



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: Tuesday–Friday, 9.30am–12.30pm & 1.30–4.30pm (**closed** Monday)

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Christopher Posluszny

Assistant Priests: Rev Fr Henry Woodhouse, Rev Fr Patrick Harrigan

St Francis of Assisi on 27th Sunday per annum (A)
4th to 11th October 2026

Readings: *I* Isa 5:1-7 **Ps** 80(79):9+12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20. *R* Isa 5:7a **II** Phil 4:6-9 **G** Mt 21:33-43

Next Sunday: *I* Isa 25:6-10a **Ps** 23(22):1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. *R* 1 **II** Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 **G** Mt 22:1-14

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

Cathedral

Sunday 4: Votive Mass of St Francis

8.00am Parish Sick List
10.30am Hugh & Maureen Finnigan (intentions)
12.30pm Godofredo Barlas (anniversary)
6.30pm Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)

Monday 5: Monday in Week 27 per annum

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Caroline Lloyd (sick)
5.30pm Mr Moriarty (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 6: Tuesday in Week 27 per annum

8.00am Amian & Frebo family (protection)
12.30pm Kathryn Elliott (sick)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

8.00am Michael Dean (recently deceased)
12.30pm N.B. (special intention)
5.30pm Richard Brown (recently deceased)

Thursday 8: Thursday in Week 27 per annum

8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.30pm Lynne Connell (anniversary)
5.30pm Jonathan Gelingen (recently deceased)

Friday 9: ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

8.00am Matthew & Lucy Hazell (intentions)
12.30pm For conversion/return to Christ (H.W.)
5.30pm Gerard Towey (R.I.P.)

Saturday 10: Saturday in Week 27 per annum

8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Katy O'Malley (anniversary)

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 11: 28th Sunday per annum

8.00am November Memorial List
10.30am Sepehr Saadat (catechumen)
12.30pm N.B. (special intention)
6.30pm People of the Parishes

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

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9.15am Mack Nwampu (R.I.P.)

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Holy Family

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10.30am People of the Parishes

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10.30am Parish Intentions

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

Sunday 4: Sv. Františka Assiského (votívne)

3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 11: 28. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

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>
Rosary	<i>Friday and Saturday: after the 12.30pm 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, 7.30pm (in Cathedral House)</i>
Let Us Pray (Prayer Formation Group)	<i>Saturdays, 2.00-4.00pm, Parish Room</i>
Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group	<i>2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 10th Oct), Parish Room</i>

We pray for 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, Balthazar Martins, Lynn Hyland, Philip Gardiner, Charlene Bennett, Michael Jackson, 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: 4 Oct – Godofredo B. Barlas; 5 Oct – Annu George, Salvatore Giambrowe, Leopold Mintiens; 6 Oct – Francis Smith; 8 Oct – Phyllis Caesar, Lynne Connell; 9 Oct – Kay Geelan, Ammini Thomas; 10 Oct – Katy O'Malley.

Hospital Chaplaincy: When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, it is essential that they are recorded as Catholic on their medical records **and** that the Catholic Chaplain, Fr Andrew, Sr Anne or Sr Helen are notified via the Chaplaincy (tel. 0114 271 5485; e-mail sth.chaplaincy@nhs.net).

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!

Next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting—Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm: If you wish to bring something to the PPC's attention, or come along as a guest, please get in touch with Niall, the PPC Secretary, on PPC@stmariecathedral.org. Thank you.

'Little Fishes', a free playgroup for the 0-3yrs, on Wednesdays, 10.30am–12.00pm: Join us in Houlden Hall for play, snacks and singing! Houlden Hall is 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.

Children's Liturgy on Sundays, at the 10.30am Mass – all children welcome! Children's Liturgy exists to nurture the hearts and minds of our youngest parishioners in the Truth and the Light that is Jesus. Each week, we share and discuss the Gospel, and celebrate with an appropriate faith and worship song. Please meet Candida and the team at the baptismal font at the start of Mass. If your child is under five years old, please come along to help and support them. We look forward to seeing you there!

Are you a job seeker? Next drop-in session for help and advice—Thursday 15th October (1.00-2.30pm): On Thursday 15th October, our Job Seekers group will be recommencing in Houlden Hall, straight after the 12.30pm lunchtime Mass. This session will offer you the chance to connect with others and share your job seeking challenges, and to get some practical help and advice. To find out more information and to receive a Welcome Pack, please email Candida at candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

Next session of Good Shepherd Youth on Saturday 10th October, 4.00-7.00pm: 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 food! To enrol or to find out more, please contact Candida on candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

Journey in Faith 2026/27—Registration: The Cathedral's "Journey in Faith" course is for all who want to become Catholic, for adult Catholics who have not received their First Holy Communion or been Confirmed, and for Catholics who want to learn more about the faith. Registration for this year's programme will take place this Saturday (10th October), at 3.30pm, in Houlden Hall.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group: A missionary from the Holy Land will visit St Marie's next Sunday (11th October) to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support poor Christian families. Any help you can give to them will be highly appreciated.

