



**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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3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

8th to 15th March 2026

Readings: *I Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95(94):1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9. R 7c+8a II Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 G Jn 4:5-42*

Next Sunday: *I 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23(22):10-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. R 1 II Eph 5:8-14 G Jn 9:1-41*

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

Cathedral

Sunday 8: 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Edgar Platt (anniversary)
10.30am The Calvert family (intentions)
12.30pm People of the Parishes
6.30pm Donie (birthday)

Monday 9: Monday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am Parish Sick List
12.30pm Myrtle Middleton (anniversary)
5.30pm Noah Matthew (special intention)

Tuesday 10: Tuesday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Teresa Ware (née Casey) (R.I.P.)
5.30pm Mike Barbé & Jordan Julie (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 11: Wednesday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am Lucie (birthday thanksgiving)
12.30pm The Sadowski family (intentions)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Thursday 12: Thursday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am Balthazar Martins (sick)
12.30pm Harry Pavey (anniversary)
5.30pm Justina (birthday)

Friday 13: Friday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am Pope Leo XIV (intentions)
12.30pm Mai, Tom & Anne O'Connor (anniversary)
5.30pm Peter Durham (R.I.P.)

Saturday 14: Saturday in Week 3 of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Ann & Martin McDermott (R.I.P.)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 15: 4th Sunday of Lent

8.00am November Memorial List
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Charles, Wilna & Gamini Seneviratne (R.I.P.)
6.30pm Angela & Robert Kennedy (R.I.P.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 8: 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 15: 4th Sunday of Lent

9.15am Parish Intentions

Holy Family

Sunday 8: 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 15: 4th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Parish Intentions

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

Sunday 8: 3. pôstna nedeľa

3.00pm People of the Parishes

Sunday 15: 4. 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>
Divine Mercy Devotions	<i>3.00pm, Monday–Friday</i>
Legion of Mary	<i>Sundays, after 12.30pm Mass (in Parish Room)</i>
Bible Study Group	<i>Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm (in Cathedral House)</i>
Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group	<i>2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 28th Feb), Parish Room</i>
Let Us Pray (Prayer Formation Group)	<i>Saturdays, 2.00-4.00pm, Parish Room</i>

We pray for Philip Finnigan, Angela Danquah, Anne-Marie Fletcher, Henrietta Omozele Otoibhi, 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, Balthazar Martins, 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: 8 Mar – Jose Chachan, Toom Mintiens, Edgar Platt; 9 Mar – Myrtle Middleton; 13 Mar – Juliana Nwabueze.

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!

Children’s Liturgy on Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass: Each Sunday (during termtime), 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.

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 Amos 4:1–5:7. All welcome!

The annual diocesan 2nd collection and appeal for Life is next Sunday (15th March): Life is a nationwide charity offering, counselling and support for crisis pregnancy and those suffering following an abortion (<https://lifecharity.org.uk/>). Please be as generous as you can in support of their work.

The Flower Team would like to thank everyone who donates towards the cost of fresh flowers. However, during Lent there are no flowers in church. Nearer Easter, we would like to invite contributions of small plants to be placed in the Easter Garden.

Volunteers needed to help cover up the statues in St Marie's—Saturday 21st March, 2.00pm: Traditionally, all the statues in Catholic churches are covered up for the final two weeks of Lent, and all the candle stands are removed. At St Marie's, this is quite a big task involving heavy lifting, ladders, awkward moves and quite a bit of patience! If you are able to help us, please send us an email to: PPC@stmariecathedral.org—thank you!

The *Let Us Pray* prayer formation group is doing a special Lenten *lectio divina* prayer program, where we prepare for the Sunday Mass by prayerfully reading and reflecting on the Sunday Gospel reading. *Lectio divina* is an ancient practice of listening more closely to Christ and a great way to deepen your Lenten observance as it is geared toward a conversion of life. Come, join us every Saturday at 2.00pm in the Parish Room. No prior experience is needed—only a desire to grow closer to the Lord during this sacred season.

