

**Cathedral Church of St Marie
Churches of St Charles Borromeo, Holy Family and
Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald**

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**2nd Sunday of Advent (B)
10 December to 17 December 2017**

Today's Readings: *I*sa 40:1-5, 9-11 *Ps* 84:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14. *R* 8 *II* 2 *P*et 3:8-14 *G* *M*k 1:1-8

Next Sunday: *I*sa 61:1-2a, 10-11 *Ps* *L*k 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54. *R* *I*sa 61:10b *II* 1 *T*hess 5:16-24 *G* *J*n 1:6-8, 19-28

Cathedral

Saturday 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Sunday 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am People of the Parishes
10.30am Harriet Victoria Cauchi (deceased)
12.30pm Maureen Foster (anniversary)
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Monday 11: Advent Weekday

8.00am **NO MASS**
12.45pm Marilyn McLoughlin (anniversary)
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Tuesday 12: Advent Weekday

8.00am Mrs Lenehan & family
12.45pm Greta Murphy (recently deceased)
5.30pm P.H. (sick) (intentions)

Wednesday 13: St Lucy

8.00am November Memorial List
12.45pm Lucy Hazell (intentions)
5.30pm The McKenna family (intentions)

Thursday 14: St John of God

8.00am Domenico Gionotta (deceased)
12.45pm Rt Rev Gerald Moverley (anniversary)
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Friday 15: Advent Weekday

8.00am **NO MASS**
12.45pm Rev Mgr William Kilgannon (intentions)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 16: Advent Weekday

12.30pm Bernard Dunn (anniversary)

Next Weekend's Masses – Cathedral

Sat 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (Vigil)

5.30pm Mrs Charlton and family & friends

Sunday 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8.30am Deceased Members of the SVP
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Terence Emerson
6.30pm Brian O'Sullivan (anniversary)

St Charles

Sunday 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00am Parish Sick List

Wednesday 13: St Lucy

7.00pm Maria Tkaczuk (deceased)

Sunday 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Richard Quinn (R.I.P.)

Friday 15: Advent Weekday

9.15am Agnes May Westmoreland (R.I.P.)

Sunday 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

9.45am Dennis McLoughlin (anniversary)

Holy Family

Sunday 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Sunday 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Divine Office at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7.45am

Midday Prayer: Monday–Friday 12.30pm

Evening Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 5.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday–Friday 12.00–12.30pm

Saturday 11.00am–12.15pm, 4.45–5.15pm

Exposition

Monday–Friday 12.00–12.30pm

Please note the adjusted times for the Divine Office this week

Prayer Led by Parishioners at the Cathedral

Rosary Friday 2.00pm and Saturday 12.00pm

Devotion to The Divine Mercy Friday 2.30pm

Parish Groups at the Cathedral

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sundays during 10.30am Mass. All Children Welcome

St Vincent de Paul Fortnightly in the Parish Rooms; please tel. 07783 161090 for details

Monday Over 60s Lunch Club After 12.45pm Mass in the Parish Room

Friday Lunch Club *The next Friday Lunch Club will be Friday 5th January 2018*

Young Adults 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm in the Cathedral. All welcome

Sunday Teas & Coffees After 10.30am Mass in Houlden Hall

Other Masses at the Cathedral

Sheffield Ordinariate Group *No Ordinariate Mass on Saturday 9th December*

Next Mass is at 10.00am on Saturday 16th December

We pray for Frederick Kenny, Sheila Yorke, Weronika Kosciukiewicz, and all those who have died recently.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick: Pat Lee, Mag Connell, Philippa Bartlett, Eileen Lawrenson, Fr Kieran O'Connell, Sheila Canny, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Gloria Welsh, Anthony Gallagher, Ann White, Manuel Moreira, Celestine, Ana Maria Moreira, Diana & Zaneta Holubova, John Carroll, Laney Leigh Whittaker, Maria Tomé Lopes Bandeira, Maureen Keating, Robert Stock, Kate Ibok, Kath Atherton, Rev Fr Kevin Thornton, Rev Fr Martin Williams, Rev Fr David Stafford, 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: 10 Dec – Steve Lockwood; 14 Dec – Rt Rev Gerald Moverley; 16 Dec – Bernard Dunn, Allan Smythe, Winnie Eason; 17 Dec – Rev Fr James Flynn.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £1021.09 CAFOD: £20.00

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the **Organ Restoration Fund**

Slovak Mass (Svätá Omša v slovenčine): the next Slovak Mass will be on Sunday 17th December, 3.30pm at St Charles Borromeo. There will also be Mass for Christmas (Vianočné sviatky) at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December), also at St Charles.

Friday Lunch Club: the Friday Lunch Club will be taking a break until the New Year—the next lunch club will be on Friday 5th January 2018.

RESTORATION OF THE THOMAS LEWIS ORGAN

The reinstallation of the Cathedral Organ is due to be completed soon!
But we need your help with fundraising in order to cover the costs of the restoration.

