

ST. TEILO'S



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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 5th-6th January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Mass: The Mass readings and prayers for the Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord on Saturday and for the Masses on Sunday are on pages 114 and 115 respectively.

The Celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, Magi, from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the Messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the Messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [Catechism of the Catholic Church 528]. .

Baptism

At the 6pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes this Saturday evening, we welcome Alexia Bulai, the daughter of Claude and Adrianna Bulai, into membership of the Church through Baptism. Please keep Alexia and her family in your prayers.

We also congratulate Sienna Wade who was baptised on Saturday afternoon at St. Teilo's .

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for a Private Intention of the Watts Family.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mavis June Callan, Ruth Denning and Denis Griffiths. Mrs Callan's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Friday, January 11th at 10am followed by interment at Thornhill at 11.45am. Mrs Denning's Funeral Service will take place at Thornhill on Wednesday, January 16th at 2.15pm. Mr Griffiths' Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Monday, January 21st at 10 am.

Mass Times this week

Please note that Mass on Saturday Morning is at 9am to enable Canon to attend the Ordination Mass of Br. Alistair at Belmont Abbey. There will be no Confessions on Saturday morning.

Christmas thanks from Canon Isaac

My grateful thanks to everyone in the parish for the generous Christmas Offerings and the many cards and personal gifts that I received for Christmas – *Canon Isaac* .

Bishops' Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced a Statement on the Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens. The Bishops' statement says:

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here. As the majority are themselves Catholic this is a special pastoral concern for us.

The Church has experienced first-hand the extensive contribution that people from across Europe have made to our society. They are an integral and valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

We also recognise the evidence that immigration from Europe has not undermined opportunities for UK citizens, but rather brought considerable economic and social benefits.

It is clear that since the 2016 referendum many people living here have faced profound uncertainty and insecurity about their future.

Although the reassurances offered by senior politicians are important, people have been given far too little information or binding commitments about their right to stay.

For some this has been worsened by the appalling rise in hate crime, which has left them feeling unwelcome or even threatened in the country that has become their home.

The Settlement Scheme

The government will soon launch a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain.

While this is an important step we understand that, especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years, it may feel unjust and divisive that they are now required to apply for permission to stay.

We also expect that some people, particularly those who are already vulnerable, may face difficulties in practically accessing the scheme, leaving their immigration status at risk.

We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties.

The Bishops' Conference has made representations on these issues to ministers and through the Home Office working groups set up to discuss the Settlement Scheme. We will continue to do so as it is implemented.

Applying for the Scheme

Notwithstanding our concerns about these principles and practicalities, it remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society.

We therefore ask Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the Settlement Scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and to be aware of vulnerable people who may face barriers to applying or not realise that they need to apply.

In particular we encourage you to signpost people towards the official information on the Settlement Scheme: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

And to make use of the various information resources available:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-community-leaders-toolkit>

Finally we urge the whole Catholic community to take up Pope Francis' call to welcome, protect, promote and help to integrate everyone who has made their home here - with particular concern at present for our European brothers and sisters.

Bishop Paul McAleenan

Lead Bishop for Migration and Asylum

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Baptism Course – January

January's Baptism Course will take place in St. Brigid's Sacristy (the Sacristy is accessed beyond the altar in church) on Tuesdays, January 8th and 15th at 7pm. Please contact Anna Martin (stevemartincardiff@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

White Flower Appeal

This year, the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual White Flower appeal next weekend, January 12th and 13th. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and to stop abortion becoming even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Adoration for Our Families

Monday, January 14th, sees the beginning of a monthly adoration for families here at St. Teilo's between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Families face many challenges in our society. This monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to pray for our families and the problems that they face. All are welcome to attend this time of quiet prayer.

First Holy Communion 2019

Preparation for First Holy Communion will start at 10am on Sunday, January 27th at St Teilo's. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion, please complete an application form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to Canon Isaac as soon as possible. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 19th 2019.

Fr. Gareth Leyshon

You may be aware that Fr. Gareth Leyshon, who was Parish Priest of St. Philip Evans, Llanedeyrn, said his last Mass in the parish last weekend. Fr. Gareth has responded, with the Archbishop's agreement, to the call to be seconded for a few years to a ministry, based in Coventry, with the Sion Community, who specialise in parish and school missions. The Archbishop will decide later this month how St. Philip Evans will be served in the longer term. In the meantime, he will arrange for Mass to be said at weekends. However, Canon Isaac and Canon Matthew Jones, as the neighbouring parish priests, will be providing pastoral support for the people of St. Philip Evans, so there may be some disruption to our parish schedules. These will be kept to a minimum as far as possible. For more information on Fr. Gareth's new ministry please see www.sioncommunity.org.uk

Collections for 22nd/23rd December 2018

	OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	110	172	202	189
Gift Aid	76	240	123	48

Collections for 29th/30th December 2018

	OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	112	173	208	124
Gift Aid	124	192	193	119

Confessions: Saturday: OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 5th/6th January 2019			
Saturday 5 th January The Epiphany of the Lord (Vigil)	OLOL	6.00pm	Michael Aherne (Gerry)
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 6 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	St. Teilo	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Brian Whiting (PW)
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	Jack Lovell - RIP (Sandra)
Monday 7 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Thomas and Winifride Mullins
Tuesday 8 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Brian Young (CBY)
Wednesday 9 th January	OLOL	7.00pm	Terry - RIP and the wellbeing of Cath (WJI)
Thursday 10 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	In Thanksgiving for the Restoration of Health of Dulcie and Theo Lane (VD)
Friday 11 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mavis June Callan
Saturday 12 th January	St. Teilo	9.00am	For the Intentions of Brother Alistair
Saturday 12 th January The Baptism of the Lord	OLOL	6.00pm	Special Intention
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 13 th January The Baptism of the Lord	St. Teilo	9.00am	Sheila Martin (T&DO'L)
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	6:30pm	Private Intention

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