



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: Mon 22–Wed 24 Dec, 9.30am–12.30pm, 1.30–4.30pm (then **closed** until Mon 5 Jan)

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4th Sunday of Advent (A)

21st to 28th December 2025

4th Sunday of Advent: *I* Isa 7:10-14 *Ps* 24(23):1-2, 3-4b, 5-6. *R* cf. 6 *II* Rom 1:1-7 *G* Mt 1:18-24

Christmas: *Vigil* *I* Isa 62:1-5 *Ps* 89(88):4-5, 16-17, 27+29. *R* 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* 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* 3cd *II* Heb 1:1-6 *G* Jn 1:1-18

Holy Family: *I* Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 *Ps* 128(127):1-2, 3, 4-5. *R* 1a *II* Col 3:12-21 *G* Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Cathedral

Sunday 21 December: 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Hugh & Maureen Finnigan (intentions)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Canon David Ryan (R.I.P.)

3.00pm In thanksgiving (**African Mass**)

6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Monday 22: 22 December

8.00am Leela Zacharia (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Cecilia Vaughan (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Anne Traynor (anniversary)

Tuesday 23: 23 December

8.00am November Memorial List

12.30pm Brian O'Sullivan (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Pope Leo XIV (intentions)

Wednesday 24: 24 December

8.00am Rajeev, Zacharia & Christudas

12.30pm Kathleen Connelly (recently deceased)

✠ Wednesday 24: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

5.30pm Rodine (birthday)

9.30pm Erika (in thanksgiving)

✠ Thursday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

Midnight For the Preservation of Peace & Justice

8.00am James & Margaret Courtney (R.I.P.)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Rudolf Macko (R.I.P.)

6.30pm Private intention

Friday 26: ST STEPHEN

8.00am Harry & Teresa Pavey (R.I.P.)

12.30pm Zosima & Feriolo Apat (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Lucy & Thankachan (wedding anniversary)
and Daisy Zachariah

Saturday 27: ST JOHN

8.00am Eileen Gallagher (intentions)

12.30pm John Menezes (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Saturday 27: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (Vigil)

3.30pm For the Diocese of Hallam

Sunday 28: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8.00am Denis, Kathleen & Angela Gallagher (intentions)

10.30am People of the Parishes

12.30pm Zlatica Damisova (R.I.P.)

6.30pm Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 21: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.15am November Memorial List

11.00am For those making their First Holy Communion

✠ Thursday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

9.15am Parish Intentions

Sunday 28: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9.15am Parish Intentions

Holy Family

Sunday 21: 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Intentions

✠ Thursday 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✠

10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 28: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

10.30am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – St Charles

Sunday 21: 4. adventná nedeľa

3.00pm Parish Intentions

✠ Wednesday 24: NARODENIE PÁNA (VIGILIA) ✠

3.30pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 28: SVÄTEJ RODINY – JEŽIŠA, MÁRIE A JOZEFA

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession	<i>Monday–Wednesday & Saturday: 11.30am–12.15pm</i>
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Monday–Wednesday & 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>
Divine Mercy Devotions	<i>3.00pm, Monday–Friday (except Christmas Day)</i>
Legion of Mary	<i>Sundays, after 12.30pm Mass (in Parish Room)</i>
Bible Study Group	<i>(Next meeting: Wednesday 14th January)</i>
Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group	<i>(Next meeting: Saturday 10th January)</i>

We pray for Owen Jenkinson, John Whitehead, and all those who have died recently.

Please remember in your prayers our sick: Elizabeth Sandy, Jean Hegarty, Rima Lattash, Margaret 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, Liam Bambury, Jean Nowak, Sean Nagle, Margaret Smith, Lucy Hazell, Oscar Almeida, Liam Jenkinson, 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: 22 Dec – Canon David Ryan; 23 Dec – Roman Jezierski; 25 Dec – Manuel Josol; 26 Dec – Richard Moore; 28 Dec – Rev Fr Anthony Attree, Rev Fr Tony Flynn.

Support your Church and Clergy: 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

Cathedral Office hours over Christmas: The Cathedral Office will be open up to and including the morning of Wednesday 24th December, but will then be closed for the Christmas and New Year period. It will reopen on Monday 5th January.

Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 11th January: After the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Children's Liturgy team will be having a little break for the holidays. Candida and the team 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 2026.

