

*Welcome to the
Catholic Community
of Central Nottingham*

PARISH BULLETIN
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**St Barnabas
Cathedral**
Nottingham



**St Barnabas Cathedral is now open for
Private Prayer and Public Mass.
All advice given in this newsletter
will be reviewed on a weekly basis.**

First Week of Christmastide

Saturday 26th December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021

Psalter Week 1 ~ Sundays - Year B ~ Weekdays - Cycle 1

Cathedral House, the Cathedral Office and Music Department are closed to members of the public. If you wish to have urgent contact with Canon Malachy or Fr Mathew, please telephone them on 0115 9539 839 and press the relevant extension number.

For all other enquiries please telephone the Cathedral Office and press extension 7.

At this time, if you wish to see one of the Clergy or arrange to receive the Sacrament of Confession, please telephone the office - entry to Cathedral House will be strictly by appointment only!

We appreciate your cooperation during this uncertain time. Thank you.

**Friday 1st January 2021 ~ New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

At the beginning of the New Year Bishop Patrick, Fr Mathew, Fr Marcus, Fr Jonathan and Canon Malachy extend to all parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral and all those streaming in, every good wish and blessing for the coming Year.

Today: The day began badly! Whatever, himself said, he shouldn't have said it, because his wife snapped back at him. Like reading the weather forecast, he could see lows coming in for the day, so he quietly got his lunchbox ready, slipped out the door, and off to work. The children, however, were not so wise, or so lucky. One lad was doing his homework in the middle of the cornflakes, another couldn't find his socks, and a third was asking for money for something or other. The atmosphere in the kitchen was getting more tense by the second, and, minus their normal hug and good wishes for the day, they were turfed out the door to school. They met their pals but, because they were still upset, they didn't speak to them, and this sparked off another row. Later, in class, not only did Junior not know the answer, but he hadn't even heard the question, so he ended up in the principal's office. What had begun in that kitchen this morning had spread quite a bit by lunchtime!

Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, ten cigarettes, and twelve cups of tea later, the mother was still in her dressing-gown, and she just couldn't get this day off the ground. She was a good woman, a woman of prayer, and someone with a lot of love in her. Suddenly it dawned on her: 'Not one thing that happened in this house this morning came from God'. The thought shook her, she sank to her knees, asked for help, and then, she got out her bottle of holy water. She sprinkled the holy water, using the authority given her by Jesus, through her baptism and confirmation, and, within seconds, the cloud had lifted, which it always will. She apologised to God for forgetting the only real and true source of peace and well-being, and then she phoned her husband, and assured him that it was safe to come home!

If she had continued to forget, she could easily have gone down the road of tranquillisers, alcohol, breakdown, etc. Only God can do God things, and preserving love, unity, and mutual respect is uniquely the work of God's Spirit. **(MB)**

Please visit our Facebook page "St Barnabas Cathedral" or Twitter: @Cathedral_Nottm or Cathedral Nottingham

This week Masses at the Cathedral will be Celebrated at the following times:
All the Masses are being streamed and recorded via the Cathedral Streaming Service on the Cathedral website: stbarnabascathedral.org.uk

Saturday 26th December <i>Boxing Day</i>	10.00am	Feast of Saint Stephen	Murphy Family Carol and Michael Hallam NO 6.30PM VIGIL MASS TODAY
Sunday 27th December	8.00am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Feast of the Holy Family First Week of Christmastide	Allan and Josie Smith RIP Jonathan and Gordina Battle ~ (45th Wedding Anniversary) Private Intention People of the Parish
Monday 28th December	1.00pm	Feast of the Holy Innocents	Anthony, John and Margaret Devaney RIP Sr Margaret Murphy
Tuesday 29th December	1.00pm	Feast of Saint Thomas of Canterbury	Moira O'Brien RIP Private Intention
Wednesday 30th December	1.00pm	Sixth Day Within The Octave of Christmas	Colin Sutton ~ Thanksgiving Private Intention
Thursday 31st December	1.00pm	Seventh Day Within The Octave of Christmas or Saint Sylvester I	Salvatori Papovano David and Marie ~ Thanksgiving for 2020, Blessings for the New Year
Friday 1st January 2021 <i>New Year's Day</i>	1.00pm	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God	Allan and Josie Smith RIP Chrissie Mittenshaw-Hodge Intentions
Saturday 2nd January	10.00am	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Tony Wyer RIP
Vigil	6.30pm		Siobhan and Don Intentions
Sunday 3rd January	8.00am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Second Sunday After Christmas	Nora and John McErlean's Intentions John Herd RIP (1st Anniversary) The People of the Parish Mary O'Loughlin

Please note there will be no 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Boxing Day.