Gift Aid envelopes are now available from the back of the Cathedral. Please do fill out the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope if you pay income tax—it enables us to increase your donation by 25%!
Envelopes can be placed in any of the donation boxes in the Cathedral.

Journey in Faith: the next session is on Tuesday 12th December from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall, and the topic will be “The Eucharist”.

The next Confirmation session will be on Sunday 17th December, 3.30-5.00pm in Houlden Hall.

The next Baptism Preparation Programme will be held over two sessions on Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th January 2018, 9.30-11.00am in Houlden Hall. If you are planning to have your child baptised in the near future, please pick up a registration form at the end of Sunday Mass, fill it out and drop it off at Cathedral House or after Mass.

The Lord Mayor’s Charity Carol Celebration

This event will take place in the Cathedral this Thursday (14th December), starting at 7.00pm.

Those taking part include: children from St Marie’s and St Patrick’s Schools, the St Marie’s Choir, Black Velvet Wind Quartet, and Keitu. The Lord Mayor’s Charities include: Sheffield Royal Society of the Blind, Sheffield Dementia Action Alliance, Sheffield Hospitals Charity, Sheffield Young Carers, and ArtWorks.

Admission will be £5.00, payable on the door—all welcome!

Come Home for Christmas: this initiative welcomes people at Christmas, especially those who don’t normally come to church. We are asking you to invite friends, family and colleagues to a special event at St Marie’s that will include Carols, Christmas Bible readings, mince pies and mulled wine. At Masses this weekend, cards will be given out with an invitation to the Carol Service on Friday 15th December at 7.00pm.

“Bambinelli Sunday”—have your Nativity Baby Jesus blessed! Children and adults are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figures along from home next Sunday (17th December), to be blessed during the 10.30am Mass. Families are then encouraged to place their ‘bambinelli’ in a gift box, wrap it, and have it as the first gift their family opens on Christmas Day!

A Captivating Christmas Choral Experience—Tuesday 19th December, 7.30pm: Come together with the Seven Hills Singers, Sheffield’s newest choir, led by Mark McCombs, as they make their debut with some scintillating festive music from several centuries, here at St Marie’s Cathedral. Standard tickets cost £10; 19-35 years cost £5; 18 years and under are FREE. For tickets, call or text 07850 887061, e-mail sevenhillssingers@gmail.com, or visit the Blue Moon Café.

There will be an Advent Penitential Service on Saturday 16th December, starting at 11.00am, with Confessions following until 12.15pm. All welcome!

Extended Advent Confessions at St Marie’s Cathedral: Confession times at the Cathedral will be extended to 11.30am-12.30pm from Monday 18th December until Saturday 23rd December, with two priests hearing Confessions each day. Please see the timetable on the notice board for more information.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1st January): After the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 31st December, there will be a vigil of prayer in the Cathedral, followed by Mass at midnight to usher in the New Year. Everyone is welcome!

Important—Mass Intentions: please note that, due to the shortage of priests, the Cathedral cannot guarantee that Mass intentions requested for a particular date or time will be able to be scheduled for that date/time. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but they may have to be moved to the nearest available Mass. Please do check the weekly Mass schedule on the front page of the bulletin, or ring the Cathedral office (272 2522) ahead of time in order to avoid disappointment.

St Marie's Cathedral Christmas Draw 2017: Tickets are now on sale at the back of church! Please ask for assistance if necessary. There are many prizes, including a Christmas Hamper worth £50, a Tea Time Hamper, spirits, chocolates and wine. Tickets cost 50p. The Draw will take place on Sunday 24th December in Houlden Hall after the 10.30am Mass. All winners will be notified!

The Flower Team would like to thank all those who have contributed fresh flowers and given donations towards flowers for the Cathedral during the past year. We now have a short break during Advent with only the Advent Wreath to remind us of the longing for the coming of the Messiah. However we would welcome donations and bunches of flowers a bit nearer Christmas. Please put donations in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers or leave fresh flowers with the stewards.

The Future of Catholic Education: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard! The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap, which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics, and at the last general election promised to abandon it—now we need you to tell them not to 'u-turn' on their promise to Catholics. Please go to <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy, which bans new Catholic schools.

Volunteering Opportunity! St Marie's Cathedral is looking for friendly volunteers to join our Stewarding team! If you can give an hour or so a week to help welcoming visitors to the Cathedral it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested please contact Amy at whatson@stmariecathedral.org.

Current Vacancies: Details can be found on the notice-board and on the Hallam Diocesan Website.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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| <u>St Marie's</u> | Sunday 24th Dec: 5.30pm (Vigil) Monday 25th Dec: 12.00am (Midnight Mass, with carols from 11.30pm), 8.30am , 10.30am , 12.30pm and 6.30pm |
| <u>St Charles</u> | Monday 25th Dec: 9.00am |
| <u>Our Lady & St Oswald's</u> | Sunday 24th Dec: 6.30pm (Vigil, with carols from 6.00pm) Monday 25th Dec: 9.45am |
| <u>Holy Family</u> | Monday 25th Dec: 12.00am (Midnight Mass) and 11.00am |

Security

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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