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## Parish Newsletter

### Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### The Second Sunday of Advent

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<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>				
			<b>Canon</b>	<b>Fr. Dwayne</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo’s and Online	10.00am	Fr. Jimmy Thomas – RIP and wellbeing of Gail	Sheila Downes - RIP
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Online	10.00am	Canon Edmund Joseph Mullins – RIP	Pauline and Sidney Bellgard – RIP (SR)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity	St. Teilo’s and Online	10.00am	Val Glavin – RIP (JG)	Angela Bottarini – RIP (AS)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin	Online	10.00am	Terry – RIP, Wellbeing of Cath and Mrs Ryan (WJI)	Clelia Besangi – RIP (SR)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December St. John Roberts, Priest, Martyr	St. Teilo’s and Online	10.00am	Mary Gallagher – Anniversary (JG)	Jane Rajalingham – Recently Deceased (BH)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Friday in the Second Week of Advent	Online	10.00am	Reg Williams – RIP	Intentions of the Trisolini Family
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Our Lady of Guadalupe	Online	10.00am	John Blackey – RIP	Fr. Ambrose Walsh – Recently Deceased
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo’s and Online	10.00am	Bill and Constance Fitzgerald – Anniversary (CR)  John Roberts – RIP (Myra)	Raffaella Bacco – RIP (GM)

## Quote of the Week



*“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.”*

**Entrance Antiphon for the Second Sunday of Advent  
based on Isaiah 30: 19,30**



## The Season of Advent

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, sees us continuing on the Advent journey, listening to John the Baptist's call to conversion sounding out loud and clear. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make Divine Love manifest.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: “Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day, when even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” So, we come to receive the water of life as we receive the Lord, spiritually or sacramentally in the Blessed Sacrament in communion.

## Advent Wreath

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

*As we light our second 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**

### **Occasions when the Church is open for Mass**

St. Teilo's will be open for Mass today at 10.00am. If you have not booked in advance and have not had verbal confirmation from Carole Burns – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

St. Teilo's will also be open for Mass this week on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00am and next Sunday at 10.00am. The booking arrangements are outlined below.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So please do not feel under any pressure to attend the Church when online or phone Masses are valid alternatives.

### **If you wish to attend Mass**

- Booking will be by telephone on a 'first come, first served' basis. Carole Burns is the contact and can be telephoned on 07747 562847 **between 11am and 1pm on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** for Mass on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE DO NOT RING OUTSIDE THESE HOURS.
- You **must** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door, so if you have not booked in advance – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
  - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
  - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will NOT attend.
  - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- Please note that **Face Coverings must be worn in Church**.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- You should arrive between 20 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in the basket at the back of the Church, in one of the wall boxes around the Church or in the votive candles box.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are a requirement to enable public worship to take place.

## **Christmas Day Masses**

Bookings are now over for the Christmas Day Masses. We have very good numbers in attendance at Midnight and 10.00am. Both are now full. **Please Note:** Only those who have received confirmation of bookings from Carole are able to attend the Christmas Day Masses. We apologise to those who wanted to attend whom we were unable to accommodate as we have to limit numbers to ensure social distancing.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has asked us to remind all Catholics that in the Church's tradition, the celebration of Christmas Day is so important that it extends for the whole of the Christmas Octave. In the Church's liturgy, each day of the Octave is treated as if it is still Christmas Day, so those who were unable to be accommodated on December 25<sup>th</sup> will have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas Mass on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Mass Times**

Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Parish Website from St. Teilo's at 10am each day. You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

At Communion time each day, we will be led in praying St. Alphonse Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
**AMEN.**

## **Polish Masses**

Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski will continue to say Mass at St. Teilo's and broadcast it online. Times of Polish Masses and other updates will appear on the Polish Community website in Polish at <http://polskaparafiadiff.org/>.

## **Live Streaming**

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church for prayer at any time.

## **Dial for Mass**

We continue to operate the 'Dial for Mass' scheme for those who do not have access to the Internet. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2.00pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week.

The number is a local number from Cardiff based landlines – 22 670 999. If you are dialling from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone, you will need to dial 029 2267 0999.

