



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: Monday–Friday, 9.00am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm

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2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

5th to 12th December 2021

Readings: *I Bar 5:1-9 Ps 125:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6. R̥3 II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 G Lk 3:1-6*
Next Sunday: *I Zeph 3:14-18a Ps Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6. R̥6 II Phil 4:4-7 G Lk 3:10-18*

Cathedral

Saturday 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Seth Marrin (recently deceased)

Sunday 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Mary Donlon (recently deceased)

6.30pm Caroline & Anna (in thanksgiving)

Monday 6: Monday in Week 2 of Advent

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm John O'Malley (birthday)

5.30pm Lauren & Jemina

Tuesday 7: St Ambrose

8.00am Anne O'Brien

12.30pm November Memorial List

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

5.30pm Benefactors of the Cathedral

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

8.00am Lucy Hazell (intentions)

12.30pm Mary Donlan (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Deceased Members of the Pulincunoo family

Thursday 9: Thursday in Week 2 of Advent

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren

12.30pm Riley (birthday)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Friday 10: Friday in Week 2 of Advent

8.00am Deceased Members of the Thattamthara family

12.30pm Maureen Foster (anniversary)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 11: Saturday in Week 2 of Advent

8.00am Ann Lawler (intentions)

12.30pm November Memorial List

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

5.30pm Rev Fr Adrian Tomlinson (intentions)

Sunday 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Samuel Waters (R.I.P.)

10.30am Parish Sick List

12.30pm The Wood family (intentions)

6.30pm Vocations to the Priesthood

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Desmond Walsh (R.I.P.)

Sunday 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.45am Kathleen Brawn (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Intentions

Sunday 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent

11.00am November Memorial List

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – Cathedral

Sunday 5: 2. adventná nedeľa

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 12: 3. adventná nedeľa

3.00pm People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Confession	<i>Monday, Wednesday–Saturday, 11.30am–12.15pm</i>
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Monday, Wednesday–Friday, 11.30am–12.15pm; Saturday, after the 8.00am Mass (with Benediction)</i>
Rosary	<i>Friday and Saturday, after the 12.30pm Mass</i>

We pray for Seth Marrin, Paddy Murray, Mary Donlon 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, Ruth Bleakley, Helen Carroll, Mary Pridgeon, Kath Atherton, Pat O'Connor (Lintott), Jonathan Dempsey, Elizabeth Dillop, Kay Worsnop, Vladimir Korbar Jr, Jean Hegarty, Sheena Clarke, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Catherine, Angela Eddy, Mary Parkinson, Kevin Worsnop, 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: 5 Dec – Rev Fr Reginald Bessler; 6 Dec – Rev Fr Constantine Dolan; 8 Dec – Christiana Ojinnaka, Rev Fr Michael Walsh, C.M., Rev Fr John Serjeant; 9 Dec – John Gerard Lloyd.

Teas & Coffees available after the 10.30am Mass: There is a chance to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea or coffee in Houlden Hall each Sunday, after the 10.30am Mass. (Houlden Hall is on the floor immediately above the Nottingham Building Society, next to the Cathedral's entrance). Everybody is welcome!

Children's Liturgy this Sunday, at the 10.30 Mass: All children are welcome to join Candida for their own special Liturgy of the Word during the 10.30am Mass; please meet her at the baptismal font at the start of Mass (or ring the bell for Houlden Hall if you arrive a little late). Alternatively, we have family friendly scripture resources available on our website each week, including a Gospel-based activity sheet, sing-along worship songs and the latest video instalment of the *Mark 10 Mission for Children*: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

The Advent Prayer Group continues on Tuesday evenings during Advent, from 7.00-8.00pm—the next meeting is on Tuesday 7th December in the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome!

Are You a Good Listener? Our synodal journey is all about becoming a 'Listening Church'. We want to listen to the contributions of as many people as possible, and with this in mind, we would like to recruit as many different Parish Listeners as possible. Not everybody who attends St Marie's feels comfortable speaking in English, so if you speak other languages, please let us know; we need you! Please contact Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org with your offer of help - thank you.

Christmas Stewards Needed: Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for us to offer a warm welcome to people who don't currently come to Church. We already have a team of 30+ Stewards at St Marie's, but not everyone is around over the Christmas period. We are now recruiting a new team of Christmas Stewards to work alongside our experienced Stewarding Team, and would love to hear from you! If you are planning on being in Sheffield over Christmas, and can serve others in this way, please contact Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you!

