

ST. TEILO'S



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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 30th November – 1st December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the First Sunday of Advent are on page 82 of the Mass Book.

The God Who Speaks - Quote of the Week

"Listen, heavens, while I speak; earth hear the words I am saying. May My teaching fall like the rain, may My word drop down like the dew, like showers on fresh grass and light rain".

Deuteronomy 32:1-3



The Season of Advent

Today we begin the Year of the Word: "The God who Speaks". As we begin the season of Advent, the start of the new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and personal development is so powerful, rich and intense; it endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the

Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming. During this year, Year A of the cycle of readings, the Church uses the Gospel of Matthew to draw us into the mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection. To support us in our engagement with St. Matthew's Gospel, a pocket-sized New Revised Standard Version (NRSV - Catholic) version of the Gospel of Matthew has been specially produced and is available, one per family, for each of our parishioners. There is no cost for these copies of the gospel. Please take your copy and make use of it in the year ahead.



Advent Wreath:

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

As we light our first Advent candle, may we prepare in our daily lives, our homes, our schools, our work that the light of Christ may enlighten each one of us this Advent and enable us to come to meet the Lord Who comes again to us.

We all respond: We welcome the light of Christ

Adoration



During Advent, we will have a period of adoration at St. Teilo's an hour before the 10am Mass on weekdays. This will enable us to give a period of time to the Lord in preparation for Him to be born anew in us at Christmas. This week, there will be Adoration from 9am until 9.55am on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Year of the Word – Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction – Sunday Afternoon at 3.30pm



The First Sunday of Advent, December 1st, sees the formal launch of the Year of the Word, under the title of 'The God Who Speaks'. To celebrate the opening of the Year of the Word, there will be Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff presided over by Archbishop George. During the celebration, copies of the Gospel of St. Matthew will be given out to the congregation, as a reminder that Scripture is at the centre of everything that the Church does. The



students and staff of St. Alban's High School, Pontypool will lead the Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Mass Time on Thursday

Please note that Mass on Thursday will be at the earlier time of 9am to enable Canon to attend the Archdiocesan Day of Recollection for Clergy later in the morning. There will be no adoration on Thursday.

Parish Youth Social on Tuesday, December 3rd!

Calling all 10 to 15 years old (and anywhere close)! Let's meet, have some fun and talk about Advent! We will have table football, ping pong and mince pies! Come and join us in St. Teilo's on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6.30pm till 8pm. See you there!

Lovelight Christmas Concert – Our Lady of Lourdes

On Thursday, December 5th, at 7pm, the parish will host the Lovelight Christmas Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes. The doors will open at 6.30pm. Tickets may be bought after Mass each weekend or on the door. The concert is being held to raise funds for Tenovus and will be led by the Tenovus South Choir who will be joined by St. Mary's Primary School Choir. Mary Chichester will be the soloist. The Concert will be followed by a get together in the Parish Hall with mince pies, wine, tea and coffee and a Cake Sale. Tickets are £5 (free for under 12s).

First Friday Coffee Morning

Friday, December 6th is the First Friday of the month so there will be a Coffee Morning after the 10am Mass at St. Teilo's.

First Saturday Devotions

We continue the First Saturday devotions at St. Teilo's next Saturday during adoration. Those who wish to take part are asked to gather at 9.30am in the Church to recite the Rosary and pray the Fatima prayers. Leaflets will be provided. Why not come along to respond to Our Lady's call to pray for the world in all its turmoil and need?

Paper Craft and Mixed Media – Monthly Event – Parish Hall – Saturday

The Paper Craft and Mixed Media group takes place in the Parish Hall from 11am to 3pm on each first Saturday of the month. The organiser and tutor, Erica Evans, a parishioner of St. Teilo's, has over 25 years of experience within the Craft and Mixed Media Industry. More information about the event, attendance, pricing and booking details can be found on Erica's website: www.simplycraft.com. Please note that there is a fee of £15 per person for each event. This includes refreshments and craft materials provided for activities and entry into our craft raffle.

