



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 (from 5 January 2026): Monday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (A)
and 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

28th December 2025 to 11th January 2026

Holy Family: *I Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128(127):1-2, 3, 4-5. R̃¹¹a II Col 3:12-21 G Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

2nd Sunday after the Nativity: *I Sir 24:1-2, 8-12 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20. R̃¹²a II Eph 1:3-6, 15-18 G Jn 1:1-18*

Baptism of the Lord: *I Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29(28):1-2, 3ac+4, 3b+9b+10. R̃¹¹b II Acts 10:34-38 G Mt 3:13-17*

Masses at St Marie's 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 Rajeev & Daisy (wedding anniversary)

10.30am People of the Parishes

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

6.30pm Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)

Monday 29: ST THOMAS BECKET

8.00am Angela Danqah (intentions)

12.30pm Chloe Alexander (anniversary)

5.30pm The Cassidy family (intentions)

Tuesday 30: 6th Day of Christmas Octave

8.00am Anugraha Rinil (in thanksgiving)

12.30pm **Funeral Mass** (Esther Beeston)

5.30pm Angela Danqah (intentions)

Wednesday 31: 7th Day of Christmas Octave

8.00am Angela Danqah (intentions)

12.30pm Elaine & Tony Horsfield (intentions)

5.30pm Pope Benedict XVI (anniversary)

Thursday 1 January: MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Midnight For Vocations to the Priesthood

8.00am Joachim Leo (special intentions)

12.30pm Angela Danqah (intentions)

5.30pm Gerry Fitzgerald (R.I.P.)

Friday 2: Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8.00am Przemek (health)

12.30pm Dorothy O'Malley (anniversary)

5.30pm Angela Danqah (intentions)

Saturday 3: Saturday before Epiphany

8.00am Angela Danqah (intentions)

12.30pm George & Bini family

Sunday 4: 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

8.00am Angela Danqah (intentions)

10.30am Eden George & Abinya

12.30pm Przemek (health)

6.30pm Denis, Kathleen & Angela Gallagher (intentions)

Monday 5: Monday before Epiphany

8.00am Angela Danqah (intentions)

12.30pm Stefania & Julian Pytel and Henryk Bagienko (R.I.P.)

✠ Monday 5: VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✠

5.30pm Pope Leo XIV (intentions)

✠ Tuesday 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✠

8.00am Rev Fr Christopher Ainslie (intentions)

12.30pm Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)

5.30pm Angela Danqah (intentions)

Wednesday 7: Wednesday after Epiphany

8.00am Rev Mgr James O'Brien (intentions)

12.30pm Charles, Wilna & Gamini Seneviratne (R.I.P.)

5.30pm Ivy Davies-Neale (blessings)

Thursday 8: Thursday after Epiphany

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren

12.30pm Przemek (health)

5.30pm The Allsop family (intentions)

Friday 9: Friday after Epiphany

8.00am Catherine & Paul Gallagher (intentions)

12.30pm Robert Turner (anniversary)

5.30pm Samuel & Cissie Waters (R.I.P.)

Saturday 10: Saturday after Epiphany

8.00am Benefactors of the Parish

12.30pm Margaret Courtney (anniversary)

Cathedral (continued)

Sunday 11: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8.00am November Memorial List
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Gordon Gillespie Rae (anniversary)
6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 28: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9.15am People of the Parish

Sunday 4 January: 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

9.15am Parish Intentions

✠ Tuesday 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✠

9.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 11: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.15am In thanksgiving (anon.)

Holy Family

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9.15am Parish Intentions

Sunday 4 January: 2nd Sunday after the Nativity

9.15am People of the Parishes

✠ Tuesday 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ✠

7.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 11: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.15am Parish Intentions

Svätá Omša v slovenčine (Slovak Mass) – St Charles Borromeo

Sunday 28: SVÄTEJ RODINY – JEŽIŠA, MÁRIE A JOZEFA

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 4 January: 2. nedeľa po narodení Pána

3.00pm Parish Intentions

✠ Tuesday 6: ZJAVENIE PÁNA ✠

7.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 11: KRST KRISTA PÁNA

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sacrament of Confession Monday 29th–Wednesday 31st December: 11.30am–12.15pm

..... Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd January: 11.30am–12.15pm

..... Monday 5th–Saturday 10th January: 11.30am–12.15pm

Exposition Monday 29th–Wednesday 31st December: 11.30am–12.15pm

..... Wednesday 31st December: 10.00pm–12.00am (before Midnight Mass)

..... Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd January: 11.30am–12.15pm

