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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

12th to 19th January 2025

Readings: ***I*** *Isa 40:1-5, 9-11* ***Ps*** *104(103):1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30.* ℟ *1* ***II*** *Tit 2:11-14; 3:1-7* ***G*** *Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*
Next Sunday: ***I*** *Isa 62:1-5* ***Ps*** *96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 9-10ac.* ℟ *3* ***II*** *1 Cor 12:4-11* ***G*** *Jn 2:1-11*
Readings can also be found at http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm or on the Universalis app

Cathedral

Sunday 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)
8.00am People of the Parishes
10.30am Hugh & Maureen Finnigan (intentions)
12.30pm For the Parish Groups
6.30pm Emrys Watkins (anniversary)

Monday 13: Monday in Week 1 *per annum*
8.00am Nadia (intentions)
12.30pm Joseph Brown (R.I.P.)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Tuesday 14: Tuesday in Week 1 *per annum*
8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Rodrinne (birthday)
5.30pm Rev Fr Peter Hurley (anniversary)

Wednesday 15: Wednesday in Week 1 *per annum*
8.00am Lucy Hazell (intentions)
12.30pm Special intention
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 16: Thursday in Week 1 *per annum*
8.00am Rev Fr Frank Flynn (anniversary)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm Lisa & Liam (intentions)

Friday 17: St Antony
8.00am Eileen Lodge (anniversary)
12.30pm Margaret Courtney (birthday anniversary)
5.30pm Beryl & family (intentions)

Saturday 18: Saturday in Week 1 *per annum*
8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 19: 2nd Sunday *per annum* (C)
8.00am Pope Benedict XVI (R.I.P.)
10.30am Prince James (intentions)
12.30pm Martin & Ann McDermott
6.30pm Ina & family (intentions)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9.15am Parish Intentions

Sunday 19: 2nd Sunday *per annum* (C)
9.15am Mavis & Jim Thompson (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 12: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 19: 2nd Sunday *per annum* (C)
10.30am People of the Parishes

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

Sunday 12: KRST KRISTA PÁNA
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 19: 2. nedeľa v Cezročnom období
3.00pm Parish Intentions

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

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

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

Adoration and Prayer Group ..... *2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next one: 22nd January)*

Bible Study Group ..... *Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)*

We pray for all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: Gloria Welsh, Elizabeth Sandy, Jean Hegarty, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Angela Eddy, Mary Parkinson, Kevin Worsnop, Damian Osako, Patricia Allen, Mary Worsnop, Jean Rogers (*flowers*), Kingsley Owomero, Charles Teti, Jean Rodgers (*ex-sacristan*), Liam Blayney, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Diana, Karen Parry, Sarah Betts, Jean Nowak, Rev Fr David Barnes, Liam Bambury, Owen Jenkinson, Sean Nagle, 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 – Caterino Milo, Rev Fr Peter Hurley; 16 Jan – Rev Fr Frank Flynn; 17 Jan – Eileen Lodge.

St Marie's Bible Group: St Marie's Bible group will be meeting this Wednesday for a 7.30pm start in Cathedral House. This week, we'll be looking at the thirteenth chapter of John's Gospel. All welcome!

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Tuesday 4th 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 PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you.

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 1st 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 Talk and Social of St Marie's Christian Village—Saturday 1st February, 6.00pm, in Houlden Hall: *The Presentation of the Lord: The Light that has Come into the World* will be the theme of the event, presented by Fr Henry. Afterwards, there will be a shared supper and a chance to socialise with each other. CVSM exists for all Christian: 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 them a message to rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk.

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 27th June–Thursday 3rd July 2025: Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the Jubilee Year 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Booking forms are available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com. For more information, please telephone 01302 247910, or e-mail lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com. The fare is £899 per person, for 6 nights full board (excl. insurance), flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. This year we hope to welcome pilgrims from every parish in the diocese. All are very welcome to join us – pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility, volunteer helpers, doctors, nurses, clergy, and general pilgrims.

Special Masses for the Jubilee Year (2025): Starting in February, during the Jubilee Year all the Masses on first Fridays will be Masses for the Holy Year, using the special prayers provided by the Holy See. The next first Friday is on 7th February. As well as Confessions at the normal time (11.30am–12.15pm), there will also be extra Confessions after the 5.30pm evening Mass.

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 Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy will restart on Sunday 12th January, for the Baptism of Our Lord. Each Sunday (during termtime), 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.

'Little Fishes', our free playgroup for the 0-3yrs—Wednesday mornings, 10.30am–12.00pm: We offer a warm welcome to our 'Little Fishes' and their parents / carers: join us in Houlden Hall for play, snacks and singing! Houlden Hall is situated 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.

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by email? Simply register with the PPC, and we will send it out to you each week: PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

St Marie's Women's Group, 11.00am–12.15pm on Thursdays in Houlden Hall: The Women's Group meets every Thursday, offering friendship and laughter, faith discussion and loving support - always over cups of tea and delicious cake and biscuits! Women of all ages are most welcome. We are now meeting in Houlden Hall; please ring the bell for St Marie's Norfolk Chambers (right night to next to the Cathedral's main entrance) and you will be let in.

The Mass is a big deal—so, what do we do to prepare? What a gift the Mass is! We all know it, and yet on many occasions we may recognise that in our hearts we are not entering into it with the full devotion and participation it truly deserves. So, what do you do to prepare for Mass? Do you arrive early enough to mentally prepare – even if just for a few minutes? To celebrate Mass well, we all need this time to prayerfully 'declutter' our minds and get rid of distracting thoughts. What changes can you introduce to better prepare for Mass?

Devotion of the Month—to the Holy Name of Jesus: The entire month of January is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, whose name literally means "God saves". It was Jesus himself who revealed the power of his name: "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name" (John 16:23). And his apostles promptly preached and healed through the power of his name: "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" (Luke 10:17); "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6). The name of Jesus is powerful, healing and transformative; there is no other name under heaven, given among mankind, by which any of us can be saved. His name is above every name (Philippians 2:6-11). So when we use the Holy Name of Jesus, let us proclaim it with joyful reverence and praise! Let his Holy Name remind us of all the blessings we have received through him as our Lord and Saviour! And let us always keep His name on our lips! A simple way to do that is the regular reciting of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner".

Saint of the Week—St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church: On Monday 13th January, we remember St Hilary who came from a wealthy 4th century pagan family in Poitiers, France. He was well educated in the classics, and became obsessed with understanding the reason of his own existence; surely the human soul did not exist simply to die? When pagan culture did not suffice, and philosophy fell short, Hilary finally found what he was searching for when he stumbled upon the Holy Scriptures. He was struck first by the mysterious name of God in the Old Testament – I AM WHO I AM – and then by the Son of God in the Gospel of John. He had the will to believe, and in the years that followed, he was given the power and gift to understand the beauty, mystery, omnipotence and nature of the Most Holy Trinity. Shortly after these discoveries of faith, Hilary was baptised a Christian, and when on to defend the doctrine of the Trinity against the 'insanity and ignorance of men'. He so impressed the faithful that they chose him to be their bishop; a dignity to which he reluctantly agreed. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to pledge their support for this heresy, Hilary refused, vigorously defending the truth. He was exiled to Phrygia (in modern-day Turkey), where he spent much time studying and writing a comprehensive defence of the doctrine of the Trinity. He caused so much trouble there, they begged the emperor to agree to send him back home. But he took the long way back to France, travelling through Greece and Italy, preaching all the way and weeding out the beginnings of Arianism in the Western Church. He was a true pastor who burned with a desire that everyone come to a deeper knowledge of the One God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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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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