



**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:** Mon 23–Tue 24 Dec, 9.30am–12.30pm, 1.30–4.30pm (then **closed** until Mon 6 Jan)

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**4th Sunday of Advent and THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**22nd December 2024 to 5th January 2025**

**4th Sunday of Advent:** *I Mic 5:2-5a Ps 80(79):2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19. R<sup>x</sup> 4 II Heb 10:5-10 G Lk 1:39-45*

**Christmas:** *Vigil I Isa 62:1-5 Ps 89(88):4-5, 16-17, 27+29. R<sup>x</sup> 2a II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 G Mt 1:1-25 Night I Isa 9:2-7 Ps 96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12a, 12b-13b, 13cd. R<sup>x</sup> Lk 2:11 II Tit 2:11-14 G Lk 2:1-14 Dawn I Isa 62:11-12 Ps 97(96):1+6, 11-12 II Tit 3:4-7 G Lk 2:15-20 Day I Isa 52:7-10 Ps 98(97):1, 2-3b, 3c-4, 5-6. R<sup>x</sup> 3cd II Heb 1:1-6 G Jn 1:1-18*

**Holy Family:** *I 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84(83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R<sup>x</sup> cf. 5a II 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 G Lk 2:41-52*

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** *I Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72(71):1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. R<sup>x</sup> cf. 11 II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 G Mt 2:1-12*

**Masses at St Marie's Cathedral**

**Sunday 22 December: 4th Sunday of Advent**

8.00am People of the Parishes  
 10.30am Tom & Rita O'Brien (platinum jubilee)  
 12.30pm Anne Traynor (anniversary)  
 3.00pm In thanksgiving (**African Mass**)  
 6.30pm Alberta Villaraz (anniversary)

**Monday 23: 23 December**

8.00am November Memorial List  
 12.30pm Nathania Romero (birthday)  
 5.30pm Very Rev Canon Joseph Taylor (R.I.P.)

**Tuesday 24: 24 December**

8.00am John Groake (recently deceased)  
 12.30pm Lynne Connell (R.I.P.)

**✠ Tuesday 24: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠**

5.30pm Rodin (birthday)  
 9.30pm People of the Parishes

**✠ Wednesday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠**

Midnight For the Preservation of Peace & Justice  
 8.00am November Memorial List  
 10.30am Harry Pavey (birthday anniversary)  
 12.30pm Manuel Josol (R.I.P.)  
 6.30pm Private intention

**Thursday 26: ST STEPHEN**

8.00am Daniel Montano Camacho (R.I.P.)  
 12.30pm Feriolo, Zosima, Narciso & Erlinda Apat (R.I.P.)  
 5.30pm November Memorial List

**Friday 27: ST JOHN**

8.00am Jaqueline Elaine Baker (intentions)  
 12.30pm James & Margaret Courtney (R.I.P.)  
 5.30pm Kath, Sidney & David (R.I.P.)

**Saturday 28: HOLY INNOCENTS**

8.00am In Reparation for Abortion

**Sat 28: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (VIGIL)**

12.30pm For the Diocese of Hallam

**Sunday 29: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

8.00am Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)  
 10.30am Ethel Fletcher (R.I.P.)  
 12.30pm Chloe Alexander (anniversary)  
 6.30pm People of the Parishes

**Monday 30: 6th Day of Christmas Octave**

8.00am Sean Nagle (sick)  
 12.30pm November Memorial List  
 5.30pm Barbara Davies (intentions)

**Tuesday 31: 7th Day of Christmas Octave**

8.00am November Memorial List  
 12.30pm Pope Benedict XVI (anniversary)  
 5.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (R.I.P.)

**Wednesday 1 January: MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Midnight For Vocations to the Priesthood  
 8.00am Rev Mgr James O'Brien (intentions)  
 12.30pm Michael and Sara (recently married)  
 5.30pm People of the Parishes

**Thursday 2: Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren  
 12.30pm Dorothy O'Malley (anniversary)  
 5.30pm November Memorial List

**Friday 3: Friday before Epiphany**

8.00am Rev Fr Philip Kelly (anniversary)  
 12.30pm November Memorial List  
 5.30pm Phyllis Caesar (recently deceased)

**Saturday 4: Saturday before Epiphany**

8.00am November Memorial List  
 12.30pm Len and Gene Mockford (R.I.P.)

### Cathedral (continued)

**Sunday 5 January: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
8.00am Rev Fr Uwe Michael Lang (intentions)  
10.30am Candida Calvert (intentions)  
12.30pm Margaret Watkins (anniversary)  
6.30pm Len Davies (R.I.P.)

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

**Sunday 22 December: 4th Sunday of Advent**  
9.15am In thanksgiving

**✠ Wednesday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠**  
9.15am People of the Parish

**Sunday 29: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
9.15am Lyndsay Hay (R.I.P.)

**Sunday 5 January: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
9.15am The McKernan family (intentions)

### Holy Family

**Sunday 22 December: 4th Sunday of Advent**  
10.30am Canaan (birthday)

**✠ Wednesday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠**  
10.30am Parish Intentions

**Sunday 29: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
10.30am Parish Intentions

**Sunday 5 January: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
10.30am People of the Parishes

### Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

**Sunday 22 December: 4. adventná nedeľa**  
3.00pm Parish Intentions

**✠ Tuesday 24: NARODENIE PÁNA (VIGÍLIA) ✠**  
3.00pm Parish Intentions

**Sunday 29: SVÄTEJ RODINY – JEŽIŠA, MÁRIE A JOZEFA**  
3.00pm Parish Intentions

**Sunday 5 January: ZJAVENIE PÁNA**  
3.00pm Parish Intentions

**Sacrament of Confession** ..... *Mon 23rd, Tue 24th, Fri 27th & Sat 28th December: 11.30am–12.15pm*  
..... *Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December: 11.30am–12.15pm*  
..... *Thursday 2nd–Saturday 4th January: 11.30am–12.15pm*

