

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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent (B)
17 December to 24 December 2017**

Today's Readings: *I* Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11 *Ps* Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54. *R* Isa 61:10b *II* 1 Thess 5:16-24 *G* Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Next Sunday: *I* 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 *Ps* 88:2-3, 4-5, 27+29. *R* cf. 2a *II* Rom 16:25-27 *G* Lk 1:26-38

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)

Monday 18: Advent Weekday

8.00am **NO MASS**

12.45pm Elizabeth Whelan (R.I.P.)

5.30pm **NO MASS**

Tuesday 19: Advent Weekday

8.00am Alan Baker (anniversary)

12.45pm Teresa & Hugh Kenny (intentions)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 20: Advent Weekday

8.00am Vocations to the Priesthood

12.45pm Tony Lefroy (recently deceased)

5.30pm Rev Fr Patrick Walsh (intentions)

Thursday 21: Advent Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List

12.45pm James & Louise Walters (intentions)

5.30pm **NO MASS**

Friday 22: Advent Weekday

8.00am **NO MASS**

12.45pm Jessie Durham (anniversary)

5.30pm Rev Fr David Ryan (anniversary)

Saturday 23: Advent Weekday

12.30pm Frederick Okeke Ude (deceased)

Next Weekend's Masses – Cathedral

Saturday 23: 4th Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Deceased Family & Friends of F. & W. Houlden

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am People of the Parishes

10.30am November Memorial List

12.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (deceased)

Note: There will be no 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 24th December—please see the back page of the bulletin for the full Christmas Mass schedule

St Charles

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

9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood

Wednesday 20: Advent Weekday

7.00pm November Memorial List

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am The Holy Souls

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

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

9.45am Dennis McLoughlin (anniversary)

Friday 22: Advent Weekday

9.15am Dennis Thorpe (R.I.P.)

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.45am Ellen & Frederick McLoughlin

Holy Family

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

11.00am Parish Intentions

Sunday 24: 4th 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

Please note the adjusted times for the Divine Office this week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday–Friday 11.30am–12.30pm

Saturday 11.00am–12.15pm

Confession times this week have been extended, and there will be two priests hearing Confessions every day

Exposition

Monday–Friday 12.00–12.30pm

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

Every Saturday at 10.30am in the Memorial Chapel

We pray for 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: 17 Dec – Rev Fr James Flynn; 18 Dec – Alfonzo Ricotta; 19 Dec – Alan Baker; 21 Dec – John Lloyd; 22 Dec – Rev Fr David Ryan; 23 Dec – Roman Jezierski.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £804.74

CAFOD: £20.00

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

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 Friday 22nd December, and 11.00am-12.15pm on Saturday 23rd December, with two priests hearing Confessions each day. Please see the timetable on the notice board for more information.

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 19th December from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall, and the topic will be “Understanding the Mass”.

The next Confirmation session is this 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.

Cathedral Office Opening Hours over Christmas & New Year: please note that the Cathedral office will be closed on Monday 25th December, Tuesday 26th December, and Monday 1st January. The office will be open as normal (9.00am-12.30pm and 1.30-4.30pm) on all other days.

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.

NEW YEAR’S EVE

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Vigil of Prayer followed by Mass at Midnight (Sun 31 Dec/Mon 1 Jan)

On New Year’s Eve **after the 6.30pm Mass**, there will be a vigil of prayer in the Cathedral, followed by Mass at midnight to usher in the New Year. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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!

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.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Readings: *Vigil* – I Isa 62:1-5 Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27+29. R̄ 2a II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 G Mt 1:1-25
Night – I Isa 9:1-6 Ps 95:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13. R̄ Lk 2:11 II Titus 2:11-14 G Lk 2:1-14
Dawn – I Isa 62:11-12 Ps 96:1+6, 11-12. R̄ non-biblical II Titus 3:4-7 G Lk 2:15-20
Day – I Isa 52:7-10 Ps 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6. R̄ 3c II Heb 1:1-6 G Jn 1:1-18

Cathedral

Sunday 24 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Vigil)

5.30pm Young People of the Cathedral Parish

Monday 25 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Midnight For the Preservation of Peace & Justice
Carols start at 11.30pm

8.30am November Memorial List

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Sick & Housebound of the Cathedral Parish

6.30pm Private intention

Holy Family

Monday 25 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Midnight Parish Intentions

11.00am Parish Intentions

St Charles

Sunday 24 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Vigil)

6.00pm Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (This Mass will be in Slovak)

Monday 25 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00am Marko & Kathleen Ninkovic (deceased)

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 24 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Vigil)

6.30pm Parishioners of St Oswald's (intentions)
Carols start at 6.00pm

Monday 25 Dec: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.45am Family & Friends of Denise & Alan Boardman

Security

Be aware that thieves operate in the city centre so keep handbags & valuables with you at all times when in Church

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHILST IN THE CATHEDRAL