More volunteers needed as Welcomers/Stewards our Masses on Sundays: We are looking to expand our team of stewards at all our Sunday Masses. If you are able to get to Mass at least 20 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 and Ana by email to: PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Ecumenical City Centre Cross: From Palm Sunday onwards, a large cross is placed outside the Town Hall. Volunteers from the City Centre churches, including St Marie's, are asked to volunteer to stand by the Cross, help passers-by to place a memorial, and answer questions. We have been asked to cover Good Friday from 11.00am–2.00pm. Can you help? An hour? A couple of hours? A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Please e-mail eileen.maher@stmariecathedral.org for more information.

Are you a job seeker? Next drop-in sessions for help and advice—Tuesday 17th March (6.00-7.30pm) and Wednesday 25th March (1.00-2.30pm): On Tuesday 17th March, our Job Seekers group will be meeting in the Parish Room, straight after the 5.30pm Mass. On Wednesday 25th March, we will be meeting straight after the lunchtime Mass in Houlden Hall. Both sessions will offer you the chance to connect and share your job seeking challenges, and to get some practical help and advice. To register your interest and to receive a Welcome Pack, please email Candida at candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: Bookings are now being taken for the Hallam Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th June–2nd July. The cost is £1,010, to include flights from Leeds Bradford to Lourdes, 6 nights' accommodation, full board and insurance. There will be a full religious programme led by Bishop Ralph. The theme this year is *Hail, full of grace*. For bookings see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-hallam/> or call 01732 886666. Paper booking forms are also available. For further information, please call 01302 247910 / 07724 650066 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com.

Online Lent Resources from the Catholic Truth Society: The CTS have put together some online video resources for Lent. First, there is an online Lent Retreat with St John Henry Newman, guided by Fr George Bowen, designed to help Catholics to go deeper into the Gospels of Lent through his preaching. There is also a podcast called “Good Habits”, exploring questions of meaning through the wisdom of the virtues, hosted by Fr John Church O.P. and Fr Toby Lees O.P. Both of these can be found on the CTS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@CatholicTruthSociety>.

Next Good Shepherd Youth – Saturday 14th March, 4.00-7.00pm: Good Shepherd Youth meets in Houlden Hall, and is open to all secondary aged young people (whether they come to Church or not), Each session always involves Jesus, socialising, games and homecooked food! To find out more, please contact Candida on candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

Arise:March Prayer Walk – Thursday 12th March, 1.00pm: Thank you to Fr Henry, the parishioners and visitor who joined in with the prayer-walk last Wednesday! If you can spare the time, please join Candida after the 12.30pm lunchtime Mass this Thursday, for an hour of prayer-walking in the city centre. Everyone welcome!

Have you started prayer-walking yet? Arise:Sheffield is inviting all Christians living in Sheffield to join together and prayer-walk every street in our city. So far, 463 Christians across Sheffield have ‘arisen’ and taken up the challenge of prayer-walking, covering 823 miles – 18% of our streets. It’s a good start, but we need all the help we can get! Every street walked is an opportunity to pray for God’s love and blessings to come in our communities. Jesus’ ministry, barring the occasional donkey, happened on foot, at ordinary walking speeds. 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 Prayer Walk App, which you can download to your phone or access on your computers via <https://sheffield.prayerwalk.app>.

Diocesan Lenten Day of Recollection—*Everything is connected: how do we care for our common home?* The diocesan Lenten day of recollection will take place this year at St Vincent’s, Crookes (40 Pickmere Rd, S10 1GY) on Saturday 21st March, from 11.00am–3.00pm (tea/coffee from 10.30am). Rt Rev John Arnold, the Bishop of Salford and environmental spokesperson for the CBCEW, and Dr Maria Exall, of the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University, will be speaking. The event is free. Please bring your own packed lunch. Booking and more information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>.

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 Frances of Rome: On Monday 9th March, we remember St Frances – a wife, mother and mystic who lived in the 1400s, and whose calling had her staying firmly ‘in the world’, even though she had initially longed to be a nun. Frances was born into an aristocratic family, and was married against her wishes at the age of 13 years; fortunately, it ended up being a happy one. Once she had accepted that it was God’s will she should be there, and she had found a supportive spiritual friend in her sister-in-law, the pair set about leading a life full of love and charity – despite the challenges of difficult family relationships, personal tragedy, and general disapproval given to them by society at that time. St Frances of Rome, please help us to see the difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do, and help us to take our place in serving our community. Amen.

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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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