



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: Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm, 1.30-4.30pm

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5th Sunday of Easter (C)

18th to 25th May 2025

Readings: *I* Acts 14:21b-27 *Ps* 145(144):8-9, 10-11, 12-13b. *R* cf. 1 *II* Rev 21:1-5a *G* Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Next Sunday: *I* Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 *Ps* 67(66):2-3, 5, 6+8. *R* 4 *II* Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 *G* Jn 14:23-29

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

Cathedral

Sunday 18: 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)
10.30am Pope Leo XIV (intentions)
12.30pm Deceased Members of Mukiibi family
6.30pm November Memorial List

Monday 19: Monday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am Emma & unborn baby
12.30pm Priscilla Tan Ser Boon (recently deceased)
5.30pm Miranda & family (intentions)

Tuesday 20: Tuesday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Justina Chiadikobi Ogueli (recently deceased)
5.30pm Merhawi & Shewit (wedding anniversary)

Wednesday 21: Wednesday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am Beryl & Syrus (intentions)
12.30pm Funi, Jessica & Dubem (exams)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 22: Thursday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am Madeleine family (in thanksgiving)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm A.W. Frebo (birthday)

Friday 23: Friday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am Veronique Akossibié Adje (R.I.P.)
12.30pm B.R.S. Frebo (birthday)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Saturday 24: Saturday in Week 5 of Easter

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Rosemary & family (in thanksgiving)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 25: 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Pope Francis (R.I.P.)
10.30am Pat Osula (R.I.P.)
12.30pm People of the Parishes
6.30pm November Memorial List

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 18: 5th Sunday of Easter

9.15am Theresa & Paul Smart (R.I.P.)

Sunday 25: 6th Sunday of Easter

9.15am Sr Anne (mother's birthday blessings)
& Ezra Morton (in thanksgiving)

Holy Family

Sunday 18: 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am People of the Parishes

Sunday 25: 6th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine

(Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 18: 5. Veľkonočná nedeľa

3.00pm Vojtech Husar (R.I.P.)

Sunday 25: 6. Veľkonočná 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>
Adoration and Prayer Group	<i>2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6.00pm (next: 28th May)</i>
Bible Study Group	<i>Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)</i>
Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group	<i>Last Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 31st May), in Parish Room</i>

We pray for Pope Francis 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, 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: 19 May – Paul Hopkin; 22 May – Jozef Karch; 24 May – Austin Helliwell; 25 May – Rev Fr Eric Newbound.

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, the group will look at Tobit 4:1–5:3. All welcome!

New Young Adults Faith Group: On the last Saturday of the month, there is a new faith group for young adults (18-35s), meeting in the Parish Room at 11.00am. The next one will be on Saturday 31st May.

The next session of the Journey in Faith programme will be on Tuesday 20th May, from 6.30-7.30pm in Houlden Hall.

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!

Good Shepherd Youth – next session on Saturday 24th May: 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.

Abortion: Impact and Tragedy. Let's talk about it! Please join us at Mother of God (Abbeydale Rd, Sheffield) for the Pro-Life Mass at 10.00am and the ‘Abortion: Impact and Tragedy. Let's talk about it!’ on Saturday 7th June. Bishop Ralph will celebrate the Mass. We will be addressed by distinguished pro-life speakers, Isabel Vaughan Spruce (Director of the March for Life UK), Rachel McKenzie (with her personal testimony and involvement in Rachel's Vineyard) and John Edwards (St Colette's Pregnancy Centre). Light lunch and refreshments provided.

Jubilee of People with Disabilities: Bishop Ralph invites us all to a Diocesan Mass with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 31st May, 12.00 noon, at St Peter-in-Chains (Chequer Rd, Doncaster, DN1 2AA) to celebrate the Jubilee of People with Disabilities. All are welcome to this Mass, and Bishop Ralph extends a particular invitation to anyone living with a disability, their family members and anyone who supports people with disabilities. During the Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered. There will be a BSL interpreter at this Mass, and the ability to access large print versions of the Mass booklet through a QR code. For those with a “Blue Badge” additional car parking spaces will be reserved near the Church entrance. All are welcome and there is no requirement to notify attendance in advance – please just come along on the day.

Youth Ministry Job Opportunity—Castlerigg Manor: Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

The next Talk and Social of St Marie's Christian Village will be on Saturday 7th June, at 6.00pm in Houlden Hall. "Dignity in Labour" will be the theme of the event, and it will be present by Fr Christian. Afterwards, there will be a shared supper and a chance to socialise with each other. CVSM exists for all Christians: young and old, those who live as families and those who live alone. Please bring a food or drink contribution. For more info, please speak to Rafid or Valeria (10.30am Mass), or e-mail them at rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk.

