

ST. TEILO'S



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Parish of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 15th – 16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Today's Mass:

The Mass readings and prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent are on page 87 of the Mass Book.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. This name comes from the antiphon we use at Mass today. The antiphon, in Latin “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete” or in English “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice” has been used on this day since the ninth century. So today reminds us both of the joy of expectation of the coming of our Saviour at Christmas and of the traditions of our ancient faith which we continue to celebrate in our Mass today. In the spirit of the joy of expectation the Church marks today with rose-coloured vestments and we light the rose-coloured candle in our Advent Wreath.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the third candle of our Advent Wreath. We will pray as we light the candle the reader will say:

As we light our third Advent candle, may we prepare in our daily lives, our homes, our schools, our work, that the light of Christ may be our guide, our strength, our hope and our joy. We welcome the light of Christ.

We all respond: **We welcome the light of Christ**

Mass Times this week

Please note that Monday's Mass will be at the slightly later time of 10.15am and will be the Requiem Mass for Jean Mary Donovan.

Please note that Mass on Thursday will be at the earlier time of 9am, to enable Canon to travel to a meeting in London.

Poinsettias for the crib

As in previous years, we are inviting donations of Poinsettias to be placed before the crib at Christmas. If you would like to donate your Poinsettia on behalf of a loved one, please add his/her name to the list at the back of each Church. **The lists need to be completed this weekend, so that they can be prepared for Christmas.** Please bring your Poinsettia along with you next weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Dinner – deadline for payment

If you have put your name down for the Christmas Parish Lunch on Sunday, January 6th at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff, we would be grateful if you would now make the payment of £22.50 per person. **The deadline for payment is this weekend.** You may pay by cash or cheque. Please make out cheques to St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes. Please put your payment in an envelope, clearly marked **Christmas Parish Lunch**. You may give your envelope to Canon Isaac or put it in the offertory basket.

Confessions – Additional Opportunities

In addition to confessions at the usual times on Saturday, there will be additional opportunities for pre-Christmas confessions on Monday and Tuesday between 9.15am and 9.45am.

Polish/English – Mass and Carols

The 7pm Mass on Wednesday this week will be a bilingual Mass celebrated in Polish and English. The Mass will be an opportunity to bring the two communities who use Our Lady of Lourdes for weekly worship together, to pray and prepare for Christmas. We will include Polish and English Carols and there will be refreshments in the Hall after the Mass.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jean Mary Donovan and Christine Wiggin. Mrs. Donovan's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teilo's at 10.15am on Monday, December 17th, followed by internment at Thornhill. Mrs Wiggin's Funeral Service will take place at the Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill at 11.45am on Tuesday, December 18th.

In your mercy please also keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Fr. John Owen who was a priest of the Archdiocese for 40 years. Fr. Owen died at Nazareth House earlier this week – funeral details to follow.

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of the Deceased Members of the Evans and Fritzsche Families. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Christmas Cards

Parish Christmas Cards are available at the back of the Church. Many thanks to David Harris for agreeing to our use of his 2017 picture of the Our Lady of Lourdes' Crib for the card.

Please take a card for yourself and take a number to deliver to family and neighbours who do not regularly come to Church. As usual, the cards have the Christmas Mass times for St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes. So please take this opportunity to share our faith by inviting others to come and celebrate our Saviour's birth at Christmas.

Ministries at Christmas Day Masses

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Offertory bearers are all needed for the Christmas Masses. If you are able to volunteer, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

Mass Attendance for December 8th –9th

LOL	63		
St Teilo 9.00am - 119	11.00 - 122	6.30pm - 97	

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass Times will be as follows

Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve

4.30pm at St. Teilo's – Mass in Welsh

6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes with Carols from 5.30pm

Midnight Mass on Christmas Day

12am midnight at St. Teilo's, with Carols from 11.30pm

12am midnight at Our Lady of Lourdes - Mass in Polish

Daytime Masses - Christmas Day

9am at St. Teilo's - Mass of Dawn

10.30am at St. Teilo's - Mass of Christmas Day

10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes - Mass in Polish

12pm midday at Our Lady of Lourdes - Mass in Polish

Christmas Quiz – Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes belongs to the Llandaff North Churches together. Each church tries to hold one inter-church event every year. We have not done anything for several years. Therefore, we are holding a Post-Christmas Quiz in the church hall on THURSDAY, JANUARY 3rd at 3pm. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided. PLEASE come and support this event.

Building Works at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa

As part of the five year review of its buildings, the Archdiocese recently commissioned a series of reports on all the properties at St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes. The issues identified at St. Teilo's were minor and mainly cosmetic, but the issues at Our Lady of Lourdes were more serious. These included some major renovations recommended on the Hall, Church and Presbytery.

The first item of work to take place will be to replace the current Hall heating and hot water with a new system. The Archdiocese gave approval for this work earlier this week. The parish is now working with the Heating Engineer to limit the impact of the works on the Childcare group which uses the Hall during term-time. Therefore, this work should begin in the next few weeks and take place over the Christmas period.

Cardiff Prison – Catholic volunteers needed

Volunteers are asked to join the team who visit Catholic prisoners at Cardiff Prison. Volunteers are also asked to join the prisoners for the Prison Mass on Friday afternoons. If you are interested please contact the chaplain - Andrew Thomas - 029 2092 3233 or andrew.thomas3@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

Collections for 8th/9th December 2018

	OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	99	206	129	133
Gift Aid	157	205	149	125
Gift Aid via Standing Orders - November 2018 - £1,108				

Confessions: Saturday: St. Teilo's - 10.30-11am & OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm
Monday and Tuesday 9:15-9:45am

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 15th/16th December 2018

Saturday 15 th December Third Sunday of Advent	OLOL	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 16 th December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo	9.00am	Well-being of Ciarán Doherty (P&ED)
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Martin Lewis (MR)
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	Private Intention
Monday 17 th December	St. Teilo	10.15am	Requiem Mass for Jean Mary Donovan
Tuesday 18 th December	St. Teilo	10.00am	Reg Williams Chris Doherty – RIP (P&ED) Peter Donovan
Wednesday 19 th December	OLOL	7.00pm	Deceased Members of the Evans and Fritzsche Families
Thursday 20 th December	St. Teilo	9.00am	Deceased Members of the De Souza Families (PDS)
Friday 21 st December	St. Teilo	10.00am	Bernadette A'Herne
Saturday 22 nd December	St. Teilo	10.00am	Mary Lewis John and Sidney Magee – Anniversary (Paolo)
Saturday 22 nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent	OLOL	6.00pm	Beryl and Percy Harris – RIP
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 23 rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo	9.00am	Emlyn and Kitty Maurice and Ann Haskins – RIP
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	João Ferreira (Maria)
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish

The list of our Faithful Departed whose anniversaries occur this week is in the Church.
Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.