

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

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Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 9.00am-12.30pm, 1.30-4.30pm. **Closed** Monday and Tuesday.



Parish Priest: Fr Christopher Posluszny

**4th Sunday of Advent (B)
24 December to 31 December 2017**

Today's Readings: *I 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 27+29. R̄cf. 2a II Rom 16:25-27 G Lk 1:26-38*

Christmas: *Vigil – I Isa 62:1-5 Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27+29. R̄2a 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. R̄Lk 2:11 II Titus 2:11-14 G Lk 2:1-14 Dawn – I Isa 62:11-12 Ps 96:1+6, 11-12. R̄non-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. R̄3c II Heb 1:1-6 G Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: *I Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. R̄7a+8a II Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 G Lk 2:22-40*

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)

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

5.30pm Young People of the Cathedral Parish

✠ Monday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

Midnight For the Preservation of Peace & Justice
8.30am November Memorial List
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Sick & Housebound of the Cathedral Parish
6.30pm Private intention

Tuesday 26: ST STEPHEN

12.45pm Evelyn Brierley (recently deceased)

Wednesday 27: ST JOHN

8.00am Mr & Mrs Courtney (deceased)
12.45pm Jack Collinson (intentions)
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Thursday 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8.00am William Donahoe (recently deceased)
12.45pm Kath Foley (recently deceased)
5.30pm **NO MASS**

Friday 29: ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

8.00am **NO MASS**
12.45pm Mrs Alexander (anniversary)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 30: Sixth Day in Christmas Octave

12.30pm Zuhair Malan (recently deceased)

St Charles

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am The Holy Souls

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

6.00pm Parish Intentions
Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass)

✠ Monday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

9.00am Marko & Kathleen Ninkovic (deceased)

Wednesday 27: ST JOHN

7.00pm November Memorial List

Sunday 31: THE HOLY FAMILY

9.00am Vocations to the Priesthood

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.45am Ellen & Frederick McLoughlin

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

9.15am Parishioners of St Oswald's (intentions)

✠ Monday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

9.45am Family & Friends of Denise & Alan Boardman

Friday 29: ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

9.45am Mary Duffy (R.I.P.)

Sunday 31: THE HOLY FAMILY

9.45am Joseph Flanagan (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 24: 4th Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

11.00am Parish Intentions

✠ Monday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

11.00am Parish Intentions

Sunday 24: THE HOLY FAMILY

11.00am Parish Intentions

Next Weekend's

Masses—Cathedral

Saturday 30: THE HOLY FAMILY (Vigil)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Sunday 31: THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30am People of the Parishes
10.30am Mary Rowe (intentions)
12.30pm Lynne Ross (recently deceased)
6.30pm Adrian Melia (intentions)

Divine Office at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer: Wednesday & Thursday 7.45am

Midday Prayer: Wednesday–Friday 12.30pm

Evening Prayer: Friday 5.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday & Friday 12.00–12.30pm

Saturday 11.00am–12.15pm, 4.45–5.15pm

Please note the adjusted times for Confessions and the Divine Office this week

Exposition

Wednesday–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 Zuhair Malan, Kath Foley, Evelyn Brierley, 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: 25 Dec – Manuel Josol, Mirri Lupton; 26 Dec – Jim Lee, Neville Mothersole; 27 Dec – John Houdmont, Bertha Giles; 28 Dec – Rev Fr Tony Flynn; 29 Dec – Ethel Fletcher, Patricia Blakey, Rev Mr Bernard Gerrard.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £1044.13

CAFOD: £20.00

Slovak Mass (Svätá Omša v slovenčine): there will be a Slovak Mass for Christmas (Vianočné sviatky) at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December), at St Charles Borromeo. The next Slovak Mass will be on Sunday 28th January at 4.00pm at the Hallam Pastoral Centre.

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.

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.

Journey in Faith: the next session is on Tuesday 9th January from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall, and the topic will be “Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick”.

The next Confirmation session will be on Sunday 7th January, from 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.

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!

St Marie’s Cathedral Christmas Draw 2017: 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.

World Meeting of Families 2018: There are some bursaries available to help families wishing to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next year. Anyone interested can visit <https://hallam-diocese.com/67667-2/>, where they can see full details (including eligibility criteria) and download a form. Please note that applications will require a letter of support from parish priests.

Schools Admission Criteria—Consultation Period: there are changes being made to the admissions policies of St Marie’s School, Emmaus, All Saints and Notre Dame. Please see the notice board for the St Marie’s School changes; those for the other schools can be found on their websites. If you wish to comment on the changes, please contact the relevant school; the period for consultation ends at 4.00pm on Wednesday 31st January.

Temporary Closure of St Charles: due to painting and refurbishment work, St Charles will be closed for one month, from Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 2nd February. Masses will be celebrated next door in the Pastoral Centre.

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.



**Bishop Ralph, Fr Chris, Sr Anne,
Sr Maureen and the Cathedral Staff
would like to wish all our Parishioners & Visitors
a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas**

“And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God’s goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?”

*Pope St Leo the Great, Sermon on the Nativity, 1.2
(Office of Readings, Christmas Day, 2nd reading)*

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