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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1st Sunday of Advent (B)

29th November to 6th December 2026

Readings: ***I*** *Isa 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8* ***Ps*** *80(79):2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19. ℟ 4* ***II*** *1 Cor 1:3-9* ***G*** *Mk 13:33-37*
Next Sunday: ***I*** *Isa 40:1-5, 9-11* ***Ps*** *85(84):9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14. ℟ 8* ***II*** *2 Pet 3:8-14* ***G*** *Mk 1:1-8*
Readings can also be found at http://universalis.com/Europe.England.Hallam/mass.htm or on the Universalis app

Cathedral

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent
8.00am Annie O'Connor (R.I.P.)
10.30am People of the Parishes
12.30pm Tapan Kumar Choudhuri (R.I.P.)
6.30pm Samson Mudzamiri (anniversary)

Monday 30: ST ANDREW
8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Jane (intentions)
5.30pm Mithun Michael (birthday)

Tuesday 1 December: Tuesday in Week 1 of Advent
8.00am Lilani Seneviratne (operation)
12.30pm Robert Alexander (anniversary)
5.30pm November Memorial List

Wednesday 2: Wednesday in Week 1 of Advent
8.00am Martin Kirwan (R.I.P.)
12.30pm November Memorial List
5.30pm Special intention (D.S.)

Thursday 3: St Francis Xavier
8.00am Yorkshire Brethren
12.30pm Roy & Elena Reed (recently deceased)
5.30pm Special intention (D.S.)

Friday 4: Friday in Week 1 of Advent
8.00am November Memorial List
12.30pm Barbara Davies (recently deceased)
5.30pm Amian & Frebo families (protection)

Saturday 5: Saturday in Week 1 of Advent
8.00am Special intention (D.S.)
12.30pm November Memorial List

Next Weekend – Cathedral

Sunday 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent
8.00am Lucy Hazell (intentions)
10.30am John O'Malley (birthday anniversary)
12.30pm Pauline & Luke Souflas (R.I.P.)
6.30pm Special intention (D.S.)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven & St Oswald

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent
9.15am November Memorial List

Sunday 6 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent
9.15am Parish Intentions

Holy Family

Sunday 29 November: 1st Sunday of Advent
10.30am Parish Intentions

Sunday 6 December: 2nd Sunday of Advent
10.30am People of the Parishes

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

Sunday 29 November: 1. adventná nedeľa
3.00pm Parish Intentions

Sunday 6 December: 2. adventná nedeľa
3.00pm Sabina Slišková (health)

Sacrament of Confession ..... *Monday–Friday: 11.30am–12.15pm*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ..... *Monday– Friday: 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 ..... ***No meeting this week*** *(next: Wednesday 9th Dec)*

Let Us Pray **(Prayer Formation Group)** ..... *Saturdays, 2.00-4.00pm, Parish Room*

Young Adults (18-35) Faith Group ..... *2nd & 4th Saturdays, 11.00am (next: 12th Dec), Parish Room*

We pray for Jean Rogers (*flowers*), 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, 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, Charlene Bennett, Michael Jackson, Shaun O'Callaghan 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: 29 Nov – Samson Mudzamiri; 30 Nov – Valentino Ferrero; 2 Dec – Mary Gwinnett; 6 Dec – Mary Joan Stockton.

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

Cathedral Social Media: Please follow us on Facebook (Cathedral Church of St Marie, Sheffield) and on Instagram (@cathedralstmariesheffield) to stay updated with the latest news and events going on at St Marie's!

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 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. If your child is under five years old, please come along to help and support them.

Next Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting—Tuesday 8th December, 7.30pm: If you wish to bring something to the PPC's attention, or to come along as a guest, please get in touch with Niall (the PPC Secretary) on PPC@stmariecathedral.org.

Confirmation Programme 2027: If you have a child of secondary school age wishing to be Confirmed in Spring 2027, sign up forms are now available from the back of church or a steward. You will also need to attend (with the child) one of the information meetings that will be held in Houlden Hall on Sunday 13th December at 2.00pm, or Monday 14th December at 6.15pm, in order to meet the catechetical team and receive more information about the programme.

Beacon of Hope, our Mission Event this Advent: On Saturday 12th December, 4.00-7.00pm, we will be inviting city centre shoppers to come in to light a candle from our Candle of Hope, and to meet Jesus-in-the-Eucharist. There will be live music in Adoration of Jesus during this time, and clergy will be available for prayer ministry and confession. We are now looking for teams to help us with this event! Teams will work together and circulate through the following duties and opportunities: (1) handing out gifts and inviting shoppers in; (2) singing carols outside the Cathedral to create a comfortable link between the secular and the sacred; (3) having time to pray and adore Jesus inside the Cathedral. To get involved, please speak/message Candida, or email her on candida.calvert@stmariecathedral.org.

