



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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4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare*) (C)

30th March to 6th April 2025

Readings: *I* 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a **Ps** 23(22):1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. *R* 1 *II* Eph 5:8-14 **G** Jn 9:1-41

Next Sunday: *I* Ezk 37:12-14 **Ps** 130(129):1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8. *R* 7bc *II* Rom 8:8-11 **G** Jn 11:1-45

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

Cathedral

Sunday 30 Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*)

8.00am Amian Boni Alfred
10.30am For All Mothers in the Parish
12.30pm Adasomuso Anita Okonjo (in thanksgiving)
6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Monday 31: Monday in Week 4 of Lent

8.00am Lucy Hazell (intentions)
12.30pm Noel Doyle (recently deceased)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Tuesday 1 April: Tuesday in Week 4 of Lent

8.00am Rubala Justin (intentions)
12.30pm **Funeral Mass** (Gloria Welsh R.I.P.)
5.30pm Emilio Piletto (anniversary)

Wednesday 2: Wednesday in Week 4 of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Amian Boni Alfred
5.30pm Ivy Davies-Neale (blessings)

Thursday 3: Thursday in Week 4 of Lent

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.30pm Michael Roaty (recently deceased)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Friday 4: Votive Masses for the Jubilee Year

8.00am Rev Mr Neil Bailey (anniversary)
12.30pm For the Parish Groups
5.30pm Justin (R.I.P.)

Saturday 5: Votive Masses for the Jubilee Year

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Ann Cassidy

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 6: 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00am People of the Parishes
10.30am Denis, Kathleen & Angela Gallagher
12.30pm Tadeusz Skrzypczak (anniversary)
6.30pm Damian Whittaker (R.I.P.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 30 Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*)

9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 6 April: 5th Sunday of Lent

9.15am For family's peace (anon.)

Holy Family

Sunday 30 Mar: 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*)

10.30am People of the Parishes

Sunday 6 April: 5th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine – St Charles

Sunday 30 March: 4. pôstna nedel'a (*nedel'a Laetare*)

3.00pm Peter Čureja (R.I.P.) & Vojtech Husár
(anniversary)

Sunday 6 April: 5. pôstna nedel'a

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
Stations of the Cross	Tuesdays during Lent: after the 12.30pm Mass
.....	Fridays during Lent: after the 5.30pm Mass
Adoration and Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next: 26th March)
Bible Study Group	Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)
Young Adults (18-35) Prayer Group	Last Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 26th April), in Parish Room

We pray for Harvey Willgoose, Henry Watmough-Cownie, Rosa Wilson, Gloria Welsh, Damian Whittaker 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, Liam Bambury, Owen Jenkinson, Sean Nagle, 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: 1 April – Emilio Piletto; 3 April – Marjorie Hopkin; 4 April – Rev Mr Neil Bailey; 5 April – Rev Mgr Michael Keegan.

This Sunday is the annual Appeal and Collection for Life, the Pro-Life Charity: Today (4th Sunday of Lent; Mothering Sunday), there is the Annual Diocesan Appeal on behalf of Life. Life offers counselling and practical support to anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy so that abortion may be avoided. Life also offers sensitive counselling and help for those suffering following an abortion (helpline 0808 802 5433). Please be as generous as you can be in support of their vital work. You can also donate online at <https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>. Thank you.

New Young Adults Prayer Group: On the last Saturday of the month, there is a new prayer group for young adults (18-35 years old), meeting in the Parish Room at 11.00am. The next one will be on Saturday 26th April.

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 1 John 3:1–4:6. All welcome!

No Children's Liturgy this week: Children's Liturgy is having a break this Sunday (30th March) and next Sunday (6th April) for the school holidays, but will return on Sunday 13th April.

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 5th April, from 9.30-11.00am in Houlden Hall. Registration forms are available after one of the Masses, from a steward or the Priest, or from the Cathedral office. If you wish your child to be baptised at St Marie's, you will need to attend the preparation programme, so please do fill in and return the registration form.

Wishing all our mothers a wonderful Mothering Sunday! Motherhood is such a blessed and dignified vocation – a wonderful gift from God! On Mother's Day this Sunday, we would like to give thanks for all our mothers – including our spiritual mothers; may they be given all the graces they need to fulfil God's plans for their lives, and for their duties in their families. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.

Journey in Faith: Due to high demand, there will be another Journey in Faith programme starting after Easter, beginning on Tuesday 29th April, 6.30-7.30pm, in Houlden Hall. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic who has not received Confirmation or First Holy Communion, you are very welcome to join the programme!

