

Accessibility Statement for St Marie's Cathedral

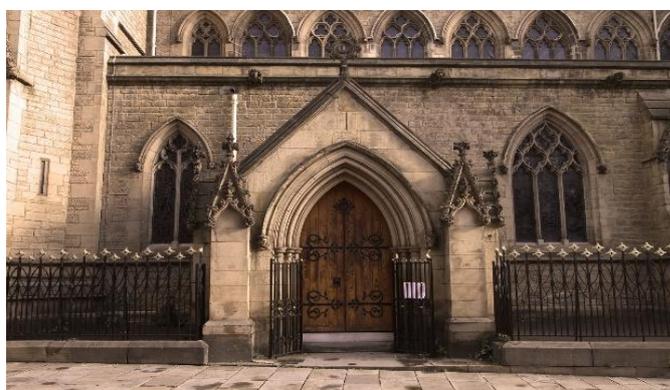
This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

We are always looking for ways to improve the service we provide to our visitors, so please contact us if you have comments or suggestions about this access statement, or anything else that you think can improve your visit to the Cathedral.

Welcome

We are working hard to make the St Marie's Cathedral experience accessible for all, and will continue working to ensure that all visitors are made welcome.

We hope you enjoy your visit.



Location

St Marie's Cathedral is a Grade II* listed building, and has been the centre for Catholic worship in Sheffield since 1850.

The cathedral is located on Norfolk Row, a City Centre location opposite the Crucible Theatre on Norfolk Street. It can also be accessed from the Fargate Shopping Precinct.

There is no public car park, but on street parking and a drop off point is available on Norfolk Street.

Outside Access

Norfolk Row is a pedestrian precinct.

The paved area outside the cathedral is a mixture of flag and cobblestones.

The main entrance has level access and the double doors open automatically.¹

A second set of double doors lead into the Cathedral. The doors have pull handles, and open towards you.



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Inside Access

It is level with wide aisles.²

Sitting/resting areas are available all around the cathedral.²

There is a disabled toilet available, however assistance may be required with a heavy door.

There is a hearing loop available.

Light levels vary throughout the cathedral.

Areas that may restrict accessibility

There are steps around the Font.³



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There is one shallow step into the Mortuary Chapel, with handrails on either side as you enter.

There are two steps on entering the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, with a further three steps once inside. A further step provides access to the tomb of Father Pratt. There are no handrails.

There is one step on entering St Joseph's Chapel.

Access to Our Lady Chapel is via relatively steep winding stairs, with a handrail on your right as you climb up to the Chapel.⁴



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