Year of the Word - Scripture Study Day

The first Scripture Study Day will take place on Saturday, December 7th at the Cornerstone from 10am to 12noon. Fr. Laurence Bryce will be talking about the documents 'Dei Verbum', promulgated by Pope Paul VI and 'Verbum Domini', an apostolic exhortation by Pope Benedict XVI. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Walk With Me: Advent and Christmas

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas is now available at the back of the Church ready for the start of Advent next week.

Archbishop George Stack and Bishop Peter Brignall have written a foreword to the booklet and recommend it as an aid to prayer. In their introduction we read: "Welcome into this new year in the life of the Church, one in which we celebrate the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St

Jerome, the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini and the 400th anniversary of the revised edition of the translation of the Bible into Welsh. These anniversaries give us a clear reminder that our journey in prayer must always be inspired and accompanied by the Sacred Scriptures, by being attentive to the God Who Speaks and by responding with joy-filled hearts.... We are all called to holiness. We need moments of solitude and silence before God and to face our true selves, thereby allowing the Lord to enter into the very depths of our being."

Why not sit quietly with Walk With Me for a few minutes each day during Advent and Christmas?

Why not give a copy of Walk With Me to a friend, relative or work colleague? The booklet costs £1 per copy.



Collections for 23rd/24th November

	LOLO 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	131	179	127	127
Gift Aid	110	295	143	41
Collection for the SVP - £2,007.70				

Adoration for Our Families



Monday, December 9th, sees the monthly hour of 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.

Christmas Concert at St. Teilo's

They are back by popular demand following the sell out concert last April! The Local Vocals community choir led by Mary Chichester, who is a member of the parish is performing its Christmas Show at St. Teilo's Church on Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm. Tickets are £4 - For tickets contact Mary 07795371762. The charity for the evening is the Homeless.

Advent Workshop: Let Biblical inspiration fire your imagination!

Come along and enjoy an oasis of calm to prepare spiritually for the joyous feast of Christmas. Come and examine biblical events using simple meditation, imagination and writing. Teresa O'Driscoll, author of 9 Days to Heaven, is facilitating this event. How to make everlasting meaning of your life, these techniques can be reused throughout the year of The God Who Speaks and beyond, to bring the Bible alive.

The event takes place on Saturday, December 14th between 2 and

3.30 pm in St. Teilo's church hall. All are welcome to attend this event.

Christmas Raffle – Our Lady of Lourdes

The tickets for the annual Christmas Raffle are now on sale at the back of the Church after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. The donation of raffle prizes will be very welcome.

St. Teilo's Coffee Morning and Christmas Raffle Draw.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale soon. The draw will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 15th with mince pies, stollen, etc., mulled wine and tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Retreat: O come, O come, Emmanuel

The Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to the Retreat at St. David's Catholic College, Cardiff on Saturday, December 14th from 10.30am - 3.30pm with registration at 10am. There will be two talks, imaginative contemplation and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Retreat is free and lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend, please contact Christian Mahoney (07764 515864 or christianmahoney2@gmail.com) The Retreat is open to people of all faiths and no faith.



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APF-Missio



The APF Missio magazine, which includes a 2020 calendar, will be at the back of the church, from Sunday, December 1st. Many thanks to all those who have donated throughout the year. APF box holders at OLOL are asked to bring their APF boxes to the Church over the next two weeks. Maureen Coughlin will count then return them. To contact Maureen ring: 029 2081 4006 and leave a message, or email: maureen.s.coughlin@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Parish Lunch

Following the success of last year's Christmastime parish lunch, we have once again planned to hold a parish lunch at the Cornerstone in Charles Street, Cardiff on Sunday, January 5th at 1pm. We have negotiated a discounted price of £22.50 per person for the following menu: Chef's Winter Vegetable soup with Herb Croutons; Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings; Traditional Christmas Pudding with with Brandy Sauce. Tea/coffee will be given at the end of the meal free of charge. If you are interested, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet provided at the back of the churches.

