



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, 9.30am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm

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5th Sunday of Easter (B)

28th April to 5th May 2024

Readings: *I Acts 9:26-31 Ps 21:26b-27, 28+30, 31-32. R 26a II 1 Jn 3:18-24 G Jn 15:1-8*

Next Sunday: *I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4. R cf. 2b II 1 Jn 4:7-10 G Jn 15:9-17*

Readings can also be found at <http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm> or on the Universalis app

Cathedral

Sunday 28 April: 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am People of the Parishes
10.30am Mary & Joan O’Riordan (anniversary)
12.30pm November Memorial List
6.30pm Pope Benedict XVI (R.I.P.)

Monday 29: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

- 8.00am Paul Hazell (sick)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm Raphaela (birthday thanksgiving)

Tuesday 30: Tuesday in Week 5 of Easter

- 8.00am For Survivors of Abuse
12.30pm Ria Thomas (birthday thanksgiving)
5.30pm Msgna Gebrhiwot (recently deceased)

Wednesday 1 May: Wednesday in Week 5 of Easter

- 8.00am Joey Brett (recently deceased)
12.30pm **Funeral Mass** (Margaret Siddell)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 2: St Athanasius

- 8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.30pm Ellis Adefoye-Smart (birthday)
5.30pm Edward Irele (anniversary)

Friday 3: SS PHILIP & JAMES

- 8.00am Msgna Gebrhiwot (recently deceased)
12.30pm John O’Malley (anniversary)
5.30pm Rev Fr John Cahill (intentions)

Saturday 4: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

- 8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Jack Hague (recently deceased)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 5: 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Michael Ward (anniversary)
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Maria & Stanislaw Bielecy (R.I.P.)
6.30pm Annie O’Connor (R.I.P.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 28 April: 5th Sunday of Easter

- 9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 5 May: 6th Sunday of Easter

- 9.15am Molly, Peter & John Brett (R.I.P.) & Owen, Katie & Danny McKernan (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 28 April: 5th Sunday of Easter

- 10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 5 May: 6th Sunday of Easter

- 10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine

(Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 28 April: 5. Veľkonočná nedeľa

- 3.00pm Special intention (M.K. 50th birthday)

Sunday 5 May: 6. Veľkonočná nedeľa

- 3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession	Monday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Monday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm
.....	Saturday: after 8.00am Mass (with Benediction)
Rosary	Friday & Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass
Adoration and Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next one 8th May)

We pray for Margaret Siddell, Msigna Gebrihiwot, Colette Swain, Anthony John Kent, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: Helen Carroll, Gloria Welsh, Elizabeth Dillop, Jean Hegarty, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Angela Eddy, Mary Parkinson, Kevin Worsnop, Emma Green, Damian Osako, Patricia Allen, Mary Worsnop, Jean Rogers, Kingsley Owomero, Margaret Smith, Charles Teti, Liam Blayney, Yvonne O'Donovan, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Diana, Karen Parry, Sarah Betts, 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: 2 May – Edward Irele, Rev Fr Daniel Clavin; 3 May – John O'Malley; 5 May – Michael Ward, Rev Fr Bernard Bedford.

Health & Safety Matters: If you wish to raise any issues regarding health and safety at St Marie's, please e-mail healthandsafety@stmariecathedral.org.

Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass: During term-time each week, we share and discuss the Gospel, and nurture the hearts and minds of our youngest parishioners in the Truth and the Light that is Jesus. Please meet Candida and the team at the baptismal font at the start of Mass, or ring the bell for Houlden Hall if you are running late. If your child is under five, please come along to help and support them.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the diocesan Priests' Training Fund.

This money supports those men who are discerning the Priesthood in our diocese. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, "The duty of fostering vocations pertains to the whole Christian community, which should exercise it above all by a fully Christian life. The principal contributors to this are the families which, animated by the spirit of faith and love and by the sense of duty, become a kind of initial seminary, and the parishes in whose rich life young men take part" (Decree on Priestly Training *Optatam totius*, 2). Please be as generous as you can be in support of the training and education of our future priests!

