THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARIE
with the Churches of Holy Family
and Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald
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8th Sunday *per annum* (C)

2nd to 9th March 2025

Readings: ***I*** *Sir 27:4-7* ***Ps*** *92(91):2-3, 13-14, 15-16.* ℟ *cf. 2a* ***II*** *1 Cor 15:54-58* ***G*** *Lk 6:39-45*
Next Sunday: ***I*** *Dt 26:4-10* ***Ps*** *91(90):1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.* ℟ *cf. 15b* ***II*** *Rom 10:8-13* ***G*** *Lk 4:1-13*
Readings can also be found at http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm or on the Universalis app

Cathedral

Sunday 2: 8th Sunday *per annum*
8.00am Deceased Members of the Hazell family
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Simon Burrell (R.I.P.)
6.30pm November Memorial List

Monday 3: Monday in Week 8 *per annum*
8.00am Pope Francis (sick)
12.30pm **Funeral Mass** (Lucia Altobelli)
5.30pm Ronny, David & Angelica (intentions)

Tuesday 4: Tuesday in Week 8 *per annum*
8.00am Amian Boni Alfred
12.30pm Patrick & Ann Traynor (R.I.P.)
5.30pm Damian Whittaker (recently deceased)

------ Lent begins -----

Wednesday 5: ASH WEDNESDAY
8.00am Ben Lipman (sick)
11.00am Gloria Welsh (recently deceased)
12.30pm Joseph Hagos (birthday)
5.30pm Pope Francis (sick)

Thursday 6: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.30pm Giovanni Maria (birthday)
5.30pm Harvey Willgoose (recently deceased)

Friday 7: *Votive Masses for the Jubilee Year* *(1st Fri)*
8.00am Jerzy Chmura & Zawada (R.I.P.)
12.30pm Rev Mgr Stephen Sullivan (anniversary)
5.30pm Pope Francis (sick)

Saturday 8: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8.00am Robert & Louise (intentions)
12.30pm November Memorial List

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 9: 1st Sunday of Lent
8.00am Gloria Welsh (recently deceased)
10.30am Pope Francis (sick)
12.30pm Myrtle Middleton (anniversary)
6.30pm Anne-Marie & Lucie (recently deceased)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 2: 8th Sunday *per annum*
9.15am Michael Garvey (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 5: ASH WEDNESDAY
9.45am People of the Parish

Sunday 9: 1st Sunday of Lent
9.15am November Memorial List

Holy Family

Sunday 2: 8th Sunday *per annum*
10.30am Parish Intentions

Wednesday 5: ASH WEDNESDAY
7.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 9: 1st Sunday of Lent
10.30am People of the Parishes

Svätá Omša v slovenčine – St Charles

Sunday 2: 8. nedeľa v Cezročnom období
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Wednesday 5: POPOLCOVÁ STREDA
7.00pm Parish Intentions

Friday 7: *Votívna omša k Jubilejnému roku*
7.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 9: 1. pôstna nedeľa
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession ..... *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm*
.....Friday: after 12.30pm and 5.30pm Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ... *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm*
.....Saturday: after 8.00am Mass (with Benediction)

Rosary..... *Tuesdays during Lent: after the 12.30pm Mass*
.....Fridays during Lent: after the 5.30pm Mass
..... Friday and Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass

Adoration and Prayer Group.....*2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next one: 12th March)*

Bible Study Group..... *Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)*

We pray for Gerry Fitzgerald, Rev Fr Michael O'Connor, Rev Fr James Shryane, Harvey Willgoose, Henry Watmough-Cownie, Rosa Wilson, Gloria Welsh, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: 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, Lucy Hazell, Anne Ngo Bongo Kaldjob, Margaret Smith, Asmaa Tobya, Ben Lipman, Pope Francis, 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: 3 Mar – Rev Fr Andrew Daly; 6 Mar – Rev Fr John Delaney; 7 Mar – Rev Mgr Stephen Sullivan; 8 Mar – Edgar Platt; 9 Mar – Rev Fr Walter Burke.

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 twentieth chapter of John's Gospel. All welcome!

Good Shepherd Youth – next session on Saturday 8th March: Good Shepherd Youth is open to all secondary-aged young people, whether they come to Church or not. To find out more, please email Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), as part of their yearly White Flower Appeal. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

From 5th March, Sheffield's 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to join, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall or call Rachel (07368 297872) or Andrew (07943 893945).

Volunteer Welcomers needed for Padley Chapel: The historic Padley Chapel near Grindleford is a Designated Pilgrim Place in the Diocese of Hallam for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Therefore, more people are needed to help with the Chapel opening on Sunday afternoons and the occasional weekday during the "Pilgrim Year of Hope". You will be part of a team of 2, 3 or 4 volunteers and will be given full guidance and support. Please e-mail friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com and leave your contact details, or ring Sheila on 07855 039711 for more information.

Masses for Ash Wednesday

St Marie's Cathedral: 8.00am, 11.00am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm
Please note there will be no Confessions or Exposition due to the extra Mass at 11.00am

St Oswald's: 9.45am

Holy Family: 7.00pm

St Charles (*Svätá Omša v slovenčine*)**:** 7.00pm

Diocesan Rite of Election—Sunday 9th March, 4.30pm: On the 1st Sunday of Lent, St Marie's will host the Diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election at 4.30pm, which is led by Bishop Ralph. This service is for all those who are due to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Everyone is welcome.