A Night of Lights for all the family—Saturday 31st October 4.30-8.00pm: We are holding our fourth Night of Lights at St Marie's – a Catholic alternative to Halloween! We will be lighting up our beautiful Cathedral with Christian-themed carved pumpkins and candles from 4.30pm, and there will be a treasure hunt (with prizes) for families arriving early. A special Children's Liturgy will begin at 5pm, and will be followed by a family social in Houlden Hall at 6pm. If you can, please bring a Christian-themed carved pumpkin, and / or a food or drink contribution for the social. This Night of Lights event is suitable for all the family, whatever your age, so please put it in your diary - and invite family and friends to also come along!

The Let Us Pray Prayer formation group's October program will be a reflection on Ignatian Discernment of Spirits, in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola, a way of becoming more attentive to the movements within our hearts, recognising what draws us towards God and what leads us away from him. Through prayerful attention to our thoughts, feelings, desires and responses, we can grow in freedom and learn to recognise how God is guiding us. Fr Peter Scally S.J., a Jesuit priest and creator of *Pray-as-you-go*, *Thinking Faith* and *Sacred Space*, will be leading us in prayer. Come and discover the wisdom of Ignatian discernment and how it can help us to recognise God's presence and guidance in our everyday lives.

Adoremus—Saturday 10th October: To support the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Southwark, there will be a special time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Marie's Cathedral on Saturday 10th October, beginning after the 12.30pm Mass and concluding with Benediction at 5.00pm. There will also be extra Confessions heard after Mass and from 4.00-5.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

Holy Mass celebrating the Feast of St John Henry Newman and the Church's heritage of Gregorian Chant will be offered on Friday 9th October, 7.00pm at St Michael's Cemetery Chapel, Rivelin (S6 5GL), with Fr Lee Marshall as celebrant. (Parking in the Chapel car park is limited, so please consider parking on Rivelin Valley Road.)

St Peter-in-Chains (Doncaster) will be hosting a special Day of Prayer on Saturday 24th October, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster. The day will begin with Adoration and Benediction at 10.00am during which confessions will be available and is followed by the celebration of Holy Mass. Reflections will be given during the afternoon and the day ends with the rosary led by the Irish singer Dana, finishing around 3.00pm. For bookings and further info please contact hailfulofgrace2026@gmail.com.

Bell Ringing at St Marie's: St Marie's needs more bell ringers. There are more than 7,000 churches around the world equipped for what's known as 'full circle bell ringing.' Only 50 of these are Catholic churches and St Marie's is one of them. St Marie's resurrected its band a few years ago after a gap of more than 70 years. The band rings regularly on Sundays from the end of the 10.30am Sunday Mass to the start of the 12.30pm Sunday Mass, and holds practice and introductory sessions from 7.00-9.00pm on Mondays. Our bell tower is also home to Sheffield Universities Guild of Change Ringers, who Ring before the 6.30pm Sunday Mass and practice on Fridays. If we are to keep St Marie's bells ringing, we desperately need new volunteers. If you would like to find out more about the bells and what is involved in ringing them, please contact Bob Rae (tel. 07710 116701; e-mail ringing@bobrae.force9.co.uk).

Supporting the Homeless and Vulnerable in Sheffield—Top Tip #5: Outreach is not just about providing crisis relief to people on the street, it is about helping people find ways to leave street culture once and for all. People who beg need support, but giving them money is not the answer. When we give money, we are usually just helping them to sustain their life on the streets. Please think about adopting a strategy of not giving money directly to people on the streets. If you have the time and money, offer to buy them a cup of tea or a sandwich instead. Supporting sellers of the Big Issue North is a good way to help too! Or consider giving to a Sheffield charity that will help people to make a long-term, positive change such as our own St Wilfrid's Centre, the Archer Project at Sheffield Cathedral, or Ben's Centre.

Devotion of the Month—The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary: As we move into a new month this week, we are encouraged to engage with the power of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a meditative prayer, firmly rooted in Scripture and built on the rock that is Jesus. When we pray the Rosary, we are asking our Mother Mary to intercede for us as we seek to draw closer to her Son, Jesus, by meditating on His life, death and Resurrection. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a form of protection for ourselves and our families, and we are also asked to pray it for the conversion of sinners. If you have never engaged with the Rosary before, or would like some encouragement to get started properly with it, now's your chance! There are regular rosary groups to join, and look out for the 'How to Pray the Rosary' sheets at the back of church.

Saint of the Week – St John Henry Newman: On Friday 9th October, we celebrate the feast of St John Henry Newman, who was canonised in Rome in 2019 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV on 31st July 2025. He was an English theologian and academic, who was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects, and an important figure in the religious history of England. He was also a poet. Born in London in 1801, his journey of faith took him through Evangelical Christianity, Calvinism, and Anglicanism. His studies of the early Church had led him progressively towards Catholicism, and in 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church; he was ordained a priest in Birmingham 2 years later. This all happened within the context of the strong anti-Catholic feeling that had been central to British culture since the 16th-century English Reformation – and indeed, his move to Catholicism lost him friends and family in the process. He went on to found the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in England, and in 1879, he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in Birmingham in 1890, aged 89 years. *Heavenly Father, may You give us the grace to pursue Your promptings of our heart, however unpopular they may be with the people around us. St John Henry Newman: pray for us!*

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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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