Baptism Courses 2020

The next Baptism Course begins at St. Brigid's Church, Crystal Glen (in the sacristy, accessed beyond the altar in the church) on Wednesday, January 8th and completes on Wednesday, January 15th at 7.00 pm. Please email Ann Martin if attending: stevemartincardiff@gmail.com

The following course is here at St. Teilo's in the parish hall. It begins on Thursday, February 6th at 7pm and completes on Thursday, February 13th at 7pm. Please e-mail Cathy if you plan to attend: cathyhopkins@sky.com

First Holy Communion 2020

Preparation for First Holy Communion at St. Teilo's will start in January 2020. If you **live** in the parish and your child is in Year 3 or above and and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion in 2020, please complete an application form, that can be found at the back of the church and return it to Canon Isaac or Angela Jones. There is an expectation that if your child is enrolled on the Programme, (s) he will make her/his First Holy Communion at St. Teilo's.

Confirmation 2020

Confirmation will take place in the parish on Sunday, June 7th, 2020 at 11am at St. Teilo's. If you are in Year 8 or above and wish to be confirmed, please e-mail your details to: whitchurch@rcadc.org or speak to Canon Isaac after Mass.

Mass Attendance for 23 rd /24 th November			
OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
85	221	132	80

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Applications 2020-2021

The application process for Reception Class September 2020 opened on Monday, November 18th 2019. The closing date for applications is Monday, January 13th 2020. Applications will be available on the school website: <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or from the school administration team. Tel: 029 2075 4787.

Our Lady's Convent Reunion

There will be a reunion for all past pupils and staff of Our Lady's Convent School, The Walk, Cardiff on Saturday, March 21st at Jury's Inn, Cardiff (formerly The Park Hotel) at 7pm. Tickets £30 including a buffet supper. For more details and to book your place, please contact Julie Halton (Welsher) on 07740 306228 or jmhalton@msn.com

Piety Stall

The Christmas stock is available on the piety stall now. Advent calendars, candles, Christmas cards, yearly calendars, diaries etc. are now all available.

Faithful Departed

Please note that the list of our Faithful Departed whose anniversaries occur this week is pinned to the board at the back of each of the Churches.

Sick Communions

Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.

Mass at Cardiff Hospitals

Mass is celebrated during the week at the University Hospital of Wales (Heath) or at the University Hospital Llandough. The Chaplains, Fr. Peter Davies and Fr. David Prichard, welcome parishioners from across Cardiff who are visiting relatives and friends to come along to Mass at the particular hospital. Mass takes place in the Sanctuary (B5) at the Heath and in the Chapel at Llandough.

If a friend or relative goes into hospital please contact one of the chaplains: Fr David Prichard at UHW can be contacted on david.prichard@wales.nhs.uk 029 2184 3230. Fr Peter Davies can be contacted for the other Cardiff hospitals on peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk 029 2071 6710.

In the coming week, Mass is celebrated at the following times:

Monday 2nd December 2pm – Llandough
Tuesday 3rd December - 2pm - Llandough
Wednesday 4th December– 10am - Heath
Wednesday 4th December - 2pm - Llandough
Thursday 5th December - No Mass
Friday 6th December 2pm - Llandough

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass Times will be as follows:

Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve

4.30pm at St. Teilo's – Mass in Welsh – Offeren y Nadolig

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 – Msza w języku polskim

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 – Msza w języku polskim

12pm midday at Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass in Polish – Msza w języku polskim

Confessions

Saturday: St. Teilo's - 10:30-11:00 am

LOL - 5.15-5.45pm

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 30th November and 1st December 2019

Saturday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	LOL	6.00pm	Jim & Kitty Daughton – RIP (Rita)
	LOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 1 st December First Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
	LOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Private Intention
	LOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 2 nd December	St. Teilo	10.00am	Thomas and Winifride Mullins Private Intention (Rhod and Madeleine Walters)
Tuesday 3 rd December St. Francis Xavier, Priest	St. Teilo	10.00am	David and Janet Quinn (M&CR)
Wednesday 4 th December	LOL	7.00pm	Terry O'Connell – RIP
Thursday 5 th December	St. Teilo	9.00am	Carmel Davies – RIP
Friday 6 th December St. Nicholas, Bishop	St. Teilo	10.00am	David and Barbara A'Herne – RIP
Saturday 7 th December St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo	10.00am	Nino and Angela Bottarini (AS)
Saturday 7 th December Second Sunday of Advent	LOL	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
	LOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 8 th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo	9.00am	Val Glavin (JG)
	LOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Private Intention
	LOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	6:30pm	Well being of Gail (Birthday) Fr Jimmy Thomas – RIP