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Tuesday 4th March, 7.30pm: If you wish to bring something to the PPC's attention, or come along as a guest, please get in touch with Niall, the PPC Secretary, on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you.

The Messy Family Project @ St Vincent's Mission Hub – Friday 14th and Saturday 15th March: Do you want to invest more in your family? Are you overwhelmed and tired of operating in crisis mode? Do you want to raise faith-filled, resilient and happy children? Come join us for a faith-filled weekend at St Vincent's Mission Hub! Mike and Alicia Hernon, of the famous Messy Family Project, are coming all the way from Stuebenville, Ohio, to lead couples during an exclusive workshop, on the Four Disciplines of a Family! The main event will take place on Saturday 15th March at St Vincent's, Mission Hub, 11.00–3.00pm. As an added bonus, there will also be a Date Night for married couples on Friday 14th March (7.30-9.30pm) with cheese and wine and a talk from Mike and Alicia, on How to Keep Your Love Alive. The evening will end with Eucharistic Adoration. For more info and to book your place, please visit https://tinyurl.com/yzcydh2v.

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7): The 40-day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (5th March), and ends at sundown on Maundy Thursday (17th April). During Lent, we are asked to earnestly seek the Lord in prayer, serve the Lord by giving, and practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will, ever more faithfully. Please support and encourage each other during this time! And may God bless you with a strong sense of his presence in your lives.

Hurt by Abortion? Abortion impacts families and the wider community. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a life-affirming charity that offers a healing ministry to anyone hurt by abortion. Please consider supporting the work of Rachel's Vineyard UK by donating to "Rachel's Vineyard Birmingham" (sort code 30-96-28, acc. no. 24674268).

Calling all Catholics! Arise:March 2025 – Look, Listen and Love where you have been placed: Arise is a Prayer and Mission Movement that invites all Christians living in Sheffield to live their faith more freely. Since 2021, over 100 churches from across Sheffield have been arising together each March to prayer-walk every street in our city, and to pray in God's blessings over this City and our neighbours. You are uniquely placed to love your neighbours through prayer, and we would especially like more Catholics to join this movement! To capture our collective efforts, please download and use the free Arise prayer-walking app to record your walk from www.AriseSheffield.org . Or if you would prefer to receive and complete a paper map, please ask Candida for one of your post-code area by sending her an email to PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Little Fishes on Wednesdays, 10.30am–12.00pm: Our free playgroup is available for the 0-3s, and their parents and carers. Join us for play, chat, snacks and singing!

Children's Liturgy—at the 10.30am Mass: Join us as 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 years old, please come along to help and support them.

Women's Group—Thursdays, 11.00am–12.15pm in Houlden Hall: The Women's Group meets every Thursday, offering friendship and laughter, faith discussion and loving support to women of all ages. Please ring the bell for Houlden Hall (next to the Cathedral's main entrance) to be let in.

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!

Devotion of the Month—to St Joseph: During the month of March, we are all encouraged to focus on St Joseph – the spouse of Mary, foster-father of Jesus, and head of the Holy Family. He is the noble offspring of David, and is the only other person, besides Jesus, to ever be called the 'Son of David' in the New Testament: "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 1:20). The angel had come to remind St Joseph of his royal ancestry at a very crucial moment in salvation history, and to let him know what role he had been given by God in the coming of the Messiah. All saints are heroes of the faith, but St Joseph is unique: he is honoured and loved as the man closest to Christ Jesus, and his virtues and holiness are extraordinary – which is why he has been the delight of so many saints throughout the ages. His love, guidance, protection and intercession are available to you too, to take this opportunity to get to know St Joseph better this month! Reflecting on the Litany to St Joseph is a good place to start; copies can be found at the back of Church.

Saints of the Week – St Perpetua and St Felicity: On the 7th March, we remember the martyrs St Perpetua and St Felicity. At this time – and in an attempt to slow the growth of Christianity – the Roman Emperor Septimius Severus issued a decree forbidding subjects of the Roman Empire to convert. If they did, they were given the opportunity to renounce their faith and honour the Roman gods. If they refused, they were put to death. In the year 203, five catechumens preparing for baptism in the Roman city of Carthage (modern-day Tunisia) were arrested, and among those catechumens were Perpetua and Felicity. Perpetua was a 22-year-old married noblewoman, having recently given birth to a son whom she was still nursing. Her father was a pagan, but her mother and one brother were baptized Christians, another brother was also preparing for baptism, and a third brother had already died as a pagan. Felicity, a slave, was also a young woman and pregnant at the time of her arrest. She gave birth in the prison to a daughter, whom one of their fellow Christians at once adopted. When these brave women stood before their judge, Perpetua's father showed up with her baby, pleading her to renounce Christ, save her life, and be there for her son. Perpetua refused. For their unwillingness, all five were sent to the public games in the amphitheatre. On the day of their martyrdom, Perpetua and Felicity walked to the arena with heads high and joyful spirits; there, their male companions were killed by beasts, and Perpetua and Felicity were gravely wounded before being beheaded. Perpetua's last words were: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another. Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you!". May we also find the strength never to shy away from living our faith openly in a hostile world. Saints Perpetua and Felicity, pray for us!

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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