



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, 9.30am–12.30pm, 1.30–4.30pm (**closed Monday**)

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3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

15th to 22nd December 2024

Readings: *I Zeph 3:14-18a Ps Isa 12:2-3, 4b-d, 5-6. R̄ 3 II Phil 4:4-7 G Lk 3:10-18*

Next Sunday: *I Mic 2:2-5a Ps 80(79):2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19. R̄ 4 II Heb 10:5-10 G Lk 1:39-45*

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

Cathedral

Sunday 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8.00am Rev Mgr James O'Brien (intentions)

10.30am Anthony Kent (anniversary)

12.30pm Sue Smith (recently deceased)

3.00pm November Memorial List (**BSL Mass**)

6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Monday 16: Monday in Week 3 of Advent

8.00am Beryl (intentions)

12.30pm Debbie Bedingfield-Wood (intentions)

5.30pm Pauline West (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 17: 17 December

8.00am Peter Magin (R.I.P.)

12.30pm In thanksgiving (B.M.)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 18: 18 December

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm James Doherty (sick)

5.30pm Family of Madeleine (intentions)

Thursday 19: 19 December

8.00am Very Rev Canon Patrick Hartnett (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Mary Walsh (recently deceased)

5.30pm Jessie Durham (R.I.P.)

Friday 20: 20 December

8.00am Rev Fr Dan Harrison (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Brian & Hilary (intentions)

5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 21: 21 December

8.00am The Cathedral Clergy (intentions)

12.30pm Elizabeth Barron (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Alberta Villaraz (anniversary)

10.30am Tom & Rita O'Brien (platinum jubilee)

12.30pm Nathania Romero (birthday)

3.00pm In thanksgiving (**African Mass**)

6.30pm People of the Parishes

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.15am November Memorial List

Holy Family

Sunday 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

10.30am People of the Parishes

Sunday 22: 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine

(Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 15: 3. adventná nedeľa (Nedeľa Gaudete)

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 22: 4. adventná 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 and Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass
Adoration and Prayer Group	Wednesday 8th January, 6.00pm
Bible Study Group	Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)

We pray for Sr Eileen Keating, P.B.V.M., Helen Carroll, Frank Prince (ex-Lord Mayor), Phyllis Caesar, Monica Varney, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: Gloria Welsh, Elizabeth Sandy, Jean Hegarty, Rima Lattash, Margaret & John Whitehead, Angela Eddy, Mary Parkinson, Kevin Worsnop, Emma Green, Damian Osako, Patricia Allen, Mary Worsnop, Jean Rogers (*flowers*), Kingsley Owomero, Margaret Smith, Charles Teti, Jean Rodgers (*ex-sacristan*), Liam Blayney, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Diana, Karen Parry, Sarah Betts, Ben Lipman, Jean Nowak, Rev Fr David Barnes, Liam Bambury, Owen Jenkinson, 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: 14 Dec – Rt Rev Gerald Moverley, Vladimir Korbar Sr; 15 Dec – Elizabeth Platt; 16 Dec – Allan Smythe; 17 Dec – Monica O'Brien, Alan Baker, Chukwudum Aladum, Rev Fr James Flynn; 19 Dec – Dominic D'Roza; 22 Dec – Canon David Ryan.

Children's First Holy Communion Programme (2025): The next First Holy Communion programme for children will begin in January 2025. For First Communions, all children who are in Year 3 to Year 6 are eligible to join the course. **Registration forms are now available to pick up after Sunday Mass.** Please return them to the Cathedral office, and the catechists will be in touch with you via phone or email with further details about the programme.

Volunteers needed as Welcomers and Stewards at the 8.00am Mass on Sundays: Please speak to a Steward to find out more, and contact Candida by email to PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

An Advent Reflection on the forthcoming Jubilee Year 2025—Thursday 19th December, straight after the 12.30pm Mass: 2025 is to be a Year of Jubilee, and a reflection gathering for all. If you are wondering what that means, Angela Powell, from CAFOD, has offered to come and lead a session for us to explore the biblical background to the Jubilee Year, and what the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' means for us today. We will be meeting in the Parish Room, straight after the 12.30pm Mass on Thursday 19th December; teas, coffees and light refreshments will also be available. The session will last no longer than an hour, and everyone is welcome!

Extended Confessions for Advent: There will be two Priests hearing Confessions at St Marie's from Thursday 19th–Saturday 21st December and Monday 23rd – Tuesday 24th December, starting at the usual time of 11.30am.

