

*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 Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th January 2021 to Sunday 17th January 2021

Psalter Week II ~ Sundays - Year B ~ Weekdays - Cycle I

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.

Today: The following story is recorded as having actually happened to an Irish missionary priest in Africa. He was ministering to diverse groups in some very remote area – he was hard-working, very zealous, and he gained the confidence of the natives. At that time, numbers were very important, and conversion was the name of the game. After a great deal of endeavour, he succeeded in getting a whole cluster of families to accept the Christian message. The instruction and preparations were long and tedious. Despite his success, there was one thing that bothered him: the chief of the tribe refused to join the group preparing for baptism. All went well, and there was a very impressive ceremony, as he baptised each member of the group, and accepted them into the Christian community. The chief continued to hold out, so the priest decided to leave him alone, and leave him to his own devices. Exactly two years later, the chief came to him and requested instruction in the Christian faith. The priest was delighted. However, he was puzzled about the chief's reason for holding out so long, and his decision to become a member now. When he asked, the chief's answer was very simple. He wanted to wait, watch, and see if baptism had made any difference in the lives of the others, before he himself was prepared to make his own personal commitment. *Question:* If all of us were arrested, brought down to the local courthouse, and charged with being a Christian, how many of us, do you think, would get off scot-free for lack of evidence? **MB**

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Please pray for all those who have been baptized during the last 12 months; pray for them and their families. May we all continue to receive the strength to bring the love and light of Jesus into our families, our workplaces, schools and to all we meet.

'By your grace Lord, I have come to experience the gift of life you offer. Help me to remain free and faithful so that I may grow as a disciple of your message of love. I ask this with faith in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.'

**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 9th January	10.00am	Saturday after Epiphany	Connor Lynch
Vigil	6.30pm		MMCH Intentions
Sunday 10th January	8.00am	The Feast of the	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Baptism of the Lord	My Daughter's "Birthday"
	11.15am		Mary Smith RIP
	6.00pm		Caroline's Intentions
Monday 11th January	1.00pm	Feria	Kitty Kenny P J Ronane RIP (PN)
Tuesday 12th January	1.00pm	Feria	Private Intention Holy Souls
Wednesday 13th January	1.00pm	Feria	Private Intention Holy Souls
Thursday 14th January	1.00pm	Feria	Fr Pravin (PN) Fr Francis Grebenar RIP
Friday 15th January	1.00pm	Feria	Bridie Leape Sean & Peggy—Wedding Anniversary (PN) Anne Armstrong RIP
Saturday 16th January	10.00am	Feria	Clare Hayes RIP
Vigil	6.30pm		Welfare of Sean & Fiona
Sunday 17th January	8.00am	Second Sunday of the	Jay Patel RIP
	10.00am	Year	People of the Parish
	11.15am		Ruth Parker RIP
	6.00pm		Patrick Kealy Intentions

Request for Prayer: Canon Owen O'Neil has been taken into hospital suffering from liver cancer. He is very seriously ill at this moment in time. Canon Owen is well known and loved and your prayers would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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, 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.

The Journey of Faith and RCIC are cancelled on a Monday evening for the foreseeable future. We will be in touch when further information is received to recommence the programmes.

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.

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.**

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: 'Freeport 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

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/>

Weddings 2021 Any couples who are hoping to get married this year at the Cathedral, are required in the first instance to make an appointment with the Cathedral Dean. Diocesan Law requires a minimum of six months notice prior to the wedding. This enables all the necessary arrangements and preparations to be made. All couples without exception have to attend the Marriage Preparation Course.

Prayers For Vocations take place on Saturday mornings at 9.15am. Stewards will be on hand to keep everyone safe. All are welcome.

INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Private prayer times are as follows: 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.

Peace Sunday takes place on the 17th January 2021 - Pax Christi – ‘seeking together a world at peace.’ We’ve made a start towards ‘building back better’ with our response to the pandemic during this last ten months. In 2021, let’s continue that journey, working together to fashion a world in which all can belong and, while living in peace, can contribute their gifts, their care, their kindness. Nowhere is the call to join hands in friendship more needed than in building peaceful relations between nation states and overcoming the distrust that so damages relations between different countries. If you want to be involved in that work of building ‘social friendship’ between the nations, especially in places that have known conflict, join Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement. It does such good work, fostering dialogue in places of conflict; empowering its members to act for peace and reconciliation; and providing resources, contacts, ideas and inspiration to help us all together to create a culture of peace. Contact them at St. Joseph’s, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY or www.paxchristi.org.uk

Caritas Discovery ~ Building post-Covid parishes of welcome, listening and hope.

Prepare the Future 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. **Diaspora and Diversity ~ in the missionary parish** Thursday 14th January from 4.30pm to 6pm. As our shared ministry for social justice and charity, Caritas should reflect the rich diversity of our parishes. This workshop will begin to explore and share how we can ensure that all are welcome, whether to serve or be served. **Journey in Hope ~ Patterns for action and contemplation** Wednesday 20th January from 10am to 11.30am. Let us ensure that everything we do together with Caritas springs from a generous and reflective spirituality, and nourishes us for more. We’ll take time to discern what that might look like in practice, sharing ideas and sharing prayer. **To book any of these events please visit the Diocese of Nottingham website and follow the links.**

Donation Station: As you are aware, for the last 10 months no collections have been able to take place during Mass. This is obviously not just at weekend Masses but also collections that would have taken place in relation to the maintenance of the Cathedral throughout the year. Unfortunately the income lost because of this is now in the region of £100,000.00. Thank you to all our parishioners who pay via standing order or make regular donations into our bank account. Collection boxes have been available at the back of the Cathedral since Public Masses have resumed and we thank all who have donated this way but we do appreciate that people do not always like to carry cash at this moment in time due to Covid-19. At the back of the Cathedral we have now installed a ‘User Friendly’ Digital Collection Plate to enable electronic giving. This can be done either ‘contactless’ or by inserting your debit/credit card into the card machine and using your PIN number. Donation amounts are already set up for your ease but there is an additional button to add your own amount. It also gives the option for you to Gift Aid your donation if you are a Tax Payer at no extra expense to yourselves. Please do take some time to familiarise yourself with the digital collection plate over the next few weeks or when convenient - it is an easier way to donate to the Cathedral and help with the mission of the Church.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Food Bank/Emmanuel House Emmanuel House has ask that people donate via their Amazon Wishlist at: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/11NR9ORNHDRER?&sort=default> Donations will be delivered directly to Emmanuel House, and nothing wasted. For people who cannot use the website, please find below a list of current priority needs: **Fruit pots; Tinned fruit; Tinned meat (spam, corned beef, chicken); Rice pudding; Long-life milk; Bottled water; Crisps; Chocolate bars; Biscuits.** Regular deliveries will be starting again from Cathedral House from this Wednesday so please bring in any items you wish to donate to Cathedral House. Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel House and the Food Bank.

Fratelli Tutti—Community Organising & Catholic Social Action—Friday 22nd January from 9am—11am. To register: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/fratelli-tutti-community-organising-catholic-social-action/> - Reflections and testimonies from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon and representatives from parishes, schools and charities.

Easyfundraising As more and more people are shopping on line 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 & eBay. Just "click-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

Now, more than ever our parish relies on your donations to stay open and provide care and support to everyone in our community, so please consider giving generously to support our mission and ministry. Thank you for your support.

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 for further information.

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