Cathedral Crib Please do take time over the Christmas period to visit the Crib in St Hugh's Chapel. Please follow the entry and exit signs to allow all parishioners to visit the Crib safely. All proceeds will be for Emmanuel House for the Homeless.

Christmas Offering Thank you for your Christmas Offerings. The collection taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is your offering to the Parish Clergy. Likewise we thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts which were handed in to Cathedral House. Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

Eileen Brentnall RIP who is the mother of Fr Mark Brentnall, died peacefully on the morning of the 23rd December. She had celebrated her 89th Birthday just a few weeks ago. Fr Mark was with her and was able to anoint and pray with her. We pray now for the happy repose of her soul as we keep Fr Mark in our prayers at this very sad time.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

2021 – Year of St. Joseph In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic letter please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Feast of Saint Thomas of Canterbury (Becket) Bishop and Martyr On the 29th December, we celebrate the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury who is Patron of the English Pastoral Clergy. This year marks the 850th Anniversary of his martyrdom.

Prayers Please pray for all the people of our parish. Many people are greatly in need of our prayers of support in this continued time of uncertainty, especially those who have no family to support them. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment, those whose treatment has been cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic, and those who are in nursing homes or being cared for at home. We also remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

Update on Covid-19 and Vaccination: In September 2020 the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24 September 2020). In the light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development they have now issued a follow up statement (3rd December 2020) which can be found on the CBCEW website along with the original September statement. Link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Private prayer times are as follows: From Monday 28th December, the Cathedral is open for Private Prayer from 12noon - 2pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am - 11.30am Saturday. There will be no private prayer on a Sunday.

The Celebration of Mass: Please book weekend Masses using the Diocesan booking system available at: www.massbooking.uk - you need to create an account; once created you can book your place at Mass for weekend Masses. The Masses are bookable on a 7-day cycle. **If you are not online you will need to telephone the Cathedral Office on 0115 9539839 - Extension 7 - Please try and call between Monday to Friday between the hours of 10am and 3pm to book a place - this number is for only people who wish to attend Mass at the Cathedral.** You will be required to wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. If you are extremely clinically vulnerable, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish community or accessing the Mass on live streaming. The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended, so if you are unsure about coming along, do not feel under any obligation to do so; and if you, or someone in your household, displays symptoms of Covid19, then please do stay at home.

Please note: The maximum number of people allowed in the Cathedral for each Mass is 96 bookings. Only 2 are allowed in a pew or a ‘bubble’ from the same household.

Collections No collection will take place during Mass but there are collection points at the entrance and exit of the Cathedral. On-line donations are the preferred method of giving if it is at all possible and information to donate this way can be found on the last page of this newsletter. We are very grateful for your continued financial support, we really appreciate it during these uncertain times.

Distribution of Holy Communion: Holy Communion will be given in the hand only and with the communicant standing. Both Priest and communicant should extend their arms fully to allow for social distancing. The Host is placed into the hand from just above the palm, so as to avoid physical contact, please make sure you consume the Host immediately.

Carol Service Last Sunday evening a great crowd attended the Carol Service in the Cathedral garden and it was such a lovely occasion and enjoyed by all who attended. In spite of what is happening now and what has gone on throughout the year, it was wonderful that some of us could come together. Many thanks to Gregory, our Music Director, Neil Page, Colum O'Shea and the Youth Choir for organising the event and also for Cheryl and her team of helpers who provided refreshments, and the stewards, for making sure that everyone was kept safe.

SPUC the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is, as usual, holding their White Flower Appeal in January. You can donate to their work at www.spuc.org.uk/Donate or send a cheque to the following address: 'Freepost SPUC'. SPUC works to protect unborn babies and their mothers, and also the elderly, the disabled and the vulnerable at the end of life. Every penny raised will help to build a culture of life in our country. Please give generously.