St Marie's Bible Group: St Marie's Bible group will be meeting this Wednesday for a 7.30pm start in Cathedral House. This week, we'll be looking at the twelfth chapter of John's Gospel. All welcome!

The Legion of Mary meets after the 12.30pm Sunday Mass in the parish room. If you are interested in joining the Legion of Mary, or finding out more about it, please come along to the meetings, or contact Franklin via 07587 480738.

Last Children's Liturgy for 2024 on Sunday 22nd December: Candida and the team look forward to welcoming our children for the 4th Sunday of Advent, before having a break over Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you then for a Christmas Special!

Children's Liturgy – worship song playlist available on our webpage: Singing our praises to God is very much a part of each and every Children's Liturgy session, and we will be teaching some new worship songs over the forthcoming weeks. You can find these – and some of our past and present favourites – on our webpage here: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

Lessons and Carols at St Marie's Cathedral—Saturday 21st December: On the evening of Saturday 17th December, starting at 6.30pm, there will be a liturgy of Lessons and Carols here at St Marie's Cathedral. All are welcome!

During the Christmas Season the Cathedral has two splendid Christmas Trees, one under the Tower where parishioners can write a dedication on a tag and hang it on the tree. Last year over 200 people wrote dedications! There will be also a tree in the porch. This year, on the 4th Sunday of Advent, parishioners are invited to place a bauble on the tree. Baubles will be provided. One bauble per family, thus helping to decorate our Cathedral Christmas Tree!

“Little Fishes” – last session for 2024 on Wednesday 18th December: “Little Fishes”, our free playgroup for the 0-3s, will gather for its last session of the year this Wednesday. We will then be having a break over Christmas and New Year, and will return on Wednesday 10th January. Wishing all our youngest parishioners – and their families – a wonderful Christmas!

Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025

Saturday 28th December, 12.30pm



The rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year will take place on Saturday 28th December, at which Bishop Ralph will preside. The celebration will start at the Sheffield Anglican Cathedral at 12.30pm, from which there will be a procession to St Marie's Cathedral for the opening Mass. All from across the Diocese are encouraged to come and celebrate the beginning of this special year, in which all are invited “to an intense experience of the love of God” and “a lively experience of grace and hope” (Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 6)!

Saint of the Week – St Peter Canisius SJ, priest: On Saturday 21st December, we remember St Peter Canisius, a Dutch priest who lived in the 16th Century, and one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. He played such a key role that he has often been called the “second apostle of Germany”, in that his energetic life parallels the earlier work of Boniface. At the age of 19 years, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne; soon afterwards, he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, and he was inspired to join the recently formed Society of Jesus. His life was a process of study, reflection, prayer and writing – on top of which, he had a zeal for the apostolate. In 1947, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. He was soon to be entrusted with the mission to Germany, which then became the focus of his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand – a great need of that age. In addition, he was a very popular and eloquent preacher, had great diplomatic ability (often serving as a reconciler), as well as writing unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church – but always in the context of loving, sympathetic concern. When he died in 1597, aged 76 years, he left behind 8 volumes of letters, full of words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. St Peter Canisius, please pray that we too may develop our talents for the sake of the Lord's work!

Do something AMAZING for 2025 – Bible in a Year, with Fr Mike Schmitz: We are all called into a personal relationship with our living God, and that requires us to discover who He truly is (rather than who we think He is). Our answer lies in the pages of the Holy Bible, and in the richness of the story of salvation, but to access that, we all need the help of a guide. The hugely successful 'Bible in a Year' podcast, by Fr Mike Schmitz, will explain the context and the sheer beauty of our Salvation History. It will walk you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days, providing essential commentary as well as prayer and reflection. It is structured around the 14 narrative books of the Holy Bible, which actually tell the entire story of Scripture from beginning to end. Each daily podcast is usually around 20mins in length, and can easily squeeze into your day. It is entirely free, and is available on all the major podcast Apps, and on YouTube. So... what are you waiting for? Do something amazing in 2025, and get to really know the Lord, your God!



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

St Marie's Cathedral

Tuesday 24th December: **5.30pm** (*Vigil*), **9.30pm** (*Mass during the Night*)

Wednesday 25th December: **Midnight** (*with carols from 11.30pm*),
8.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald's

Wednesday 25th December: **9.15am**

Holy Family

Wednesday 25th December: **10.30am**

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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