**Exposition** ..... *Mon 23rd, Tue 24th, Fri 27th & Sat 28th December: 11.30am–12.15pm*  
..... *Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December: 11.30am–12.15pm*  
..... *Tuesday 31st December: 11.00pm–12.00am (before Midnight Mass)*  
..... *Thursday 2nd–Saturday 4th January: 11.30am–12.15pm*

**Rosary** ..... *Friday & Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass*

**Adoration and Prayer Group** ..... *Wednesday 8th January, after the 5.30pm Mass*

**Bible Study Group** ..... *Wednesday 8th January (in Cathedral House)*

**We pray** for 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, Damian Osako, Patricia Allen, Mary Worsnop, Jean Rogers (*flowers*), Kingsley Owomero, Charles Teti, Jean Rodgers (*ex-sacristan*), Liam Blayney, Gabriel Ofodile Okafor, Margaret Brennan, Diana, Karen Parry, Sarah Betts, Jean Nowak, Rev Fr David Barnes, Liam Bambury, Owen Jenkinson, Sean Nagle, 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 fortnight:** 22 Dec – Canon David Ryan; 23 Dec – Roman Jezierski; 25 Dec – Manuel Josol; 26 Dec – Richard Moore, George Middleton; 28 Dec – Rev Fr Anthony Attree, Rev Fr Tony Flynn; 29 Dec – Rev Mr Bernard Gerrard, Ethel Fletcher; 2 Jan – Dorothy O'Malley; 3 Jan – Rev Fr Philip Kelly, Rev Fr Robert Woodridge; 5 Jan – Margaret Watkins.

**There will be a special Holy Hour and talk from Fr Christian** after the 5.30pm Mass on Monday 23rd December. All welcome!

**Children's First Holy Communion Programme (2025):** There will be a meeting for parents in Houlden Hall on Sunday 5th January, at 3.00pm. If you have not yet filled out a registration form and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion next year,

**Cathedral Office hours over Christmas:** The Cathedral Office will be open up to and including the morning of Tuesday 24th December, but will then be closed for the Christmas and New Year period. It will reopen on Monday 6th January.

**Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 12th January:** After the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Children's Liturgy team will be having a little break for the holidays. Candida and Molly would like to wish all our children and their families a most wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

### **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)!

**The next meeting of the Legion of Mary** will be after the 12.30pm Sunday Mass on 12th January, in the parish room. If you are interested in joining, or finding out more about it, please come along to the meetings, or contact Franklin via 07587 480738.

**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/>



### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Mass at Midnight, Wednesday 1st January**

The Cathedral will open for prayer at 10.00pm on Tuesday 31st December, with a Holy Hour at 11.00pm, followed by Mass at midnight to usher in the New Year. All welcome!

**Thank you to all who helped make St Marie's a 'Beacon of Hope' this Advent!** *Beacon of Hope* is our Advent mission event, and a time we invite city centre shoppers to come in and light a candle from our Candle of Hope, and to meet Jesus-in-the-Eucharist. We would like to thank the 33 young people and the 24 adult volunteers, who helped with all the different aspects of the event – from the beautiful Adoration music inside the Cathedral and the cheery carol singing outside, to those who made St Marie's look stunningly beautiful with all the candles, and all those who did the inviting and the welcoming. A special thank you also to the Bishop and Fr Henry, who kept Jesus company throughout, and extended a warm welcome to those who wished to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We welcomed over 220 people into the Cathedral, and 137 candles were lit and placed at the feet of Jesus. We very much look forward to doing it all again next year!

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs - Saturday 28th December:** Herod the Great, the man given the position of King of the Jews (Judea) by the Romans, was gripped by paranoia and insecurity. His nickname 'Great' was not given to him for any noble reason, but for the way he jealously clung to his power and ruthlessly attacked and executed anyone whom he saw as a threat, including several members of his immediate family. So, imagine what went through Herod's mind when the Magi appeared, shortly after the birth of Jesus, asking 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?' (Matthew 2:1-2). Herod knew he didn't have a legitimate right to the Jewish throne, as determined by the line of David, and when the Magi failed to return with the information he needed to kill the newborn king directly, he moved to a more drastic plan: he ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity, two years old and under (Matthew 2:16). We don't know exactly how many boys were killed, but they are now honoured as the first martyrs of Christ. Within the wisdom and power of God, Herod will forever be condemned by his deeds, and these children will be forever exalted. These Christmas martyrdoms speak to us today: although peace and joy should ideally permeate this season, we must also face the reality of hardships, persecutions and other forms of suffering. Jesus' birth does not remove suffering from our lives, but it does transform it, enabling us to share in the glorious sufferings of these Holy Innocents, and all the saints who have united themselves most fully to Christ. Dear Holy Innocents: God permitted your suffering, and now He exalts you forever as the first witnesses to Him who shed your blood. Please pray for us, that we may always bear witness to Christ in our lives, and that we will walk with peace and joy amidst the sufferings in this life. Amen.



*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.  
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

*(Entrance Antiphon, Christmas Night Mass)*

**Bishop Ralph, Fr Chris, Fr Henry, Fr Christian, Sr Anne, Sr Maureen,  
and the Cathedral Staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!**