Lenten Talk—Tuesday 8th April, after the 5.30pm Mass: The PPC are delighted to announce that Fr Henry will be giving us a Lenten talk on Tuesday 8th April. There will be refreshments on offer in the Parish Room straight after the 5.30pm Mass. The talk will then take place in the Cathedral at 7.15pm, followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Put the date in your diary and plan to join us!

The next Talk and Social of St Marie's Christian Village will be on Saturday 5th April, at 6.00pm in Houlden Hall. *Discussion about Time Changer's Movie* 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 (10:30 am Mass), or send them a message to rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk.

The large TV screen in the Porch as you enter by the main entrance now has Cathedral information, Mass times, etc., together with information on forthcoming events and short videos, the latest of which is about the West window! Do have a look.

Volunteers needed to help cover up the statues in St Marie's—Saturday 5th April: Traditionally, all the statues in Catholic churches are covered up for the final two weeks of Lent, and all the candle stands are removed. At St Marie's, this is quite a big task involving heavy lifting, ladders, awkward moves and quite a bit of patience! Thank you to those who have already volunteered—and if you are able to help us, please gather by the cloister door after the 12.30pm Mass, at about 1.15pm.

A programme of Pilgrimages during the Jubilee Year is being finalised and will be available next weekend. This is in addition to the Pilgrim Passport booklet.

APF Red Mission Boxes: please bring in your red boxes so that they can be emptied. Boxes can be left at the Cathedral Office during office hours, or with one of the stewards when the Cathedral is open. Thank you!

Support your Church and Clergy: As you can imagine, it takes a considerable amount of money to run and maintain our beautiful church, support the Clergy, Cathedral House and staff, and to keep open the Houlden Hall and Parish Room. There are several ways of giving—the collection during Mass, the card machines at the back of Church, and by weekly or monthly Direct Debit/standing order. The Cathedral's bank details are as follows:

Name of Bank Account: St Marie's Restoration Fund

Sort code: 40-41-07

Account number: 01094289

Most costs have risen considerably so please be as generous as possible. If you are a taxpayer, it is also possible to Gift Aid contributions made by standing order or Direct Debit—please contact the Cathedral Office for a Gift Aid declaration form (office@stmariecathedral.org).

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!

The Jubilee Year Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 26th July. A coach will leave Pond Hill at 7.30am. Cost is £26 per person (£15 for children). Please contact Joseph Durham for bookings and more information (07939 152558; joseph.durham52@gmail.com).

No “Little Fishes” this week – next sessions on Wednesday 9th April and 23rd April: “Little Fishes”, our free playgroup for the 0-3s, will not be meeting this week, nor during Holy Week. Weekly sessions will recommence straight after Easter Sunday!

Are you a job seeker? Next session for help and advice - Wednesday 9th April, 1-3pm: We are One Church, One Family – and this group is for anyone trying to find new or better employment, or seeking sponsorship in the UK. Our Job Seekers group meets in Houlden Hall, straight after the lunchtime Mass; it is your chance to connect and share your job seeking challenges, and to get some practical help, support and advice.

Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 8.00pm, Holy Thursday—Volunteers Needed: As part of the special celebratory Mass of the Lord’s Supper, on Maundy Thursday (17th April), we are looking for 12 volunteers for the foot washing, 3 volunteers to carry the oils, 4 female candle bearers and 4 tall male volunteers to carry the baldachin (canopy). If you wish to participate in any of these activities, please provide your name and contact number on the sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Thank you.

Prayer-walking – final push! Arise:Sheffield is inviting all Christians living in the Sheffield to join together and prayer-walk every street in our city. So far, 639 Christians across Sheffield have taken part in prayer-walking, covering an incredible 4,555km (2,830 miles) – which is 58% of our streets. Please help us cover even more of our streets in prayer before the end of the month! To find out what streets have yet to be covered in your area, please consult the prayer walking map: <https://sheffield.prayerwalk.app/map>.

Devotion of the Month – to the Holy Spirit: During the month of April, we are all encouraged to focus on prayers to the Holy Spirit – a distinct person of the Holy Trinity, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son, and sent to us to guide, enlighten, comfort and strengthen us throughout our life’s journey. As Catholics, we believe that God dwells with us and within us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Chaplet of the Holy Spirit honours the Holy Spirit, and consists of seven sets of 3 beads. Before each set of beads, recite the prayer of the Holy Spirit (changing the gift each set), then using the beads, pray one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary* and one *Glory be to the Father*. Complete each set with the invocation to the Holy Spirit, and move on to the next set. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of wisdom/understanding/counsel/fortitude/knowledge/piety/fear of the Lord, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth. Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be... O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, come and make your home in my heart. Amen.*

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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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