Each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass there is an opportunity to get together with other parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea. Please join us, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or a visitor. Refreshments are served in the Houlden Hall (1st floor of the building next door to the church), and we look forward to getting to know you better – all welcome!

Guided Tours: The experienced guides of St Marie's are able to offer Guided Tours around our beautiful Cathedral on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00pm. Tours include the history of Catholicism in Sheffield as well as the symbolism in the decorations and the lovely Victorian stained-glass windows. Groups can book via office@stmariecathedral.org or 0114 272 2522.

"Little Fishes" free playgroup in Houlden Hall, Wednesdays 10.30am–12.00pm: Parents and carers are invited to bring their 0 to 3-year-olds to Houlden Hall on Wednesday mornings for play, snacks and singing! Please ring the bell for St Marie's Norfolk Chambers (right next to the Cathedral's main entrance) and you will be let in.

The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday 9th May)—Holy Day of Obligation: A reminder that the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales, and this year falls on Thursday 9th May. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 8th May at 5.30pm here at the Cathedral, then Masses on the day itself at 8.00am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm at the Cathedral, 9.15am at St Oswald's, and 7.00pm at Holy Family. Please make every effort to attend Mass for this solemnity.

The next Talk and Social of St Marie's Christian Village will be on Saturday 18th May, 6.00pm in Houlden Hall. "Who are the Sons of God?" will be the theme of the event. Afterwards, there will be a shared supper and a chance to socialise with each other. CVSM exists for all Christian: young and old, those who live as families and those who live alone. Please bring a food or drink contribution. For more information, please speak to Rafid or Valeria (10.30am Mass), or send them a message to rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk.

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse—Tuesday 30th April: There will be a Service of Support for Survivors of Abuse on Tuesday 30th April, at 7.00pm at St Michael and All Angels, Wombwell (23 Park Street, S73 0HQ); all are welcome. Please offer up your own prayers of support on this day.

Good Shepherd Youth – next session Saturday 11th May, 4.00-7.00pm: Good Shepherd Youth is open to all secondary aged young people, whether they come to Church or not, and always involves Jesus, pizza and games. For more info, please contact Candida on GoodShepherd@hallam-diocese.com.

St Marie's Job Seekers Group—next meeting Wednesday 1st May, 1.00pm: Please meet Candida by the Baptismal Font after the 12.30pm Mass, or ring the bell for St Marie's Houlden Hall, situated directly above the Nottingham Building Society. For more info, email Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Bell Ringing at St Marie's: St Marie's bell ringers ring regularly on Sundays from the end of the 10.30am Mass to the start of the 12.30pm Mass, and hold practice and introductory sessions from 7.00–9.00pm on Mondays. St Marie's bell tower is also home to the Sheffield University Guild of Change Ringers, who ring before the 6.30pm Mass and practice on Fridays. If you would like to find out more about the bells and what is involved in ringing them, please contact Bob Rae (tel. 07710 116701; e-mail: ringing@bobrae.force9.co.uk).

"Come Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19)—Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Any man in our diocese who wishes to consider more deeply whether God might be calling him to the Sacred Priesthood is warmly invited to an evening of prayer and discernment on Tuesday 14th May, from 5.00-8.00pm at St Vincent's Mission Hub (Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4DE). For more information, see the poster in the narthex, or contact Rev Fr Lee Marshall (lmarshall@hallam-diocese.com).

Appeal for baby equipment for a new mum-to-be: We have an expectant mother who has recently moved to the Parish, and who is in need of support as she and her husband prepare for the arrival of their first child. If you have some equipment suitable for new born babies, please get in touch with Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you!

