



**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 *per annum* (A)

1st to 8th February 2026

Readings: *I* Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 **Ps** 146 (145):6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10. *R* Mt 5:3 **II** 1 Cor 1:26-31 **G** Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: *I* Isa 58:6-10 **Ps** 112(111):4-5, 6-7, 8a+9. *R* 4a **II** 1 Cor 2:1-5 **G** Mt 5:13-16

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

Cathedral

Sunday 1: 4th Sunday *per annum*

8.00am Tapan Kumar Choudhuri (R.I.P.)
10.30am Bini, George & Eden (healing)
12.30pm You Fai Iman, Artina Manuele & Elil Karkis
6.30pm People of the Parishes

Monday 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

8.00am Vipin Michael (in thanksgiving)
12.30pm For the Religious of the Diocese
5.30pm Jennifer Ngai (intentions)

Tuesday 3: Tuesday in Week 4 *per annum*

8.00am Joy Chowdhuri Michael (birthday)
12.30pm Jennifer Ngai (intentions)
5.30pm Lucie (in thanksgiving)

Wednesday 4: St Gilbert of Sempringham

8.00am Mike & Mifa (intentions)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm Jessie Durham (R.I.P.)

Thursday 5: St Agatha

8.00am Nadia (intentions)
12.30pm Jennifer Ngai (intentions)
5.30pm Thomas Pralel (healing)

Friday 6: Ss Paul Miki & Companions

8.00am Ronny (birthday)
12.30pm Dora Turner (anniversary)
5.30pm Maria del Pilar Fernandez Ramirez (R.I.P.)
and family (consolation)

Saturday 7: Saturday in Week 4 *per annum*

8.00am John Burke (recently deceased)
12.30pm For All Parish Volunteers

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 8: 5th Sunday *per annum*

8.00am Jimmy & Justin (R.I.P.)
10.30am P.A. Kuriakose (special intention)
12.30pm Ada Munro (recently deceased)
6.30pm November Memorial List

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 1: 4th Sunday *per annum*

9.15am Mary Drabble (R.I.P.)

Sunday 8: 5th Sunday *per annum*

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Holy Family

Sunday 1: 4th Sunday *per annum*

10.30am Paulos family (in thanksgiving)

Sunday 8: 5th Sunday *per annum*

10.30am People of the Parishes

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

Sunday 1: 4. nedel'a v Cezročnom období

3.00pm Ela Olahová (R.I.P.)

Sunday 8: 5. nedel'a v Cezročnom období

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
Divine Mercy Devotions	.....	3.00pm, Monday–Friday
Legion of Mary	.....	Sundays, after 12.30pm Mass (in Parish Room)
Bible Study Group	.....	Wednesdays, 7.30–8.30pm (in Cathedral House)
Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group	.....	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 14th Feb), Parish Room

We pray for John Whitehead, Esther Beeston, Philip Finnigan, Angela Danquah, Anne-Marie Fletcher, 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: 2 Feb – Tom Murray; 4 Feb – James Victor Fogarty; 8 Feb – Michael Connell, Antony Velleparambil.

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

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!

St Marie's Bible Group: The 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 the second half of chapter fourteen of Mark's Gospel (vv. 32-72). All welcome!

The next talk and social of St Marie's Christian Village will be on Saturday 7th February, 6.00pm in Houlden Hall. The theme is *The Holy Family: An Example for Every Home*, presented by Fr Henry. Afterwards, we will share supper together and enjoy time to socialise as a community. CVSM is open to all Christians – young and old, families and individuals. Please bring a contribution of food to share. For more information, please speak to Raf or Valeria (after 10.30am Sunday Mass), or email rafiduk@yahoo.co.uk.

“Little Fishes”, our free playgroup for the 0-3yrs—Wednesday mornings, 10.30am–12.00pm: We offer a warm welcome to our ‘Little Fishes’ and their parents / carers: join us in Houlden Hall for play, snacks and singing! Houlden Hall is situated directly above the Nottingham Building Society; please ring the bell for St Marie’s Norfolk Chambers (right next to the Cathedral’s main entrance) and you will be let in.

Volunteers needed for stewarding at the 6.30pm Sunday Mass: We’re looking for volunteers to help steward at the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. A warm smile and helping hand make a big difference in our parishioners’ experience in the Cathedral. If you’re interested or know anyone who might be, please contact Ana at ppc@stmariecathedral.org.