ACT NOW AND ASK YOUR MP TO OPPOSE INTRODUCING ASSISTED SUICIDE The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>. – Daniel Turner: Right To Life UK

Caritas Discovery ~ Prepare the Future *Building post~Covid parishes of welcome, listening and hope.* Thursday 7th January 2021 from 2pm to 3.30pm. Pope Francis likens the parish to a 'field hospital' and a 'sanctuary where the thirsty can come to drink'. With the vaccination a 'gamechanger', life will resume and such hospitality, radical but simple, will be sorely needed by everyone hurt by the pandemic. Our own parishes will be well placed to offer it - both to our own people and to the wider community. The first workshop of the New Year will help to start preparations to open up to such hospitality when the time is right. This workshop will enable you to learn how your parish could open a 'place of welcome', 'listening centre' or 'social befriending' to help local neighbours recover from the pandemic. All who would like to help our parishes lead the recovery can join via Zoom on Thursday 7th January 2021. To book please visit the Diocese of Nottingham website and follow the links.

Hospitals: A number of priests are still trying to maintain an 'on-call' rota for City and QMC. **This is strictly for calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life.** The hospital will not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the chaplaincy team who may or may not be a Catholic minister. Families should not contact a priest direct to visit their loved one in hospital – all requests need to go through the ward and Chaplaincy Department. QMC 0115 9249924 ext 63799, City 0115 9691169.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Food Bank and Emmanuel House Thank you to all who have donated so generously already. The need for donations of food for the Food Bank and of food and underwear [small/ medium] for Emmanuel House is greatly needed. There continues to be families all around the country in desperate situations with no work and no income, this includes people in Nottingham, and unfortunately there is a great pressure on the services that help. If you can help the people in need, priority items are cans of meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, long life milk and cooking oil. You can also make a donation directly to Emmanuel House via the website, just search Emmanuel House.

Easyfundraising As more and more people are shopping on line during this uncertain time, please consider signing up to the Easyfundraising website and selecting St Barnabas Maintenance Fund as your chosen charity, a donation can be made every time we do online shopping at a large variety of websites including Tesco, Sainsbury's, Amazon or eBay. It is just a matter of "clicking-through" via the Easyfundraising website where a donation will be paid to the Cathedral on a quarterly basis. **Please do consider helping us raise money this way, especially if you are January sale shopping online.**

OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

We would like to once again thank all of you who have continued to contribute financially in support of the Cathedral. It has been very much appreciated. As you are aware, the Cathedral Parish always needs your continued support and especially at this time. Coronavirus has raised some very particular financial challenges for us. Not only do we have no plate and envelope collection but we cannot hire out our parish rooms either. We must, however, continue to pay for essentials such as our priests' living expenses, the upkeep of our buildings and other ongoing costs. Even though we now are able to celebrate Public Mass again, the donations kindly received from those attending Mass is still considerably down.

Of course, we realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able to continue their level of giving. If this is the case, we fully understand, and our prayers are with you. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it.

If you usually give by envelope or loose plate, you can now donate via online or telephone banking. You can make individual donations whenever you wish, or you can set up a regular donation by Standing Order on a weekly or monthly basis.

If you have not received your envelopes, please contact the Cathedral Office.

For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking the parish bank details are as follows:

St Barnabas Cathedral:

*Bank: Lloyds Bank
Account Name: St Barnabas Cathedral Nottingham RCP
Account Number: 01647189
Sort code: 30 96 18*

Please put your name (e.g. D SMITH) in the payment reference so we know the donation is from you. This is particularly important if we have a signed gift aid declaration from you. If you normally use numbered Planned Giving envelopes you should quote your envelope number as the payment reference (so: D SMITH, the holder of envelope 19, would quote D SMITH ENV 19).

If you would like to donate by standing order, but you do not have access to the internet or do not bank online, please email: stbarnabasnottingham@gmail.com - or directly to the Gift Aid Office: parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk. We can then organise emailing the necessary standing order paperwork to you.

If you are a UK taxpayer you also have the option of adding Gift Aid to your donation, whereby the UK government adds a further 25% to your contribution. Anyone wishing to set up a new Gift Aid arrangement should contact the parish office via email: stbarnabasnottingham@gmail.com or email: parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Legacies Most of the running costs of your Parish and of the Diocese and of the national Bishops' Conference costs are covered by the regular collections which are taken at the weekend Masses. However, there are from time to time substantial one-off costs. For example, the boiler in the Church may suddenly and unexpectedly need replacing. A building might need substantial roof repair. Facilities for the disabled may need to be provided, and there is the ever present need to bring our buildings up to date with health and safety legislation. Until such time as these funds are needed by the Parish, they are deposited centrally and are invested. If you would be kind enough to consider a legacy to the Church in your Will, it is a tax advantage as a Charity, please see below

Grapevine: The essential bulletin for missionary disciples. Whilst we can't all meet we are still the Church. **Please see more information on the Diocesan website.**

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