African Thanksgiving Mass at St Marie's Cathedral—Sunday 21st December, 3.00pm: Fr Christian and the Bishop will celebrate a special thanksgiving Mass for the African community of St Marie's this Sunday at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass at Midnight, Thursday 1st January

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

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Children's First Holy Communion Programme (2026): There will be a meeting for parents at the Cathedral on Sunday 4th January, after the 10.30am Mass. If you wish your child(ren) to be on this year's First Holy Communion course, please pick up an application form from the sacristy after Mass, fill it out, and bring it back to the Cathedral or the office. All children who are in **Year 3 and above** are eligible to join.

The Epiphany of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation: A reminder that the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Tuesday 6th January) is a Holy Day of Obligation in England and Wales. Please make every effort to attend Mass, either on the evening of the Vigil or on the day itself. At St Marie's, the Vigil Mass will be on Monday 5th January at 5.30pm, and on the day itself (Tuesday) there will be Masses at the usual times of 8.00am, 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

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 20 young people and the 40 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 Fr Henry and the Bishop, who kept Jesus company throughout, and extended a warm welcome to the many who wished to receive a blessing or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In total, we welcomed over 330 people into the Cathedral, and 241 candles were lit and placed at the feet of Jesus! And we all have stories to tell from the event - of experiences that touched our hearts... Thank you, Lord - we look forward to doing it all again next year!

Closing of the Jubilee Year—Saturday 27th December, 3.30pm

The Bishop will preside over the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year 2025 at St Marie's Cathedral on Saturday 27th December. The Mass will be at 3.30pm, and will be a Vigil Mass for the feast of the Holy Family.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and give thanks to God for all he has done during this special year of prayer, pilgrimage and conversion!



Do something AMAZING for 2026 – Bible in a Year, with Fr Mike Schmitz: We are all called into a personal relationship with our living God, and that requires us to discover who He truly is (rather than who we think He is). Our answer lies in the pages of the Holy Bible, and in the richness of the story of salvation, but to access that, we all need the help of a guide. The hugely successful 'Bible in a Year' podcast, by Fr Mike Schmitz, will explain the context and the sheer beauty of our Salvation History. It will walk you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days, providing essential commentary as well as prayer and reflection. It is structured around the 14 narrative books of the Holy Bible, which actually tell the entire story of Scripture from beginning to end. Each daily podcast is usually around 20 mins in length, and can easily squeeze into your day. It is entirely free, and is available on all the major podcast Apps, and on YouTube. So... what are you waiting for? Do something amazing in 2026, and get to really know the Lord, your God!

The Flower Team are always grateful for donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas, and for donations of flowers this week before Christmas. Please bring any donations of flowers by 23rd December.

Saint of the Week – St John of Kanty, priest: On Tuesday 23rd December, we remember St John of Kanty, who was a priest in the 15th Century in Bohemia. He was a professor at the University of Cracow, popular with his students, before resentful rivals cooked up a false charge against him, and he was sent, disgraced, to the small rural town of Olkusz. He was greeted with suspicion and open hostility from his new parishioners, and as an apprentice pastor, felt nervous and afraid of his new responsibilities. But his plan was a simple one, and one from his heart: to let his genuine interest and concern for these people show in everything he did. He worked for years without success, knowing that people could never be bullied into love. He never demonstrated impatience or anger. After 8 years, he was exonerated and moved back to Cracow; those once-hostile parishioners followed him down the road, begging him to stay! He stayed in Cracow for the rest of his life, working as a professor of sacred Scripture. He was popular and well liked, and was known for responding immediately with love to the needs of others – never asking prying questions or making demands. And his students knew him well for the philosophy he taught: "Fight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." St John of Kanty, please pray that we may all learn to do that too! Amen.



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

St Marie's Cathedral

Wednesday 24th December: **5.30pm** (*Vigil*), **9.30pm** (*Mass during the Night*)

Thursday 25th December: **Midnight** (*with carols from 11.30pm*),
8.00am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & St Oswald's

Thursday 25th December: **9.15am**

Holy Family

Thursday 25th December: **10.30am**

St Charles Borromeo (*Svätá Omša v slovenčine*)

Streda 24. decembra: **15:30** (*Vigília*)