## **Rest in Peace**



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Luigi Vick, Spiro Callous and Maureen Lee who died recently. Mr. Vick's funeral service is on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Callous' funeral service is on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lee's funeral service is on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family members and invited guests.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father John Owen, Arthur Herbert, Bernard Flynn, Phillip Green, Oswald Gillard, Julia Humphries, James McNulty, Stephen Norton, Audrey Parker, Jaoa Ferreira, William Robertson, Paul Rees, Anthony Glover, Franco Micheli, Ernest Davies, Catherine Fackrell, Leon Grace, William Gogarthy, Eileen Perriam, John Laverty, Olive Knight, Pamela Canham, Margretta Mullins, John Manley, John Donohoe, Francis Sullivan, Paul Elswood, Daniel Callan, Paul Aviles and Eileen Phillips.

## **Memorial Candle**

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the soul of Maureen Lee. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## **Advent Resources**

There are many ways to access Advent prayers and resources online. While there are some 'paid for sites', all the ones below are free to those wishing to pray with and/or learn from them.

The Jesuits in the UK provide a daily podcast for each day, except Saturday, which can be listened to and prayed with on a computer or mobile phone at this site – <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

The Irish Jesuits have provided a similar text-based resource called Sacred Space which can be found here – <https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

The Pray as you Go and Sacred Space groups have collaborated to provide a weekly Retreat for Advent – <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-retreat-2020>

There is also a range of good resources made available by American Catholic websites.

For example:

The Catholic Lectionary Site – <https://www.catholic-resources.org/Lectionary/Seasons-Advent-Christmas.htm>

The Catholic Company Magazine – <https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/how-to-celebrate-advent-like-a-catholic-5923>

and particularly for families the Catholic Education Resource Center – <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/catholic-traditions-for-advent-and-christmas.html>

### **Update on Canon Isaac**

It has now been confirmed that Canon Isaac will need an operation to remove a growth on his liver. Following a series of tests, the surgeons have recommended the operation, which means that Canon will have to undertake 14 days of strict isolation prior to the operation. So, please do not call at the presbytery during this time. Following the surgery, Canon will have a period of convalescence for three months. Please keep Canon in your prayers at this worrying time.

### **Pastoral Care**

Fr. Dwayne will provide pastoral care and leadership of the Parish while Canon is under treatment. He will be picking up messages on the Presbytery telephone during this time, emails to the Parish email address – [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) will also reach him.

### **Housebound Parishioners without Internet access**

If any parishioner knows of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound and unable to access the parish newsletter online, please let us know at [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) so that the newsletter can be mailed directly to them. Many thanks to Peter Searle who prints and posts the newsletter to housebound parishioners each week.

### **Work on the Church**

Many thanks to Gerry Lewis for volunteering to hose down the Church at St. Teilo's to remove the algae and leaf mould that had built up. It was quite a large job and Gerry did it in his own time. Very big thanks from Canon and Fr. Dwayne.

### **Poinsettias for the Crib**

As in previous years, we are inviting donations of Poinsettias to be placed before the crib at Christmas. Due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19, the Poinsettias need to be held in a sanitary area in the Church before they can be touched by others. Therefore, it will only be possible for them to be dropped off at the Church during the period before Mass on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Congratulation to Canon David Hayman**

On Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Canon David Hayman, a former assistant priest here at St. Teilo's, will be installed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Please keep Canon Hayman in your prayers at this time. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event is not open to the public.

### **Ordination to the Diaconate – Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Next Sunday, Christian Mahoney will be ordained to the diaconate at St. David's, Cathedral. Christian has been an active member of Christ the King parish over the years and in recent years has become a server at the Cathedral. As a member of the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and organiser of the Archdiocesan participation in the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, he is well known to people throughout the Archdiocese. In his ordained ministry, Christian will continue with his 'spirituality brief' in the Archdiocese and beyond.

### **Archdiocesan Directory and Year Book 2021**

The Archdiocesan Directory and Year Books have arrived but due to COVID-19 restrictions we cannot leave them out for sale. If you wish to purchase a Year Book, please speak to one of the stewards at Mass and arrangements will be made.

