



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARIE
with the Churches of Holy Family
and Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

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Office Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm

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1st Sunday of Advent (B)

29th November to 6th December 2020

Readings: *I*sa 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7 **Ps** 79:2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19. *R* 4 **II** 1 Cor 1:3-9 **G** Mk 13:33-37

Next Sunday: *I*sa 40:1-5, 9-11 **Ps** 84:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14. *R* 8 **II** 2 Pet 3:8-14 **G** Mk 1:1-8

Cathedral

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

11.00am Patrick Mulligan (recently deceased)

Monday 30: ST ANDREW

8.00am Dorothy O'Malley (birthday anniversary)

Tuesday 1 December: Advent Weekday

8.00am Robert Alexander (anniversary)

Wednesday 2: Advent Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Ghona Jose (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Parish Sick List

Thursday 3: St Francis Xavier

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren

12.30pm Kathleen McGowan (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Abin Raju (in thanksgiving)

Friday 4: Advent Weekday

8.00am Deceased Members of the Fernandes Family

12.30pm Private Intention

5.30pm Ammam & Joseph (R.I.P.)

Saturday 5: Advent Weekday

8.00am Rev Fr David Drake-Brockman (R.I.P.)

12.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Terry Regan (R.I.P.)

Sunday 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Thomas & Ammam (R.I.P.)

9.30am People of the Parishes

11.00am Mavis Hamilton (intentions)

12.30pm John O'Malley (birthday anniversary)

6.30pm Maria Gryboś (recently deceased)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent

9.45am **NO MASS**

Friday 4 December: Advent Weekday

9.30am **NO MASS**

Sunday 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Parish Intentions

Holy Family

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent

11.00am **NO MASS**

Sunday 6 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am November Memorial List

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent

3.00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday 6 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Resumption of Public Worship at St Marie's, St Oswald's and Holy Family

From Wednesday 2nd December at **St Marie's Cathedral**, public Masses and other liturgies will resume. The Cathedral will be open from 11.30am until 6.00pm on Monday to Saturday, with public Masses at 12.30pm and 6.30pm, and Confessions will be heard in St Joseph's Chapel from 11.30am–12.15pm. On Sundays, the Cathedral will be open for each Mass (with brief closures for cleaning afterwards)—please note that *booking a place at Sunday Mass is essential*, and so our Mass Booking System will reopen (*see below*).

Public Masses at **St Oswald's** and **Holy Family** will resume on Sunday 6th December.

We pray for Rev Mgr Peter Moran, Cyril Morewood, Harry Bennett, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: Pauline West, Phyllis Caesar, Dominic, Jackie Davison, Mavis Hamilton, Marie Casey, Ann Harvey, Trevor Harvey, Nora Kenny, Maura Hallam, Rev Fr Colum Kelly, John Carroll, Robert Stocks, Gloria Welsh, Anthony Gallagher, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Stella McAssey, Ted Harrison, Ruth Bleakley, Helen Carroll, Mary Pridgeon, Kath Atherton, Jack Hilton, Pat O'Connor (Lintott), Jonathan Dempsey, Elizabeth Dillop, Jim Griffith, Kay Worsnop, Vladimir Korbar Jr, 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: 30 Nov – Rev Fr Hubert McNamara; 4 Dec – Terry Burke; 5 Dec – Rev Fr Reginald Bessler; 6 Dec – Rev Fr Constantine Dolan.

Mass Booking System: Our Mass booking system will be back in place for the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses at St Marie's Cathedral, beginning with the 2nd Sunday of Advent (6th December).

You will need to text the appropriate Mass code, followed by a space and then the number of people you are booking for, to **07476 558810**. The Mass codes are as follows:

Mass Time	Code
Saturday, 5.30pm	Sat1730
Sunday, 8.00am	Sun0800
Sunday, 9.30am	Sun0930
Sunday, 11.00am	Sun1100
Sunday, 12.30pm	Sun1230
Sunday, 6.30pm	Sun1830

So, to give an example, if you wanted to book three places at the 9.30am Sunday Mass, you would text **Sun0930 3** to 07476 558810, and so on.

Anyone unable to use the text-based system can ring the Cathedral Office (0114 272 2522) to book. Please only book for a Mass if you are sure you will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend the Mass you have booked places for, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office during office hours. If you need to cancel your place on the weekend of the Mass, please let the PPC know instead on PPC@stmariecathedral.org, and we will inform the stewards on duty. Thank you.

A note about data protection (GDPR): By texting us in this way, you consent to the use of your number for the purposes of the booking system. The phone numbers are not linked in any way to names and addresses, and will be kept for 21 days before being destroyed.

The next session of Journey in Faith will be on Tuesday 1st December, and will be held online via Microsoft Teams, starting at 7.30pm.

