child to be baptised at St Marie's, you will need to attend the preparation programme, so please do fill in and return the registration form.

**Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Tuesday 13th February, 7.30pm:** If you wish to bring something to the PPC's attention, or come along as a guest, please get in touch with Niall, the PPC Secretary, on <a href="PPC@stmariecathedral.org">PPC@stmariecathedral.org</a>. Thank you.

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 we will meet you in the Cathedral by the piano.

**The Mass is a big deal – so please let's treat it that way!** To celebrate Mass well, we all need at least a few minutes of time to mentally prepare and declutter our minds. So, as we begin this new year, please let us all – as a congregation – make an extra effort to arrive at least a few minutes early for Mass. You won't ever regret it!

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Report:** A review of events over Christmas and New Year revealed that over 800 people attended three different Carol Services held during Advent. The three Guided Tours for schools saw 112 students, many who had never been in a Catholic church before. The Beacon of Hope event, which was held for the first time attracted over 120 people who came into a darkened candlelit church on a wet Saturday afternoon to light a candle and offer a prayer. Some were so moved that they left in tears! Christmas Masses saw 1,655 people, 200 more than last year, and 550 came to Mass over New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Thanks be to God!

**Christmas Flowers and Decorations:** The Cathedral looked especially beautiful thanks to the lovely flowers, evergreen wreaths on the pillars and gates, and the lovely Crib at the side of the Sanctuary. Huge thanks to those who helped in any way. (Sadly, this year only Two Wise Men visited the Crib, as one statue was broken accidentally.)

Next Talk and Social of St Marie's Christian Village—Saturday 3rd February, 6.00pm: The next CVSM talk and social will take place on the first Saturday of February, in Houlden Hall. *Dinner with Jesus* will be the theme of the event. Afterwards, there will be a shared supper and a chance to socialise with each other. CVSM exists for all Christians: young and old, those who live as families, and those who live alone. Please bring a food or drink contribution. For more information, please speak to Rafid or Valeria (10.30am Mass), or send a message to <a href="mailto:rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk">rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk</a>.

"Little Fishes", a free playgroup for the 0-3yrs—every Wednesday during term-time, 10.30am—12.00pm: "Little Fishes" and their parents/carers are welcome to join us every Wednesday morning in Houlden Hall for play, snacks and singing! Houlden Hall is directly above the Nottingham Building Society; please ring the bell for St Marie's Norfolk Chambers (right next to the Cathedral's main entrance) and you will be let in.

**Volunteers Needed to help out on Saturdays:** We are looking for a small team of volunteers to help out on Saturdays, either as a Steward, or as a Reader at the lunchtime Mass. If you would like to volunteer some time, please speak to Candida.

Journey with Abram, and see how he learns to trust God, despite his brokenness: "The Bible in a Year" podcast, by Fr Mike Schmitz, continues the salvation story by moving true the time period of the Patriarchs. In Days 6-11, we hear about how Abram did (and didn't) obey God, explore the major themes of learning to trust God and ultimately surrendering to Him, and how Abram finally became Abraham. Days 12-14 then follow the story of Isaac, God's promised son for Abraham. This podcast series uses a ground-breaking approach developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins, to tell the 'mega-story' of our Salvation History. Each day's podcast is around 20 mins in length, and can easily be fitted into your day. The podcast is available on all the major Apps, and on YouTube: just search "Bible in a Year Fr Mike".

Saint of the Week—St Anthony of Egypt, Desert Father: This Wednesday, 17th January, we remember St Anthony of Egypt (not the one we pray to for lost things - that's St Anthony of Padua. Saint Anthony was born in Egypt in the year 251. Aged 19 years, having just inherited a large estate from his deceased parents, he heard in church the famous utterance of Jesus to the rich man: "Go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven". To Anthony, the words came as though addressed to him personally. So that is what he did. He then lived the life of a hermit, eating only bread and a little salt after sunset, and drinking nothing but water. Aged 35 years, and yearning for an even closer union with God, Anthony took his 'flight from the world' and spent the next 20 years living in a cave at the cop of a cliff in the Egyptian desert. To this barren refuge, a friend would bring him bread and water every six months. It was in this wilderness that Antony is said to have fought off the 'wild beasts' of temptation – favourite themes used by painters in later years. Anthony's interpretation of the true Christian life won him many followers, who sought him for his advice. Aged 55 years, he then left his solitude and set up a monastery, one of the earliest known in Christendom, where he taught disciples. He went on to lead an extraordinarily long life, being 105 years old when he died.