

ST. TEILO'S



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

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Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY



OF LOURDES
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Weekend 11th - 12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Mass: The Mass readings and prayers for the Baptism of the Lord are on page 118 of the Mass Book.



Quote of the Week

"And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; My favour rests on Him.""

Matthew 3:13-17



The Baptism of the Lord

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church, this feast is called Theophany because at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons.

The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognised "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism, which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents, which accompanied Christ's Baptism, are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism, the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism, we become the Sons and Daughters of God. At Christ's Baptism, the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us.

At all Masses this weekend, we will replace the penitential rite with the blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water to remind us of our own Baptism and to renew our commitment of faith.

White Flower Appeal: This year, the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower appeal this weekend. 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.

Rest in Peace

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena A'Herne, a longstanding member of our parish community. Mrs. A'Herne's Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, January 27th at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes followed by interment at Pantmawr.

Memorial Candle: The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of the Matthews Family. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Adoration for Our Families: On Monday this week, we have the 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 prayer.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School Applications 2020-2021

The application process for Reception Class entry September 2020 concludes **this Monday**, January 13th. Application forms are available on the school website: <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or from the school admin. team Tel: 029 2075 4787.

ACTA - A Call to Action

ACTA [A Call to Action] is an organisation that brings together clergy, religious and laity to discuss issues of common interest and concern. The next meeting of the Cardiff group of ACTA is in St. Helen's Church, Court Road, Barry at 7.00pm on Tuesday, January 14th. All are welcome. Further information is available from Frank Callus of St. Peter's parish – fcallus@aol.com or Mobile: 07956005459

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Service next Sunday

The week of prayer for Christian Unity runs each year from January 18th to the 25th, ending on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Churches Together in Whitchurch and Llandaff North have agreed that this year, the joint service will be at 6pm next Sunday, January 19th at St. Mary's Church. Please do make an effort to attend.

Our prayer for Christian unity is deeply rooted in our faith tradition. This year, the theme of the week has been developed by the Churches in Malta, a very Catholic country. For the churches in Malta, the Bible has special relevance for the shared life of the churches there, for the Gospel first came to Malta in the events that are told in the Acts of the Apostles, where St. Paul and those with him encountered unusual kindness from the inhabitants. Many people from this country have visited Malta on holiday and seen the place where these events happened. This week of prayer is therefore a reminder that Christianity is not merely a spirituality, but a faith rooted in events in human history: the redemption of humanity and the whole of creation. The unity for which we pray therefore, serves to make Christ known in the world. The theme of the week and of the service in St. Mary's is focussed on Acts 27 and 28, the story of St. Paul being shipwrecked on Malta.

Refreshments after Mass: Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the 11am Mass next Sunday, November 19th. All are welcome.

Major Electrical Works at Our Lady of Lourdes Church: A reminder that the major electrical works at Our Lady of Lourdes Church has begun and the rewiring of the whole Church will continue for around 8 weeks. This should not impact on evening Masses but will mean access during daytime hours (for cleaning and flower arranging etc) will not be available. **Please note that Mass on the last Friday of January and February will be transferred from Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Teilo's so as not to interfere with the contractor's deadlines.**

Blessing of Bibles



In his Apostolic Letter entitled "Aperuit illis" (He opened their minds), published in September 2019, Pope Francis established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

In response to this call by the Pope, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting all of us to bring our Bibles to Mass to be blessed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, January 25th and 26th.

Baptism Courses

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

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic Development Course

On Wednesday, February 12th, Canon will lead a reflection for all our Eucharistic Ministers at St. Teilo's.

The outline of the evening will be as follows:

6.30pm – Silent Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction

7.00pm – Mass

7.30pm – A reflection on the dignity of the role of Extraordinary Ministers and their critical role in faithfully evidencing the presence of Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament as they bear him to others, both in Church and in the homes of the sick.

8:00pm – A practical session for new Eucharistic Ministers. Existing Ministers are not expected to stay for this last session.

8.30pm – End.

Given the current problems of heating at Our Lady of Lourdes, we will be holding the Mass on Wednesday, February 12th at St. Teilo's. However, the evening is targeted at all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic both at St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Year of the Word – Scripture Study Day



The next Year of the Word Scripture Study Day will take place on Saturday, February 15th at the Cornerstone, Cardiff from 10am to 12noon. Fr. Nicholas James, Parish Priest of Monmouth, will take as his theme: 'How the Old Testament helps us to understand the New Testament'. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion at St. Teilo's will start later this month. If you live in the parish and your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion later this year, please complete an application form, which may 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. **NB: The deadline for submitting forms for First Holy Communion this year is Sunday, January 26th.**

Collections for 4 th and 5 th of January				
	OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	111	182	215	116
Gift Aid	82	207	178	57

Confessions

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

OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 11th January and 12th January 2020			
Saturday 11 th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	OLOL	6.00pm	Mary Sullivan – RIP (Gerry)
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 12 th January The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	St. Teilo	9.00am	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Brian Whiting (PW) John Norris – RIP (BN)
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	Lorraine Bradley – RIP Wellbeing of Veronica Driscoll and a young neighbour (JD)
Monday 13 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Raffaella Bacco – RIP (SVP)
Tuesday 14 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Nora Conroy – RIP (SVP)
Wednesday 15 th January	OLOL	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday 16 th January	St. Teilo	10.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 17 th January St. Anthony, Abbot	St. Teilo	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th January Our Lady	St. Teilo	10.00am	John and Maureen Bending – RIP (RCB)
Saturday 18 th January Second Sunday of Ordinary time	OLOL	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 19 th January Second Sunday of Ordinary time	St. Teilo	9.00am	Deceased Members of the Rein Family
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	Special Intention (BW-F)
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6:30pm	Siân (R&MT)

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place in the parish on Sunday, June 7th 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.

Please note that the list of our Faithful Departed whose anniversaries occur this week are pinned to the notice board at the back of the Church.

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