



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



Cathedral House, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB
Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm

Tel: 0114 272 2522 **E-mail:** office@stmariecathedral.org **Website:** www.stmariecathedral.org

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Christopher Posluszny

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Callistus Nwaobi

Priest in Residence: Rev Fr Martin Clayton

2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

29th November to 6th December 2020

Readings: *I Isa 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*

Next Sunday: *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*

Cathedral

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)

Monday 7: St Ambrose

8.00am Mgr Canon J. Raymond Charlton (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Christine Gash (recently deceased)

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

5.30pm Parish Sick List

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

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Rev Mgr Peter Moran (recently deceased)

5.30pm Vocations to the Priesthood

Wednesday 9: Advent Weekday

8.00am The Calvert family (intentions)

12.30pm Johnson, Bija & Cicily (R.I.P.)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 10: Advent Weekday

8.00am Rev Fr Lawrence Lister (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Maureen Foster (anniversary)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Friday 11: Advent Weekday

8.00am Marie O'Hara (intentions)

12.30pm November Memorial List

5.30pm Harry Bennett (recently deceased)

Saturday 12: Advent Weekday

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Anthony Smith (recently deceased)

Sunday 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Dennis & Olga Gerrard (R.I.P.)

9.30am People of the Parishes

11.00am Thomas Philipose (anniversary)

12.30pm Lucy Hazell (intentions)

6.30pm November Memorial List

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Molly Brett (R.I.P.)

Friday 11: Weekday

9.30am **NO MASS**

Sunday 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Joyce & Danny Wright (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am November Memorial List

Sunday 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

3.00pm Parish Intentions

We pray for Rev Mgr Peter Moran, 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: 6 Dec – Rev Fr Constantine Dolan, Robert D'Costa; 7 Dec – Peter Amadi; 8 Dec – Christina Ojinnaka, Rev Fr Michael Walsh, C.M.; 9 Dec – John Gerard Lloyd.

Confessions: Monday–Saturday, from 11.30am–12.15pm in St Joseph's Chapel. For everyone's safety, there will be a protective plastic screen in place. Please stand while making your confession.

Mass Booking System: Our Mass booking system is now back in place for the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses at St Marie's Cathedral.

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 8th December, and will be held online via Microsoft Teams, starting at 7.30pm.

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 to the bottom of the page): <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST MARIE'S



Thursday 24th December: 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Friday 25th December: Midnight, 8.00am, 9.30am,
11.00am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm**

Please note that booking a place at these Masses is essential.

Details of how to do this will be in next week's newsletter,
as well as on the Cathedral website.

Bookings will open at 3.00pm, Friday 11th December.

Serving at Masses at St Marie's: We are now able to include more people in this important ministry. Obviously, things are slightly different, and to ensure everyone's safety we have to limit numbers, observe social distancing and make sure good hygiene measures are in place. If you would like to resume serving at Sunday Mass, please get in touch with Paul Helliwell (e-mail paulhelliwellsr@gmail.com; text 07773 910897) to give him your contact details (or, if you are under 18, those of your parents) so that he can explain the changes to you, and draw up a rota that is fair and safe for everyone.

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.

New to Catholicism or St Marie's? 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.

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.

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/>

Message from St Marie's Finance Group

Thank you so much for your continued support through this very challenging year. These are difficult times for all and we are very grateful that, in spite of this, so many have continued to support the parish financially.

You will know 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. Unsurprisingly this year this has been markedly reduced and even following reopening, congregations have been smaller than usual so income continued to be much less than anticipated. Expenses, however, in most areas remain the same.

The latest available figures show that our expenditure exceeds our income by £11,500. We really need your help to reduce this deficit.

Over the year the one source of income that we have been able to rely on, and is expected to meet our budget, is the income from standing orders. Thank you very much if you already make your regular contributions this way. If you don't already do this but would like to it is easy to set up and means your donation is made regularly and in all circumstances, and 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*)