Free Wellbeing Course for Parents – online, Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm: Are you a parent, wanting to find a happier and more relaxed version of 'you'? This free six-week course focuses on how to take care of yourself as a parent, and how to improve your well-being. It looks at emotional self-care, how to meet your own needs, how to build resilience, how to be more assertive and set boundaries, as well as teaching you some stress and relaxation techniques, and giving you support to recover from trauma. For more information and to book your place, please contact Janet Kent (Caritas Hallam) on 07927657462 or email jkent@hallam-diocese.com.

Historic ‘Blue Plaque’ proposal for St Marie’s: A local charity, Sheffield Home of Football, wants to mark the contributions of John Charles Shaw and Michael Joseph Ellison to Sheffield’s sporting heritage, and is seeking permission to put up two Blue Heritage Plaques in the environs of the Cathedral. Shaw founded Hallam FC—the world’s second oldest football club—and was the captain of the team which won the world’s first football tournament. He was also President of the Sheffield Football Association when the Sheffield rules for the game became part of the national FA rules, in 1877. Ellison—a leading Catholic whose family donations to St Marie’s Cathedral included the window in the North Transept—played a key role in the creation of Sheffield United and Yorkshire County Cricket Club. In particular, he negotiated the use of land at Bramall Lane as a new cricket pitch and, later, football ground, making it the world’s first multi-purpose sports ground. In terms of the plaques, the charity is seeking permission to put a plaque commemorating Shaw’s life on the exterior of the Priest’s Sacristy, towards the bottom of Norfolk Row, where Shaw had a legal office before the extensions to the Cathedral complex were built. The plaque commemorating Ellison’s life would be above the Nottingham Building Society offices, where the Cathedral’s Houlden Hall now is. Neither plaque would be on the Cathedral building itself. If you would like to comment on the proposals, please email Eileen Maher (Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council) on PPC@stmariecathedral.org, or write to her (care of Cathedral House). Thank you.

Diocese of Hallam Marian Youth Group – Saturday 18th May, 1.30-3.00pm at St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster: The Diocese is organising a Marian Youth Group which will meet to pray the Rosary and have a social at the Shrine of our Lady in Doncaster. Candida and Molly will be accompanying anyone from the Parish who would like to go – we will travel there and back by train. If you would like to join us, please contact Candida directly, or by email to PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Please pray for our students: Let us all join together to pray for all students within our parish (and beyond) who are carrying the cross of exams or assessments at the moment. In particular, let us pray for those who are doing their GCSEs and A-levels, as well as for all our University students. May they seek the presence of the Lord more earnestly at this time, and may they individually, and personally, experience His divine love, help, peace and joy. In Jesus’ mighty name we pray.

Saint of the Week – St Catherine of Siena, mystic and Doctor of the Church: On Monday 29th April, we remember St Catherine of Siena, an Italian mystic who lived in the 14th Century. She was the youngest of 25 children born to loving parents in the thriving city of Siena, who had a deep devotion to God from an early age, and who had many supernatural experiences which drew her more deeply into a life of prayer, penance and devotion. She had her first vision aged just 6 years. In 1363, aged 16 years, she joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic, which was made up of lay people who wore a religious habit but lived at home, and worked in the world rather than in a cloister. They served the poor and sick and performed charitable works. When she was 21 years old, she entered into what would later be described as a ‘mystical marriage’ with our Lord; she then began a more active ministry of the poor, sick and imprisoned of Siena. Catherine also began to get involved in controversies that were plaguing the Church and State. She wrote hundreds of letters to kings, queens, nobility, religious, priests and even to the pope himself. When divisions in the Church became so profound, Catherine engaged in severe penance and prayer, living only on the Holy Eucharist which she received every day. In 1375, she received the gift of an invisible stigmata, which appeared physically on her body only after her death. She is credited with persuading the papacy to return to Rome in 1377, having previously moved to Avignon, France. She continued to rally people, and gained many followers, addressing political, cultural and moral abuses. But her last, and perhaps greatest gift to the Church, was her book entitled The Dialogue of Divine Providence. Catherine is seen as one of the greatest and most influential saints in the history of the Church, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

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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