Stuck at Home and Feeling Cut Off? Our Cathedral Outreach Group, or COGs, is a pastoral ministry run by experienced Cathedral volunteers. They are keeping in touch with sick and housebound parishioners by telephone, as well as others who would simply welcome a regular friendly chat. It is a great way for parishioners to stay in contact with each other, and look after one another! Contact and referrals can be made through the Cathedral Office on 0114 272 2522, or via the PPC on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

No Internet? No Problem! Sunday Mass is also available via Telephone: The Sunday 11am Livestream Mass is also available over a telephone. Please use the following instructions: Dial the phone number 0203 901 7895 and listen to the instructions. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 827 4685 3641 followed by the # symbol (hash symbol). When asked to enter your Participant ID, ignore the Participant ID bit and just press # one more time to listen in to the Livestream. Please note: this service is monitored, so information about the Livestream will be given if it is necessary / helpful to do so.

Teach Your Children the True Meaning of Christmas: Watch our Children's Liturgy videos this Advent to help teach your children the true meaning of Christmas. You can find them, on our Children's Ministry webpage, or use the quick link here: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

New to Catholicism or St Marie's? Do you have any questions you would like answering? We have a team of experienced Cathedral volunteers who will be happy to help, one to one, using phone / WhatsApp / e-mail / Zoom – whichever you prefer. Contact and referrals can be made by email to PPC@stmariecathedral.org, or through the Cathedral Office on 0114 272 2522. Please ask for COGs, tell us how we should contact you, and any other information we may need to match you with the right volunteer.

Gospel Study and Reflection Time: As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, make time to reflect more deeply on the Word of God. Our short illustrated Gospel videos are a useful tool for this, and include some questions for reflection. You can find the 4 most current videos on our website by using the link here (please scroll down to the bottom of the page): <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

“The God Who Speaks”—The Year of the Word in Advent: If you are looking for learn more about the Bible in Advent, then Rev Mgr John Ryan has produced a series of five short videos, introducing the Sunday readings for Advent and offering fresh perspectives—not only on the Gospel stories, but also the Pauline letters, and especially the important Old Testament passages chosen for this season. The videos are available on the Diocese's Adult Formation YouTube page (<https://bit.ly/37c4Frf>). The national “God Who Speaks” website is also regularly updated with useful resources, including these for children and family work during Advent (<https://thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk/index.php/family-resources-2-2/>).

Easy Fundraising: Many of us are likely doing much more of our shopping online than we did before the pandemic. Did you know that it is possible for St Marie's to benefit from the majority of your purchasing online? By using and logging into “Easy Fundraising” and selecting “The Cathedral Church of St Marie – Sheffield” as your charity before you select your retailer's site, the retailer will pay a percentage of any purchase amount to St Marie's—at no extra cost to you. Some are significant e.g. M&S pays 2%, Amazon pays 0.5%, but every little helps. Donations can also be claimed for insurance, ticket or utility purchases. Please support “The Cathedral Church of St Marie – Sheffield” on #easyfundraising, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 4,300 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up (at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>)! If you need any help, please get in touch via finance1889@gmail.com.

Message from St Marie's Finance Group

As you will be aware once again, in order to keep people safe and to try and reduce the spread of Coronavirus, we are not able to have public worship until this coming Wednesday. Fortunately, this time churches have not been shut completely and we are still be able to visit during limited times for private prayer. These are difficult times for all and we are very grateful that throughout the year so many have continued to support the parish financially.

It has been explained before that the main income for the upkeep and running of the Cathedral and house and the support of the clergy comes from your generous weekly donations. In fact, we rely on a weekly income of £2,000 to cover these costs. For much of this year, this has been markedly reduced, and even though this improved after reopening, congregations have been smaller than normal times so income continues to be much less than anticipated. Expenses, however, in most areas remain the same.

The latest figures, which we reviewed, show that our expenditure so far exceeded our income by £7,000. This will presumably worsen over the current lockdown.

We really need your continued support at this difficult time. There are many ways you can help if you are able to:

- The very best way to ensure that your donations are made regularly, in all circumstances, is to set up a **standing order**, this also means we can count on your support. Forms are available from the Cathedral office (office@stmariecathedral.org) if you would like to do this.

If you use online banking you will be able to set one up yourself on your bank's website or app, using the following information:

Name of Bank Account: St Marie's Restoration Fund

Sort code: 40-41-07

Account number: 01094289

You can also use these details to make a **direct transfer** from your bank to ours, which is very helpful, making the money immediately available for the parish.

- To make a **debit or credit card payment** go to <https://stmariecathedral.mydona.com/> or use the Dona button on the Cathedral website. Donations made this way can be gift aided. (Please note there is a charge for this service which is deducted from donations before they are paid to the parish).
- Whether you are setting up a standing order or making a one off donation, if you are a UK taxpayer you can increase the value of the donation to the parish by **gift aiding** the donation. This allows the parish to reclaim the tax paid on the donation and increases the value of the gift by 25% (so a £5 donation becomes £6.25, a £10 donation becomes £12.50, etc.). Please consider this if you are eligible; it does not cost you anything more but makes a great deal of difference to the parish. Gift Aid forms are available from office@stmariecathedral.org.

If you have any queries or need any help with any of these suggestions please contact me at finance1889@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support.

Margaret Helliwell (*Parish Finance Committee*)