

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

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**3rd Sunday of Advent (C)
16th December to 23rd December 2018**

Today's Readings: *I Zeph 3:14-18a Ps Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6. R̄ 6 II Phil 4:4-7 G Lk 3:10-18*
Next Sunday: *I Mic 5:1-4a Ps 79:2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19. R̄ 4 II Heb 10:5-10 G Lk 1:39-45*

Cathedral

Saturday 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Bernard Dunn (anniversary)

Sunday 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Alan Smythe (anniversary)
10.30am Matthew Neale & Hannah Davies (intentions)
12.30pm November Memorial List
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Monday 17: Advent Weekday

8.00am Rev Fr James Flynn (anniversary)
12.45pm Balthasar Martins (intentions)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Tuesday 18: Advent Weekday

8.00am John Wood (anniversary)
12.45pm Maura Hussey (sick)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 19: Advent Weekday

8.00am Harriet Victoria Cauchi (deceased)
12.45pm November Memorial List
5.30pm Alan Baker (anniversary)

Thursday 20: Advent Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List
12.45pm Rev Fr John Serjeant (recently deceased)
5.30pm John Lloyd (anniversary)

Friday 21: Advent Weekday

8.00am Kathleen & Anthony Plant (deceased)
12.45pm Jill Stockton (recently deceased)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 22: Advent Weekday

12.30pm Nora Kenny (intentions)

Next Weekend's Masses – Cathedral

Saturday 22: 4th Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Rev Fr John Serjeant (recently deceased)

Sunday 23: 4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am November Memorial List
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Frederick Okeke Ude (deceased)
6.30pm Young Adults & Students of Hallam Diocese

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Dennis & Christine McLoughlin

Friday 21: Advent Weekday

9.15am **NO MASS**

Sunday 23: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.45am Alf Armitage (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.00am People of the Parishes

Sunday 23: 4th 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 Serjeant, Walter Addy, Alfred Armitage, Ingrida Horváthová, and all those who have died recently.

Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick: Pat Lee, Pauline West, Matthew Smith, Phyllis Caesar, Dominic, Rev Fr Donal O'Leary, Jackie Davison, Mavis Hamilton, Marie Casey, Ann Harvey, Trevor Harvey, Justine Morewood, Nora Kenny, Maura Hallam, 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: 16 Dec – Bernard Dunn, Alan Smythe, Winnie Eason; 17 Dec – Teodor Sirghie, Rev Fr James Flynn; 18 Dec – Cissie Street, Alfonzo Ricotta, John Wood; 19 Dec – Alan Baker; 21 Dec – John Lloyd; 22 Dec – Rev Fr David Ryan; 23 Dec – Roman Jezierski.

St Marie's Collections

Sunday Collection: £1359.63; CAFOD: £30.00

Christmas 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!

Journey in Faith: the next session will be after the Christmas and New Year break, and is on Tuesday 8th January from 7.30–9.00pm in Houlden Hall. The topic will be “Understanding the Sacraments”. For those who have not been baptised, the Rite of Entry into the Catechumenate will be at the normal Sunday Masses on the 6th January.

First Holy Communions: there will be a break for Christmas and New Year, and the next session will be on Sunday 13th January, from 3.30-5.00pm in Houlden Hall.

The next session in the Confirmation programme will be this Sunday (16th December), 3.30-5.00pm in Houlden Hall.

Sheffield Catholic Men's Group: On the second Wednesday of every month we meet in the Parish room at 7.30pm. We begin with ten minutes of sharing in pairs about our faith or how the last month has been. Then we read the following Sunday's gospel, reflect, share and pray about it, using St Benedict's *Lectio Divina* method. After that we have a drink in a nearby pub. All men of any age are most welcome. Next meeting is Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm.

There will be an Advent Penitential Service on Saturday 22nd December, starting at 11.00am, with Confessions following until 12.15pm. All welcome!

Extended Advent Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral: From Monday 17th December–Friday 21st December and on Monday 24th December, two Priests will be hearing Confessions from 12.00-12.30pm each day. Please see the timetable on the notice board for more information.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1st January): Starting at 9.00pm on Monday 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!

St Marie's Cathedral Christmas Draw 2018: This is your last chance to buy tickets for this year's Christmas Draw—there are lots of really fabulous prizes to win! 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 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.

Carol Competition—Results: Thank you to all those who entered the Carol Competition. The entries were of a high standard, and after much deliberation, the judges' decision was as follows: 1st place: “Born in the stillness of the night” (Nurpur Chowdhury); 2nd place: “When he was born” (Jenny King); 3rd place: “Holy night in Bethlehem” (Mary Reddican). The winning entry, “Born in the stillness of the night”, will be sung at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, at the Midnight Mass, and at the 10.30am Christmas Day Mass.

Children's Christmas Art Exhibition: Thank you to all the children who entered into our Christmas Art Competition! Their work was displayed at our Christmas Fair on Saturday, and members of the public were invited to vote for their favourites. The winning artwork, and those entries that won a prize or came 'commended' are now available to view in a little exhibit in the Cathedral itself. A special note of thanks to the staff and children of St Marie's School, who really got behind this event. Well done everybody!

Donations of Flowers for Christmas: The Flower team would welcome gifts of money towards the Christmas Flowers or donations of fresh flowers which can be dedicated to a particular shrine. Please leave donations with a steward or at Cathedral House. Fresh flowers can be left by the cloister door by Friday 21st December. Many thanks from the team.

St Marie's Cathedral Christmas Fair 2018—a big Thank You! Thank you to all the organisers, volunteers, bakers, crafters and artists for a fabulous Christmas Fair last weekend! It was a really enjoyable event, and we couldn't have done it without you. A big thank you to all the parishioners who kindly donated other goods to sell, or prizes for the Tombola Stall – your support is very much appreciated!

2019 Diocesan Yearbooks: after a slight publication delay, the *2019 Hallam Diocesan Yearbook and Ordo* is now available from the repository at the back of the Cathedral. Copies are £3.75 each—please put your money in the pillar marked “Papers”.

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!

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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Marie's Cathedral

Monday 24th Dec: **5.30pm** (Vigil)

Tuesday 25th Dec: **Midnight** (with carols from 11.30pm),
8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and **6.30pm**

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald's

Monday 24th Dec: **6.30pm** (Vigil, with carols from 6.00pm)

Tuesday 25th Dec: **9.45am**

Holy Family

Tuesday 25th Dec: **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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