..... Monday 5th–Saturday 10th January: 11.30am–12.15pm

Rosary Friday & Saturday: after the 12.30pm Mass

Divine Mercy Devotions 3.00pm, Monday–Friday

Legion of Mary Sundays, after 12.30pm Mass (in Parish Room)

Bible Study Group (Next meeting: Wednesday 14th January)

Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 10th Jan), Parish Room

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 Blayne, 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 fortnight: 28 Dec – Rev Fr Anthony Attree, Rev Fr Tony Flynn; 29 Dec – Rev Mr Bernard Gerrard, Ethel Fletcher; 2 Jan – Robert Mintiens, Dorothy O'Malley; 5 Jan – John Gardiner, Peter Chinwenbo Okolo, Margaret Watkins; 6 Jan – Lilly Velleparambil; 8 Jan – Innocent Ojinnaka; 11 Jan – Gordon Gillespie Rae, Karolina Siedlik.

St Marie's Bible Group: Following the Christmas and New Year break, the next meeting of the St Marie's Bible group will be on Wednesday 14th January, for a 7.30pm start in Cathedral House. All 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!

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.

Children's Liturgy will return on Sunday 11th January: Candida and the team would like to wish all our children and their families a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2026!

"Little Fishes" will return on Wednesday 7th January: "Little Fishes", our free playgroup for the 0-3s, will return on Wednesday 7th January. Wishing all our youngest parishioners – and their families – a very Happy New Year!

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.

St Marie's Women's Group will return on Thursday 8th January: The Women's Group meets every Thursday, offering friendship and laughter, faith discussion and loving support - always over cups of tea and delicious cake and biscuits! Women of all ages are most welcome. If you would like to join us, please come along at 11.00am on Thursdays and ring the bell for Houlden Hall (directly above the Nottingham Building Society, next to the main Cathedral entrance).

Good Shepherd Youth will return on Saturday 10th January, 4.00-7.00pm: Wishing all our youth a Happy New Year! And we look forward to welcoming them all for this, our first session of 2025. Good Shepherd Youth is open to all secondary aged young people (whether they come to Church or not). Each session always involves Jesus, socialising, games and homecooked pizza. To find out more, please contact Candida via candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

The Mass is a big deal – so let's treat it that way: What a gift the Mass is! We all know it, and yet on many occasions we may recognise that in our hearts we are not entering into it with the full devotion and participation it truly deserves. As we enter into this New Year, let us all make a personal effort to engage more fully into the beauty of the Mass! Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing suggestions of things you can personally do to turn this intention into a reality.

Devotion of the Month – to the Holy Name of Jesus: The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus falls on 3rd January, and the entire month of January is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. This devotion started in the 13th Century, when the Church struggled against heresies that were denying the divinity of Christ. At this time, irreverent use of the Lord's name was commonplace – and it still is, today. During this month, we will be bringing you different ways that you can bring this devotion into your lives, that we may grow in reverence for Jesus and His Holy Name, and make reparation for how His Name is used in our world inappropriately. And one of the prayers we can use to do this is the Golden Arrow, which was given by Jesus himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy: May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen.

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Sunday 28th December: Herod the Great, the man given the position of King of the Jews (Judea) by the Romans, was gripped by paranoia and insecurity. His nickname 'Great' was not given to him for any noble reason, but for the way he jealously clung to his power and ruthlessly attacked and executed anyone whom he saw as a threat, including several members of his immediate family. So, imagine what went through Herod's mind when the Magi appeared, shortly after the birth of Jesus, asking 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?' (Matthew 2:1-2). Herod knew he didn't have a legitimate right to the Jewish throne, as determined by the line of David, and when the Magi failed to return with the information he needed to kill the newborn king directly, he moved to a more drastic plan: he ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity, two years old and under (Matthew 2:16). We don't know exactly how many boys were killed, but they are now honoured as the first martyrs of Christ. Within the wisdom and power of God, Herod will forever be condemned by his deeds, and these children will be forever exalted. These Christmas martyrdoms speak to us today: although peace and joy should ideally permeate this season, we must also face the reality of hardships, persecutions and other forms of suffering. Jesus' birth does not remove suffering from our lives, but it does transform it, enabling us to share in the glorious sufferings of these Holy Innocents, and all the saints who have united themselves most fully to Christ. Dear Holy Innocents: God permitted your suffering, and now He exalts you forever as the first witnesses to Him who shed your blood. Please pray for us, that we may always bear witness to Christ in our lives, and that we will walk with peace and joy amidst the sufferings in this life. Amen.



*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

(Entrance Antiphon, Christmas Night Mass)

**Bishop Ralph, Fr Chris, Fr Henry, Fr Christian, Fr Paddy, Sr Anne,
Sr Maureen, and the Cathedral Staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!**