### **St. Vincent's – The SVP Community Shop**

The SVP Community Shop located in Tremorfa, is seeking volunteers to help with several tasks, mainly sorting donations of clothing, toys, books and household objects. Any volunteer with an ability to help with minor 'odd jobs' would also be welcome. If you are able to give a few hours or more per week, please phone the manager, Anna Styles, on 029 2049 0124.

### **Christ the King Catholic Primary School – Reception Class Applications**

The application system for admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School will be open from Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline is Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Application forms will be available on the school website

<https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or by email [christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk) or can be sent by post. Please contact the school admin team Tel: 029 2075 4787.

### **St. Illtyd's Catholic High School – School Chaplain needed**

St. Illtyd's Catholic High School is seeking a suitable candidate to be School Chaplain. The main purpose of the role is to work with school staff and pupils to ensure the Catholic ethos of the school is maintained and spiritual values are safeguarded. The post is 22.5 hours per week term time only and is temporary for one year in the first instance. The salary is at Grade 5 £11,426 - £13,389 (Actual Salary) and we are looking for the person to start as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Interviews will take place in the week beginning Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please apply via [eteach.com](http://eteach.com)



## **Feasts of the Week**

### **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

St. Ambrose was the Bishop of Milan and became one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century. He was appointed Governor of Milan, but his example of holy life and devotion to the rule of law led to him being elected Bishop, before he had even been baptised. He was baptised, went to Rome to study and accepted the role of Bishop of the City. He became renowned for his preaching and his influence on St. Augustine, whom he converted to the faith, was to impact on the future life of the Church. St. Monica, Augustine's mother, said that St. Ambrose "was an angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions of Christ."

### **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity**

On Tuesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, one of the great Marian Feasts of the Church. On this Solemnity, we celebrate Mary who is full of grace; she is the one who, to prepare her to be the Mother of God's Son, is preserved from the moment of her conception from the effects of Original Sin. Our Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. We come to honour our Immaculate Mother at Mass at 10am. We will recite the Litany of Our Lady at the end of Mass today.

### **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin**

When he was canonised by Pope St. John Paul II, St. Juan Diego became the first indigenous saint of the Americas.

St. Juan Diego is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9<sup>th</sup> 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12<sup>th</sup> after the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady. St. Juan Diego lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example. As devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe spread throughout the universal Church, so the simple faith of St. Juan Diego is honoured, as an example to all Christians of their need to come to know the Lord Jesus, through Mary His Holy Mother.

### **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – St. John Roberts, Priest and Martyr**

St. John Roberts was born in 1577 in Trawsfynydd, North Wales, baptised in the protestant church he converted to Catholicism on a visit to Paris and joined the Benedictine Order. He travelled back to Britain on a number of occasions to be a missionary, but on each occasion was discovered as a Catholic priest and sent back into exile. While in exile, he founded a Benedictine house in Douai drawing together exiled English Benedictines; this house became the monastery of Saint Gregory and in 1814, the Benedictines travelled to England where they settled at Downside Abbey, Somerset. St. John Roberts returned again to England and was arrested while celebrating Mass on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1610. Convicted on December 5<sup>th</sup> of the crime of priesthood, he was hanged, drawn and quartered on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Tyburn, London

## **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The memoria in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptised and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57 year old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honour of Our Lady.

Juan Diego was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the Bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time, Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan Diego to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan Diego, assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the Bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the Bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the Bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been, appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. This is an image which has come to represent Mary's love for her Son and his people throughout the Americas and subsequently the World. Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron saint of Mexico and the Americas.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Dear mother, we love you. We thank you for your promise to help us in our need. We trust in your love that dries our tears and comforts us. Teach us to find our peace in your son, Jesus, and bless us every day of our lives.

Help us to build a shrine in our hearts. Make it as beautiful as the one built for you on the mount of Tepeyac, a shrine full of trust, hope and love of Jesus growing stronger each day.