Children’s Liturgy on Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass: Each Sunday (during term-time), 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. You can find our worship songs here: <https://stmariecathedral.org/mass-worship/childrens-ministry/>

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 7th February, 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.

Volunteer needed to join the ‘Little Fishes’ Team: Candida is looking for another volunteer to join the team that helps to run our little toddler group on Wednesday mornings. Duties include setting up the room and tidying away, helping with drinks and snacks, and engaging with the parents and children. If you think you can help, please speak to Candida in person, or by email to candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you!

Next Good Shepherd Youth – Saturday 28th February, 4.00-7.00pm: Please note that Good Shepherd Youth will not be meeting during the half-term holiday, so our next session will be on the 28th February when we shall be exploring Reconciliation. Good Shepherd Youth is open to all secondary aged young people (whether they come to Church or not), and each session always involves Jesus, socialising, games and homecooked food! For more info, please contact Candida on candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

The Big Thank You 2025 – Saturday 7th February, 12.30pm: On Saturday 7th February, we will be having a special thanksgiving Mass for all the volunteers we have at the Cathedral. This will be followed by a lunch social for our volunteers, up in Houlden Hall. Did you know that we are blessed with volunteers who work in 33 different areas and ministries? Each volunteer is a gift, giving of both their time and talents to serve our community, for the benefit of us all. So please join us over that weekend as we say a ‘Big Thank You’ for all they have done for us in 2025!

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage for 2026 will take place from Friday 26th June to Thursday 2nd July. The cost is £1,010 flying from Leeds (includes flight, hotel, catering and insurance). Booking forms will be made available soon, but you can pre-register your interest at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-hallam-2/>

The Mass is a big deal – so let's reflect on the offertory of our past week: 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. The Offertory and preparation at the altar may be a time we are tempted to zone out for a while. But this is a solemn moment, when we are invited to reflect on the offertory of our past week in our hearts: all the sacrifices we made, all the good works we did, all the suffering we endured... None of it ever done in vain. In this very graced point of the Mass, let us unite our personal offertory with the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the altar. Let us lift up our hearts to our Lord!

Devotion of the Month – to the Holy Family: During the month of February, we are encouraged to focus more deeply on the Holy Family, which honours Jesus, Mary and Joseph – the ‘created trinity’, and the ‘embryonic church’ – as a model for all Christian families. This devotion is associated with February because of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas and the Purification of Our Lady) which is celebrated on the 2nd February – this Monday. As St Joseph, with the Blessed Mother, holding the 40-day-old Jesus, and ascending the Temple stairs to make an offering to the Lord for their firstborn son, let us reflect on the complete humility we are also called to have before God’s law and His holy will. And let us invite the Holy Family into our prayer life, and into our home, and ask them to show us one thing we can change to draw our family closer to God within the Church, just as the Holy Family modelled for us on that first Candlemas.

Saint of the Week – St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr: On Thursday 5th February, we remember St Agatha, who lived in Catania in Sicily, during the third century. The city of Catania is at the foot of Mount Etna, the biggest volcano in Europe. St Agatha had a brief life; it was a model of Christian devotion, but when she turned down an offer of marriage from the Roman proconsul, Quintianus, her humiliated suitor had her arrested for being a Christian (an offence at the time). Quintianus used progressively worse forms of torture to try and persuade her, but despite suffering terribly in prison, she radiated joy and constantly held her head up high. Quintianus then ordered her to be tortured and hideously mutilated, but Agatha experienced a miraculous healing after receiving a vision of St Peter coming to heal her. She chose a slow and painful death to show her undying love for her Divine Spouse, Jesus (rather than deny him), and during this final torture, an earthquake occurred that rocked the entire city. She died shortly afterwards, and was immediately recognised as a saint. When Mount Etna then erupted about a year later, and threatened to engulf Catania, terrified inhabitants ran for their lives but some decided to put their trust in the local saint. They took Agatha’s veil from her tomb, and stood defiantly in the path of the oncoming lava, praying for her aid. It is said that miraculously, the lava altered its course at the last minute and passed by Catania, sparing the inhabitants of certain death. St Agatha is still much loved and celebrated with festivals in Catania today.

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