The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday 29th May)—Holy Day of Obligation: A reminder that the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales, and this year falls on Thursday 29th May. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th May at 5.30pm here at the Cathedral, as well as a Vigil Mass at Holy Family at 7.00pm. Masses on the day itself will be at 8.00am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm at the Cathedral, and 9.15am at St Oswald's. Please make every effort to attend Mass for this solemnity.

Caritas Diocese of Hallam are offering free counselling for couples and families. For more information, please contact Janet Kent (07927 657462; jkent@hallam-diocese.com) or Bernie Ware (07980 406198; bware@hallam-diocese.com).

St Marie's on Facebook and Instagram: Do you want to see and hear more about what is going on at St Marie's? If so, follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stmariecathedral>) and on Instagram (@cathedralstmariesheffield) to stay updated on our latest news and events!

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!

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. Most costs have risen considerably so please be as generous as possible. The Cathedral's bank details (for direct debit/standing order/internet banking) are as follows:

Name of Bank Account: St Marie's Restoration Fund

Sort code: 40-41-07

Account number: 01094289

Church Action on Poverty (CAP) Conference—Thursday 29th May: Research carried out by CAP in the North West showed three out of every five churches closed by the Church of England between 2010 and 2020 were in deprived areas, while half the Methodist and Baptist churches and two out of five Roman Catholic churches that closed were in deprived areas. The Sheffield branch of CAP is responding to this research by organising an evening conference, asking the question: "Are churches losing faith in low-income communities?" The conference takes place at the Broomhall Centre (Broomspring Ln, S10 2FD), on Thursday 29th May, 7.30-9.30pm. Speakers at the conference include Niall Cooper (CEO, Church Action on Poverty), Lucy Sablan (Anglican Rector of Sheffield Manor) and Nick Waterfield (Methodist minister and community worker in Parson Cross). There will be opportunities for questions and light refreshments will be available. Admission is free and there is no need to book. For more information about the event, please contact Briony Broome (briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk; 07801 532954).

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, and as the Cathedral is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, this is a special time for all parishioners. We have two Shrines dedicated to Our Lady: the Lady Chapel up the spiral staircase, and the Marian Shrine is in the north transept. Also on sale at the back of the church (£8) is *Mary: Reflections and Readings*, based on the decorations in St Marie's.

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.

More volunteers needed as Welcomers/Stewards at the 6.30pm Sunday Mass: If you are able to get to Mass at least 15 minutes before the start, please offer your services! Jobs include handing out the music sheets and Newsletters, giving people a warm welcome, answering queries, and generally serving our church community. If you think you can help, please speak to a member of the stewarding team to find out more, and contact Candida by email to: PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Are you a job seeker? Next session for help and advice—Wednesday 21st May, 1.00-2.30pm: 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; please meet Candida and the team by the Baptismal Font after Mass, or ring the bell for St Marie's Houlden Hall if you arrive later. (Houlden Hall is in Norfolk Chambers, directly above the Nottingham Building Society; it's accessed via the grey door right by the main entrance to the Cathedral. Please press the top bell to be let in).

Devotion of the Month—to the Blessed Virgin Mary: During the month of May, we are encouraged to increase our devotion to Mary – our spiritual mother and powerful intercessor in Heaven. If you want to get to know our Mother Mary better, why not consider a Do-It-Yourself Retreat using the free 33 Days to Morning Glory resource? This will lead you through a series of daily reflections, culminating in the opportunity to consecrate yourself to Jesus, through Mary, on the final day. If you begin your retreat on the 27th May, you will be able to consecrate yourself to Jesus on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, which falls on the 28th June this year. For an electronic PDF copy of this free resource, please email Candida at: PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Saint of the Week – St Rita of Cascia, patron of desperate situations and marital strife: On Thursday 22nd May, we remember St Rita – an Italian widow, Augustinian nun and mystic, who was born in the late 14th Century. St Rita is a well-loved patron for anyone whose life is filled with despair for their loved ones. Rita's own troubles began when she agreed to her parent's wishes to marry, against her own desire to lead a religious life. Their choice of husband for her was an unhappy one: he proved to be alcoholic, violent and unfaithful. For 18 years she suffered in her marriage, and worse still, agonised as she gradually saw their two sons fall under her husband's influence. Eventually her husband fell victim to his own brutal world and was brought home to her dead, covered in wounds. When her sons vowed to avenge his death, in the depths of her despair she prayed that her sons might die rather than become murderers. Her prayer was answered: they both contracted a fatal disease, and with huge sorrow but loving tenderness, Rita nursed them through their sickness. She succeeded in turning their minds to a Christian spirit of forgiveness before their deaths. Now alone in the world, persistence paid off and she was finally accepted to become an Augustinian nun; there, she showed the same selfless devotion to her religious sisters, especially in times of illness. Almost 30 years after joining the convent, Rita experienced a sense of mystical union with Christ during a sermon on the crown of thorns. A wound developed on her forehead, and became so offensive that she was kept in almost constant seclusion until her death from tuberculosis 16 years later. Her body is incorrupt.

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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