



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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1st Sunday of Lent (C)

2nd to 9th March 2025

Readings: *I* Dt 26:4-10 **Ps** 91(90):1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. *R* cf. 15b *II* Rom 10:8-13 **G** Lk 4:1-13

Next Sunday: *I* Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 **Ps** 27(26):1, 7-8b, 8c-9c, 13-14. *R* 1a *II* Phil 3:17–4:1 **G** Lk 9:28b-36

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

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)

Monday 10: Monday in Week 1 of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Michel & Elizabeth (intentions)
5.30pm Damian Whittaker (recently deceased)

Tuesday 11: Tuesday in Week 1 of Lent

8.00am Robert & Louise (intentions)
12.30pm Gloria Welsh (recently deceased)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 12: Wednesday in Week 1 of Lent

8.00am Justina Madeleine (birthday)
12.30pm Harry Pavey (anniversary)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 13: Thursday in Week 1 of Lent

8.00am Tadeusz Holub & Irena Buczkowska (R.I.P.)
12.30pm Amian Boni Alfred
5.30pm Daniela Mackova (intentions)

Friday 14: Friday in Week 1 of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Eduardo Popa (R.I.P.)
5.30pm Dorly & Lucie (birthday)

Saturday 15: BL JOHN ANNE (AMIAS)

8.00am Lucy Hazell (intentions)
12.30pm Charles, Wilna & Gamini Seneviratne (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00am People of the Parishes
10.30am Rik Prowse (anniversary)
12.30pm Ben Lipman (sick)
6.30pm Siby Chacko (in thanksgiving)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 9: 1st Sunday of Lent

9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.15am Danny, Katie & Owen McKernan (R.I.P.)

Holy Family

Sunday 9: 1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am People of the Parishes

Sunday 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine – St Charles

Sunday 9: 1. pôstna nedeľa

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 16: 2. pôstna nedeľa

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession	<i>Monday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm</i>
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Monday–Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm</i>
.....	<i>Saturday: after 8.00am Mass (with Benediction)</i>
Rosary	<i>Friday and Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass</i>
Stations of the Cross	<i>Tuesdays during Lent: after the 12.30pm Mass</i>
.....	<i>Fridays during Lent: after the 5.30pm Mass</i>
Adoration and Prayer Group	<i>2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next: 12th March)</i>
Bible Study Group	<i>Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)</i>
Young Adults (18-35) Prayer Group	<i>Last Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 29th March), in Parish Room</i>

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, 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: 9 Mar – Rev Fr Walter Burke; 10 Mar – Kitty O'Donovan; 12 Mar – Rev Fr James Halpenny.

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 twenty-first chapter of John's Gospel. All welcome!

CAFOD Appeal next Sunday and Family Fast Day collection: Next Sunday, to coincide with the Family Fast Day (Friday 14th March), some volunteers will speak at the end of Masses about CAFOD's work supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war and poverty. The Fast Day donation envelopes are available at the back of the Cathedral. You can also donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope>, call 0303 303 3030, or text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Diocesan Rite of Election—Sunday 9th March, 4.30pm: This Sunday, 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.

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).

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).

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.

New Young Adults Prayer Group: On the last Saturday of the month, there will be a new prayer group for young adults (18-35 years old), meeting in the Parish Room at 11.00am. The first one will be on Saturday 29th March.

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.

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!

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).

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!

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!

The Arise Prayer-Walking App is Live! So far, 187 Christians across Sheffield have taken part in prayer-walking, covering an incredible 1,007.8 km of Sheffield across 663 walks. Last year, we collectively prayer-walked nearly 5,000km, but we need your help to go even further this year! Every street walked is an opportunity to pray for God's kingdom to come in our communities. If you haven't started prayer-walking yet, now is the time to get involved. During the month of March only, you can track your prayer walks and see prayer requests using the Arise Prayer App, which you can find at <https://sheffield.prayerwalk.app>.

Are you a job seeker? Drop-in session for help and advice—Wednesday 19th March, 1.00-3.00pm: Our Job Seekers group will be meeting at 1pm in Houlden Hall on Wednesday 19th March, straight after the lunchtime Mass; please meet Candida by the baptismal font, or ring the bell for Houlden Hall if you are coming a little later. (Houlden Hall is in Norfolk Chambers, directly above the Nottingham Building Society; you will find the bell is between the cashpoint and the main entrance to the Cathedral). This will be your chance to connect and share your job seeking challenges, and to get some practical help and advice. We look forward to seeing you there! You can also email Candida on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Devotion of the Month – to St Joseph: During the month of March, we are all encouraged to focus on St Joseph, and on 19th March we celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Women deserve men who are strong and protective, yet gentle, loving and trustworthy. Every woman wants to find security in the arms of a man who is willing to lay down his life for her. This is who St Joseph is; the model husband and father. In addition, St Joseph and Mary were truly husband and wife, but they never engaged in sexual relations. Their vocation was to be united in heart, mind and soul, but never in body. They were both consecrated to God, and sacrificed a natural good for the greater good: the salvation of souls. The Church and the world need men like St Joseph – pure-intentioned, chaste, and afire with love for Jesus and Mary. Pope Benedict XVI has these words for us: "Saint Joseph is the spouse of Mary. In the same way, each father sees himself entrusted with the mystery of womanhood through his own wife. Dear fathers, like St Joseph, respect and love your spouse; and by your love and wise presence, lead your children to God."

Saint of the Week – St Louise de Marillac: On Saturday 15th March, we remember St Louise – a working class widow who lived in Paris in the 1600s, and who co-founded the Daughters of Charity, along with her spiritual director and mentor, St Vincent de Paul. Louise had lost both parents by the age of 15, and was encouraged to marry; she soon found herself nursing her beloved husband through a long illness that finally led to his death. Louise decided to devote the rest of her life to the service of God. Being of peasant stock, it took quite a long time before Vincent de Paul came to realise that Louise was the answer to his prayers. She had the qualities of endurance, courage and intelligence he needed, and she could connect with the working classes in a way that his aristocratic volunteers could not. As well as nursing the sick herself, Louise began the training of working-class women in the task – an activity she conducted from her own home in Paris. These dedicated activities proved to be the foundation of a worldwide operation known as the Daughters of Charity, from which also developed congregations of un-cloistered women known as the Sisters of Charity. Louise travelled all over France, establishing her community members in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions. At her death, the congregation had more than forty Sisters of Charity houses in France. By the end of the 20th Century, Daughters of Charity made up the largest single congregation of religious women; they can be recognised today by their distinctive grey tunic and white headress. St Louise is recognised as the patron saint of social workers.

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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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