Changes to Cathedral schedule this week: Please note that there will be no Confessions or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 5th December.

Reminder—No flowers during Advent! During Advent, the preparation time for the great Celebration of the Birth of Christ, only the Advent Wreath, made from holly, evergreens and ivy, is present in Church. It has four candles marking the weeks of Advent, with a white one in the middle symbolising the Light of Christ, coming into the world. *Please save your gifts of plants and flowers for the great Christmas Feast.* The Flower Team welcome your donations and are always very grateful.

Children's First Holy Communion Programme 2027: Registration for the next First Holy Communion Programme will be on Sunday 6th December and Sunday 13th December, in Houlden Hall, after the 10.30am Mass. The programme will begin in January 2027, and all children who are in **Year 3 and above** are eligible to join the course.

The next talk and social of St Marie's Christian Village will be on Saturday 5th December, 6.00pm in Houlden Hall. The theme is *God's Timing, God's Purpose, God's Plan*. After the talk, 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.

Volunteers needed to join our Stewarding Teams—in time for Christmas & New Year: Would you be willing to welcome parishioners and visitors and ensure the smooth running of Mass? If so, we would love to hear from you! We are looking to expand the Mass stewarding teams, especially to be able to help with the Christmas and New Year Masses. Please speak to Eileen Maher, David Smith or Ana Rocha, or send an email to the PPC on PPC@stmariecatherdal.org.

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 12th December, 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. You will need to attend the preparation programme if you wish your child to be baptised at St Marie's. This programme is for parents of babies and infants (0-4 years)—if your child is older than this, please speak to one of the priests.

The Big Thank You 2026 to all our Volunteers – have you picked your card up? If you volunteer at St Marie's and haven't yet picked up your personal thank-you card, please do so. You will find them in a basket at the back of Church. Thank you!

The *Let Us Pray* prayer formation group's Advent program will be *lectio divina*, an ancient way of praying with Scripture. We read a short passage slowly, listen for the word God speaks to us today, respond in prayer and rest in silence. Through its four movements – *lectio*, *meditatio*, *oratio* and *contemplatio* – the Word becomes a place of encounter rather than simply a text to be studied. Advent is a season of waiting, watchfulness and preparation for the coming of Christ, and we will pray with the Sunday Gospel reading for the week ahead, letting it shape our hearts as we prepare for Christmas. The sessions will be led by Jane Little. Come, and listen for the Word who is coming to dwell among us.

Come and share your experiences of synodality and contribute to a report of what has happened over the past few years. We encourage people from across the diocese to join in this process, either online on Friday 4th December from 7.00-8.30pm, or in person at St Peter-in-Chains (Doncaster) on 5th December from 10.15-11.45am. Please book using the QR code, or via https://tinyurl.com/muwmhvfu, or contact formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com.

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency Public Call for Information: The CSSA regularly carries out 'public calls for information'. These are opportunities for anybody with information to share with them, ahead of their inspections, to come forward in a safe way. They will assess whatever Information about safeguarding comes in to them, and it may directly contribute to their audits and inspections of dioceses and religious life groups. If you have information to share, you can remain anonymous, or you can arrange to talk with the CSSA if you prefer. You can access the form for the Diocese of Hallam at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DAb9kH8aPc.

Advent is a Time of Preparation: As we enter the new liturgical year, we are reminded that Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Jesus – to his Second Coming, and to celebrating the full joy of his birth! This year, we are invited to reflect on who (or what) sits on the throne of our hearts… And to give our hearts a good 'Advent Clean'. May our hearts be healed during this season – that we may love more fully, give more generously, and focus more on our Lord Jesus.

Saint of the Week – St Francis Xavier, Jesuit Missionary: On Thursday 3rd December, we remember the 16th century St Francis Xavier, who was one of the seven founders of the Jesuits (along with fellow student, St Ignatius Loyola). He first met Ignatius when they were both studying in France, and his deep devotion – along with the belief that those who died unbaptised were damned – led him to become a fanatical evangelizer. But he was also an organised strategist, and became both a missionary and an international statesman, representing not only the pope but the king of Portugal. His mission to the East in 1941 to spread the faith saw him based in Goa, India, where he then spent 7 years setting up Christian communities in south India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Molucca islands of the East Indies, and the Malay peninsula. In each place he would live as the poor did, sleeping on the ground in a hut, and existing on just rice and water. He reached his ultimate destination of Japan at a favourable time for outsiders, and had a fruitful 2 years, adopting a new approach of building on existing cultures to introduce Christian truths. (Later in the century, severe persecution undid most of the missionary's groundwork). His next missionary target was mainland China, but he never made it: he contracted a fever at sea and died soon afterwards, on the island of Sancian. At a time when our world desperately needs us all to bring some missionary zeal to it – St Francis, please pray for us!

Security

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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