Mary, you have chosen to remain with us by giving us your most wonderful and holy self-image on Juan Diego's cloak. May we feel your loving presence as we look upon your face. Like Juan, give us the courage to bring your message of hope to everyone.

You are our mother and our inspiration. Hear our prayers and answer us.

**Amen.**

## St. Illtyd's Catholic High School Carol Service – December 16<sup>th</sup>



St Illtyd's Catholic High School warmly invites you to a virtual evening of traditional readings and carols

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

More information about accessing the service will follow via our social media and mail alert service



### **Catholic Education Service**

The Welsh Government is trying to change the way all schools, including Catholic schools, teach Religious Education and Relationship and Sex Education. For both Catholics and Catholic schools, these proposals will be extremely damaging.

Such is the concern among the Catholic community, both Archbishop George and Bishop Peter have written to the First Minister about this and so have the headteachers of every Catholic school in Wales.

As this Bill goes through the Senedd, we need as many parishioners as possible to write to their MSs asking them to oppose these changes. To make this a really quick and simple task, we have made a sample letter generator. The process is literally typing in your name and address and clicking 'submit' at the following site: <http://catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents>

### **Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving**

Donations to the parish made online should be completed at the following web address: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

We raised £250 via the site last week. Please continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations or consider a Standing Order for regular monthly donations to the life of the parish. If you would like to set up a standing order, please e-mail [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) for more information.

**For Sale – To Benefit Church Funds**

A brand new folding eLife Power Assisted Folding Touring Bike including charger and added extras, helmet, hi viz, lock.

Tried once.

Cost £750, sell £500 or nearest offer.

Proceeds to the Church. For more information or to view, please telephone John on 029 2061 9410.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions are now full for the whole of December, but the diary for next year is now available, so if you would like to book Masses for next year, please do so by email to [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website or you can write the intention on an envelope with the donation inside and drop it into the Presbytery letterbox. The guidance is that the minimum donation for a Mass intention should be £10 but your donation amount is at your discretion.

**Praying for the Sick and the Dead**

We have a long-standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died.

**Online Newsletter**

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email:

[whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

**Staying in touch with the Parish**

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) or the parish twitter account ([https://twitter.com/stteilos\\_olol](https://twitter.com/stteilos_olol)) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>) Updates are often made on these sites before they can appear in the following week's newsletter.

## Children's Liturgy and Family Time

During Advent in addition to the weekly Children's Sheet which we share in the newsletter, Nick Davies has provided resources for Advent which families are welcome to download or print and use throughout the season. The first is called [An Advent Journey](#) and the second [Advent Family Time](#). Both are in pdf form.

The sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend is below; many thanks to Nick for all that he is doing to support the children of our parish at this time.

Name.....

### Activity time

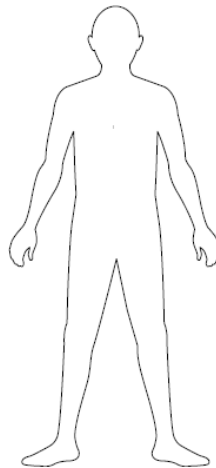
#### Mark 1.1-8

Mark begins his Gospel with John the Baptist telling people to say sorry and change their ways to get ready for Jesus' coming.



#### Draw!

Draw what you think John would have looked like. Make sure you include his camel-hair and belt!



## ROOTS children's Sheet

6-12 December 2020

#### Write

Pretend you are writing a letter or a message to someone about Jesus. How would you begin the 'good news'? What important words or phrases would you include?

### Family time

**Talk** Why do you think the people in the story wanted to change their ways?

**Do** Make life a bit quieter. For five minutes gather everyone together to be quiet and think about the story. Then spend five minutes writing or drawing what you want to say to God.

**Pray** Tell each other some good news you have heard this week. Thank God for that good news and for the best good news, Jesus coming into our lives.

#### Puzzle

Unscramble the words and write them down correctly underneath to see what John the Baptist was telling people.

**'dSoymeb ermo wpolefru  
nhta em si mgonci.'**

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Answer: Somebody more powerful than me is coming