

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

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**1st Sunday of Advent (C)
2nd December to 9th December 2018**

Today's Readings: *I Jer 33:14-16 Ps 24:4bc-5ab, 8-9, 10+14. R 1b II 1 Thess 3:12–4:2 G Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*
Next Sunday: *I Bar 5:1-9 Ps 125:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6. R 3 II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 G Lk 3:1-6*

Cathedral

Saturday 1: 1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Sunday 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pauline Grimes (recently deceased)
10.30am In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
12.30pm Zbysiek Kardasinski (recently deceased)
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Monday 3: St Francis Xavier

8.00am Joan Howe (recently deceased)
12.45pm Sheila (special intention)
5.30pm Rev Fr Michael McCarthy (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 4: Advent Weekday

8.00am Terry Burke (anniversary)
12.45pm Vocations to the Religious Life
5.30pm Deceased Family & Friends of F. & W. Houlden
6.30pm Lawyers' Mass (*said in side chapel*)

Wednesday 5: Advent Weekday

8.00am James Thompson (recently deceased)
12.45pm John O'Malley (birthday anniversary)
5.30pm Rev Fr Reginald Bessler (anniversary)

Thursday 6: Advent Weekday

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.45pm The Holy Souls in Purgatory
5.30pm Rev Fr Constantine Dolan (anniversary)

Friday 7: St Ambrose

8.00am Edward Burke (anniversary)
12.45pm Cyril & Justine Morewood (intentions)

Friday 7: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M. (Vigil)

5.30pm Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.

12.30pm Lucy Hazell (intentions)

Next Weekend's Masses – Cathedral

Saturday 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Parish Prayer Book

Sunday 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am John Lloyd (anniversary)
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm November Memorial List
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday 4: Weekday

10.15am **Funeral Mass** (Alfred Armitage)

Friday 7: St Ambrose

9.15am **NO MASS**

Sunday 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Fr John McNamee & Michael (Mac)
McLaughlin (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

11.00am People of the Parishes

Monday 3: St Francis Xavier

1.30pm **Funeral Mass** (Walter Addy)

Sunday 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Divine Office at the Cathedral

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7.45am

Midday Prayer: Monday–Friday 12.30pm

Evening Prayer: Monday–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

Prayer Led by Parishioners at the Cathedral

Rosary

Friday 2.00pm, 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; e-mail the Cathedral Office to contact the SVP

Monday Over 60s Lunch Club

After 12.45pm Mass in the Parish Room

Friday Lunch Club

After 12.45pm Mass in the Parish Room

Sunday Teas & Coffees

After 10.30am Mass in Houlden Hall

We pray for Rev Fr John McNamee, Antoni Zbigniew Kardasinski, James Thompson, Joan Howe, Walter Addy, Alfred Armitage, Ingrida Horváthová, and all those who have died recently.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick: Pauline West, Matthew Smith, Phyllis Caesar, Dominic, Rev Fr Donal O'Leary, Jackie Davison, Mavis Hamilton, Marie Casey, Ann Harvey, Trevor Harvey, Justine Morewood, 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: 4 Dec – Terry Burke; 5 Dec – Rev Fr Reginald Bessler; 6 Dec – Rev Fr Constantine Dolan; 7 Dec – Edward Burke; 8 Dec – Christian Ojinnaka, Rev Fr Michael Walsh, C.M.; 9 Dec – John Lloyd.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £1096.96; CAFOD: £20.00

Slovak Mass (Svätá Omša v slovenčine) at St Charles: the next Slovak Mass will be for the Vigil of Christmas, Monday 24th December, 3.30pm, at St Charles.

Hallam Caring Services Men's Counselling: Hallam Caring Services now has a free, confidential counselling service—by men, for men. To arrange an appointment telephone Bernie Ware on 256 6408 or 07980 406198.

Support Group for Women: St Marie's Cathedral hosts a support group for women. The group is about taking positive action to recover from trauma and other stressful life events. If you would like to find out more, please e-mail Candida at PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Sunday Teas & Coffees after 10.30am Mass: Everyone attending the 10.30am Mass is warmly invited to join us for tea / coffee, biscuits and a bit of a chat. It's a great regular social, so please do come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bookstall: Why not do some extra devotional reading for Advent? On the bookstall are new titles for the Advent and Christmas seasons. (Please put payment for items in the pedestal by the pillar in the bookstall area.)

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop to the Faithful of the Sheffield Deanery

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the Season of Advent. Hope and expectation are strong Advent themes.

This Advent brings significant changes in the Sheffield Deanery, with changes in Mass times and a reduction in the number of Sunday Masses in some of the twenty one Churches in the deanery. I know that these changes come at a cost and I am grateful for the generosity of the priests and people who have made it possible for these changes to take place. Fewer priests and smaller Catholic communities made these challenging times.

St Teresa of Avila wrote, "Everything passes, God never changes". When change is demanded of us, the one support that never changes is God: the "indestructible rock of faithfulness and love".

I pray that our parish communities will embrace these changes and continue to faithfully come together to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life".

Yours sincerely in Christ, the Redeemer,

+ Ralph

The new Mass times for parishes in the Sheffield deanery, along with other information and resources, can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/sheffield-deanery/>.

