

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday	11:00am 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: Frederick & Mary Haines, <i>RIP</i> Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community
Monday <i>Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Paula Mendes, <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Elizabeth Patricia Griffiths, <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday	12:30pm 12:45pm	Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday <i>St. Januarius</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Magnus Fernandez, <i>RIP</i> (Anniv.)
Friday <i>Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Companions</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Fay, Charlie & Family
Saturday <i>St. Matthew</i>	10:00am 10:30pm 4:15pm	Mass: Sanctity of Life <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:15pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i> Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Int. Catherine Snow
Sunday	11:00am 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: In Thanksgiving Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community

Mass Count - The first of the annual Mass count, as part of collating the statistics for the Archdiocese begin next weekend. Everyone will be counted during the Masses by the welcomers.

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15th September 2019

Psalter: Week 4

Where is your God?

After an age of wondering through the desert, the Israel arrives at Mount Sinai where God calls Moses up the mountain to receive the 10 Commandments. God has done great things for His people. He has freed them from slavery in Egypt, divided the Red Sea and even provided sustenance for them in the desert and yet, it seems their memories are very short. With Moses away, the people start to ask, “where is our God?” They almost instantly forget all that has happened and turn to themselves for an answer. They create a new idol in the form of a Golden Calf and quickly declare, “Here is your God, Israel.”

Israel’s situation is hardly unique. We too can suffer from “short memories”, asking, “where is our God?” In moments of hardship, He can be hard to see as we forget how He is walking with us in the present. In times of happiness and self-sufficiency, God fades into the background as we enjoy the fruits of our labour. In short, we fail to recognise God in our lives and begin to answer the question by constructing our own “Golden Calves” of wealth, status and security, acclaiming with the Israelites, “Here is our God.”

In the Gospel, Our Lord shares with us 3 parables explaining how dear each and every one of us is to God. We all suffer from “short memories”, wandering from the right path and doing all kinds of things along the way. Sometimes we feel that we are not worthy of the Lord’s forgiveness or that our sin is so big that we can’t be forgiven. However, “God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, §3) So this week let us ask ourselves “where is our God?” Is our God wealth or status? Or is Our God waiting for you to encounter Him in prayer or experience His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

INFORMATION

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Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

Each week, the seven day candle at the Sacred Heart shrine will burn for the intention of one of the priests of our diocese, for his ministry among us.

This week, we remember in our prayers **Fr. Bernard Sixtus**, Parish Priest of Usk.

There is a prayer for our priests at the Sacred Heart shrine.

Stewardship and Formation

Mass Intentions - It is an ancient tradition to have a Mass celebrated for our deceased relatives or friends, for someone who is sick, or in gratitude for help received. It is usual in requesting such a Mass to give a stipend (donation); this goes directly for the support of the priest who celebrates the requested Mass. If you wish to have a Mass dedicated, there are Mass offering envelopes available at the back of the Cathedral, where you can note down the intention and also any preferred date you may wish to have this Mass celebrated. We will try to facilitate the date requested but priority must be given to funerals, weddings, and other scheduled intentions. Thank you for your understanding.

September marks the **S.V.P. Awareness Month**. We are very privileged to have a new SVP group here at the Cathedral. There will be more information on the SVP and their work in our community next week. Please keep the work of the SVP in your prayers.

Year of the Word - the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have dedicated 2019/20 as the Year of the Word, celebrating the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini* (The Word of the Lord). During the Year, there will be opportunities to enrich our understanding appreciation of Sacred Scripture. A complete schedule of events to celebrate the Year will be available in the forthcoming weeks.

Prayer and Worship

Sacrament of Reconciliation - There are several opportunities to experience the

loving embrace of Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the week:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays - From 12:00pm until 12:25pm.

Saturdays - From after the morning Mass until 12:00pm, and again from 4:30pm until 5:15pm.

October, Moth of the Holy Rosary - From Tuesday, 1st October, the Holy Rosary will be prayed at Chapel of Our Lady of Penrhys here at the Cathedral on the weekday evenings (Monday to Friday) at 6pm. During this special month, we turn to Our Lady, seeking her intercession and protection.

On **Sunday, 13th October**, there will be Rosary and Benediction at the Cathedral to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary. The Holy Hour begins at 3:30pm.

Canonisation of John Henry Newman - All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the Canonisation of Bl. John Henry Newman on Sunday, 13th October in Rome. A native of England, this is a time of great grace for us. Preparations are underway to mark this special occasion. Here at the Cathedral, we will be uniting ourselves in prayer by joining in the special novena, beginning on Friday, 4th October. We will be dedicating one of the side chapels to the newly canonised John Henry Newman in due course.

Social, Fundraising & Finance

Last Week's Collection - Thank you for your continued support. Last week's totals are as follows:

Total: £692.06
Standing orders £250.00

Sr. Mary Treacy would like to thank you most sincerely for your contribution of £495.97, which will go to advancing the mission of the Church.

Gift Aid your donation - If you are a taxpayer, consider gift-aiding your donation to the Cathedral. Gift aiding your donation means that the Cathedral receive 25p from each £1 donated, free-of-charge. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, there are envelopes at the end of the pews.

Canon Peter Collins

Next Sunday evening, we welcome Canon Collins back to the Cathedral so that we can show our gratitude for his contribution to the life of the Cathedral over the last eighteen years. After the evening Mass, there will be a reception for the Canon at the Cornerstone, where we will present the Canon with a gift. There is no charge to attend this reception. The bar will be open, and there will be entertainment provided. So that we can judge numbers, there is a signup sheet at the back of the Cathedral. Please sign your names as you leave Mass.

Advanced Notice

Saturday, 28th September - Mass on Saturday evening, for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, will be celebrated at **5:00pm** and not at the usual time. During this Mass, we will welcome members of the Catenian Association, as they celebrate a hundred years of service to the Church in this area.

Confessions on the 28th September will be available from 4:00pm until 4:45pm.