Children's Ministry—Advent Song: This year, our Children's Liturgy group are learning a wonderful Advent song called 'Mary, did you know?' We would like to invite all the children in the Parish to learn this with us! You can find a YouTube version of the song (with the lyrics) and the rest of our Advent / Christmas Sing-Along playlist on our Children's Ministry webpage: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

Confirmation Programme at St Marie's (2022): If you have not yet returned your registration form, please do so as soon as possible. Someone from the catechetical team will then be in touch with you before the school Christmas Holidays to discuss the arrangements for the programme.

Journey in Faith 2021-22: The next Journey in Faith session will be on Friday 3rd December, from 7.00-8.30pm, in Houlden Hall.

Weekday Stewards Needed to Offer a Warm Welcome: We currently have a few vacancies in our Weekday Stewarding Team, and would also welcome offers to help cover Mondays and Wednesdays. As well as being on hand to answer any questions people may have, there is scope to develop this role in a number of different directions to reflect your own personal interests. These opportunities could include light Sacristan duties, or learning more about the heritage of the Cathedral, or being a Parish Listener. To find out more, please speak to Candida - or contact her on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Wednesday 5th January: We would like to thank those of you who bring their observations, questions and concerns to our attention. It is much appreciated! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January. If you wish to contribute something, or indeed, come along as a guest, please get in touch with Niall, the PPC Secretary, on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you.

The flower team would like to thank all those kind and generous parishioners who either gave donations or brought fresh flowers for the Church. During Advent the church is bare of flowers apart from in St Joseph's Chapel, with the focus being on the Advent Wreath. However, if you would like to contribute towards the flowers for Christmas, please bring your donations of either fresh flowers or money in the week before Christmas. Many thanks in anticipation.

Thursday Morning Women's Group Welcomes New Members: Our Women's Group continues to meet every Thursday morning for friendship and discussion - always over tea and cake/biscuits. Gatherings take place in the Parish Room. Please meet Candida by the piano at 11.00am (on a Thursday) if you would like to come along!

The Requiem Mass for Mary Donlon (R.I.P.) will be at Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough on Tuesday 14th December at 11.30am, followed by the burial at St Michael's Cemetery Chapel, Rivelin.

The St Cecilia Schola (ladies' Gregorian chant group) has begun rehearsals again, at 6.00pm on Mondays. Please contact Lucy Hazell via email (scholacantorumsanctamariaeshef@gmail.com) or telephone (07816 930666) if you are interested!

Christmas Cards now on sale: A selection of beautiful individual cards is now available in the bookshop from £1.50 each, and there are also some boxes of cards, but these are selling fast. There is also a selection of Advent booklets to support you through the season, please take time to look at what is on offer. A reminder that we welcome suggestions or requests and will try to source things you would like. (At the minute we are not stocking missals because the readings in them are going to be updated soon). Please ensure you put money for all items in the dedicated collection box (or hand in at the office or give to a steward) to enable us to reorder stock.

Interested in helping young people learn about our faith? St Marie's is looking for volunteers to help secondary school age children learn about their faith and grow in an authentic relationship with the Risen Christ in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. No previous experience is needed and support and training will be provided. If you're interested, please talk to a member of the Cathedral clergy.

Lessons and Carols at St Marie's Cathedral—Saturday 18th December: on the evening of Saturday 18th December, starting at 8.00pm, there will be a liturgy of Lessons and Carols here at St Marie's Cathedral. Save the date—everyone is welcome!

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is an online radio station, broadcasting features such as prayers, interviews and music for a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts, and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland. Visit www.heavensroadfm.com to find out more.

Message from the Cathedral Finance Group

We are very grateful for your continued support throughout these difficult months. However lockdowns, lower attendance and other limitations of the pandemic have badly affected our income in 2020 and 2021. Throughout this period we have been very lucky in the services and opportunities for prayer and support consistently provided by the Cathedral clergy. In order to sustain this service for the future we really need your help to address the financial shortfall – costs associated with maintaining the clergy and the cathedral did not change very much in spite of the marked drop in income, which you are aware we rely on to upkeep the Cathedral and look after the clergy. The last figures we reviewed showed a £6K shortfall in the year to June. We are aware it has been a difficult time for all but here 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 may be able to set one up yourself on your bank's website or app using 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.myдона.com/> or use the Offertory button on the Cathedral website's livestream page. (Please note there is a charge for this service which is deducted from donations before they are paid to the parish). Donations made this way can be gift aided.

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%. 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 the Cathedral office (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)