Journey in Faith: the next session is on Tuesday 4th December from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall, and the topic will be "We are the Church".

First Holy Communions: the next session will be on Sunday 9th December, from 3.30-5.00pm in Houlden Hall.

The next session in the Confirmation programme will be this Sunday (2nd December), 3.30-5.00pm in Houlden Hall.

Sheffield Walsingham Association is organising a pilgrimage to the Shrine on Saturday 8th December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Coach leaves Pond Hill at 7.00am (also picks up at Handsworth, Dinnington & Rotherham), cost £17. Contact Francesca Flynn for more info (tel. 268 6247; e-mail) francesca@fmflynn.plus.com).

Churches Together in S2—Bring and Share Advent Feast: on Sunday 2nd December, from 5.30-7.00pm at Victoria Methodist Church (Stafford Rd), people are invited to bring their family and friends, along with some food to share, for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and carol singing. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information.

All Saints Catholic High School Carol Concert: On Saturday 8th December at 7.00pm, All Saints Catholic High School's vocal and instrumental ensembles will offer an evening of Christmas music at St Marie's Cathedral. All welcome, free entrance.

Appeal for Wrapped Chocolate, Sweets and Tombola Prizes: Thank you so much for all the donations we have already had! If you have any other items to put towards our Christmas Fair, please bring them into Church as soon as possible. Many thanks for all your help and support!

Calling All Bakers – for the Christmas Fair! We are now looking for people who are willing to bake some home-made cakes / biscuits to sell at our Christmas Fair (Saturday 8th December). Could you help? If you think you can, please let us know by emailing fundraising@stmariecathedral.org or leaving a message with one of the volunteers in Church. All proceeds will go directly to the Cathedral. Many thanks!

The Great Mince Pie Giveaway: a reminder that this event, where Christians in the City Centre work together to give away free mince pies in the spirit of the season, takes place this Friday and Saturday (7th and 8th December). The mince pies will be packed on Friday 7th December from 10.00am-12.00pm at the Anglican Cathedral, and on Saturday 8th December everyone will meet at the Anglican Cathedral at 10.30am to pray together, then go out and give away mince pies! Anyone can turn up and get involved, especially with the packing, so why not help put a smile on someone's face this weekend!

A Big Thank You to everyone who came along to the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham last week, as well as all the volunteers who helped out behind the scenes—altar servers, stewards, those who helped with refreshments, flower arrangers, and others. Many thanks also to Mgr John Armitage and the rest of the Walsingham team, who brought the actual statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to St Marie's, and who will continue the Dowry Tour around the Catholic Cathedrals of England next year!

St Marie's Cathedral Christmas Draw 2018: Thank you to all those parishioners who have kindly donated raffle prizes – we were delighted with the response! We are pleased to say that tickets are now available at the back of Church for our Christmas Draw 2018, with lots of prizes to be won. The first prize is a Christmas Hamper worth £50; second prize is a wonderful Food Hamper, and third prize is a Chocolate Hamper. There are also lots of smaller prizes to be won! Tickets cost 50p each, and the winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday 23rd December, in Houlden Hall after the 10.30am Mass. All winners will be notified.

St Marie's Indoor Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December, 11.30-3.00pm: We will be holding a Christmas Fair in Houlden Hall on Saturday 8th December, which will include an exhibition of Children's Christmas Art for you to vote on, tombola stalls, hand-made arts and crafts stalls, and some festive refreshments. Please come along and enjoy the fun!

St Wilfrid's Centre Carol Concert: On Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm, St Wilfrid's Centre will present an evening of festive music in the beautiful surrounds of St Marie's Cathedral, featuring BeVox and St Wilfrid's Centre community choirs. All proceeds from the event will go directly to help support the work of St Wilfrid's Centre. Tickets are £6 and can be booked online at <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/events/a-festive-carol-concert-for-st-wilfrids-centre>). Please book in advance.

Children's Performance & Christmas Party—4th Sunday of Advent: Our Children's Liturgy group will be performing a celebratory Christmas song, (in Nativity fancy dress) at the end of the 10.30am Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent. This will be followed by a 'Birthday Party for Jesus' in Houlden Hall afterwards, for both children and adults alike. Please bring a contribution of food for the party if you can, and help us to make this a celebration we will remember! Many thanks, Candida.

Christmas Carol Writing Competition—closing date this weekend: Thank you for our Christmas Carol entries so far! If you haven't yet put yours in, please submit it by the end of this weekend in order to be considered by our panel of judges. Entries need to be handed in at Cathedral House, or e-mailed to PPC@stmariecathedral.org. We look forward to announcing the winner soon!

Children's Christmas Art Competition—closing date this weekend: Thank you for our children's art entries so far! If you haven't already put yours in, please do so as soon as possible. You may hand it in to a Cathedral volunteer, or drop it round to Cathedral House. There will be an exhibition of all the entries at next week's Christmas Fair (11.30am-3.00pm), and the winners will be announced on Sunday 9th December. The winners and the runners up will then be displayed in the Cathedral for the duration of Christmas for all to enjoy.

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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