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## Parish Newsletter

**Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Gaudete Sunday**

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<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>				
			<b>Canon</b>	<b>Fr. Dwayne</b>
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday Home Mission Sunday	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Bill and Constance Fitzgerald – Anniversary (CR)  John Roberts – RIP (Myra)	Raffaella Bacco – RIP (GM)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	Online	10.00am	Patrick & Peggy Whelan – RIP (AS)	Gerrard Massey – Anniversary (Ellen)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Holy Souls (Alex)	The deceased members of the de Souza family (PdS)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent	Online	10.00am	Fr. Ambrose Walsh – Recently Deceased	John Roberts – RIP
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December O Antiphon – O Wisdom	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Fritzsche Family (HE)	Thelma Stauber – Recently Deceased (HM)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December O Antiphon – O Lord and Ruler	Online	10.00am	Chris Doherty – RIP (Paul and Eileen)	Father Belt – RIP (MJ)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December O Antiphon – O Root of Jesse	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Fr. Michael Ronan – Recently Deceased
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Beryl and Percy Harris – RIP

## Quote of the Week



*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.”*

**Entrance Antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent  
based on St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians 4:4-5**



## 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**

## **Home Mission Sunday**

Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. This would normally take place in September but this year, September held so many challenges for everyone that the Bishops' Conference agreed to move it to today, Gaudete Sunday.

My soul rejoices in my God. Through our baptism in Christ, we are each able to say, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to the prisoners.' In short, "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

In normal times, this may not seem easy, but proclaiming a 'Year of the Lord's favour' amid a pandemic can really sound like 'a voice crying out in the wilderness.'

However, when Jesus asks us to follow Him, He does not promise that it will be easy, but that we will be able to live life to the full. Jesus came not merely to live our 'best life' but our whole life to the full. This takes faith, it takes the courage to follow Him and it takes a generous heart that is willing to reach out to those oppressed, broken hearted, held captive and imprisoned.

On this Gaudete Sunday, we are in the unusual position of also celebrating Home Mission Sunday. We are therefore invited to experience the joy of being a disciple of Christ by inviting those we know and love to meet Him for themselves. Whether a last-minute shopper or someone who already has your gifts wrapped and labelled, there is still time to offer something special this Christmas.

By inviting people to meet Jesus and accept this salvation, we are offering them 'the joy of being set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.'

Let us begin by praying for those we know and love to recognise Jesus as their friend. Then, as prompted by the Holy Spirit, take a step of faith by sharing your faith in some way. Whether through a card, gift or conversation, this bold step, when shared in love, could be just the blessing your loved ones need this Christmas.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup>** for Mass on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 20<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 at 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 take part in 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>.

### **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.

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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://polskaparafiaincardiff.org/>.

## Memorial Candle

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

## 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: Sheila Stephens, James Gaffney, James Summers, Bridget Garland, Kathleen Pattenden, Charles Beck, Gerard Massey, Kathleen Cuddihy, Daniel Bryan, Ambrose Slamin, Margaret Peirpoint, Richard Kennedy, Terence McCarthy, Enid Roberts, Mavis Callan, Stephen Deacy, Mary Sullivan, Helen Campbell, Sylvester Summers, Patrick O'Sullivan, Emma Lawrence, Patricia Widdett, Trevor Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Clive Blakemore, Ivor Cummins, Cecilia Danner, Mary Goodridge, Margaret Hegarty, Agnes Harris, John Pryce-Jones, Samuel Hardy and Sarah Duggan.

### **The O Antiphons**

From the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of December the Church moves from the Advent readings set for each day of the week, to special readings for the last eight days of Advent. From the 17<sup>th</sup> onwards the Church gives us ancient antiphons which have been prayed for centuries to prepare us for the one whose birth we are going to celebrate on Christmas Day.

Why not reflect on each of the antiphons in your prayer on the appropriate days. The prayers deepen our awareness of the One who is to come, by drawing on the scriptures to show us the truth revealed to the people of Israel in ancient times, fulfilled as they were by the birth of Jesus.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Latin Title</b>	<b>English – O Antiphon</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	O Sapientia	O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	O Adonai	O Adonai and leader of Israel, You appeared to Moses in a burning bush and You gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with Your mighty power.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	O Radix	O stock of Jesse, You stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before You whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us and do not delay.
20 <sup>th</sup> December	O Clavis	O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what You open no one else can close again; what You close, no one can open. O come and lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	O Oriens	O Rising Sun, You are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	O Rex	O King whom all the peoples desire, You are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man, whom you made from clay.
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	O Emmanuel	O Immanuel, You are our king and our judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord our God.

### **A message from Canon Isaac**

I am writing this on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, a wonderful feast for us in the Church. Since I became ill, I have been strengthened by the daily prayer of the Rosary. This Catholic devotion has always appealed to me but now, more than ever, I realise that the prayers of Our Lady are so powerful.

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch with an assurance of your prayers. These prayers are not just a support for me but for all the sick. They remind us all that we are part of the worldwide Church, not just St. Teilo's or Cardiff, but the One Apostolic and Catholic Church. Prayer is the oxygen that motivates the sacramental life of the Church and I thank you for them. To those who have written and expressed this spirit – thank you.

To those who continue to support the daily and weekly life of the Church – thank you. People, small in number, are continuing to make sure the life and witness of the Church continues. Some people do this publicly, others do so behind the scenes – thank you.

If I can take notice of those who help the church at this time – how much more does Our Lady see these gifts?

Thank you to parishioners who continue to support the financial life of the parish, to pay the bills that keep coming in. The ongoing support through standing orders, Virgin Money and the weekly envelopes being posted through the presbytery door are all invaluable to us as is the Gift Aid we receive from those who donate in this way. All this is another sign of our wish to keep the voice of the Church strong.

I want to thank Fr. Dwayne personally for his ministry in the parish. His being here is a personal support for me and enables us to continue the sacramental life of the parish.

Due to my illness, I am not able to celebrate Mass publicly at present, but, thank God, I am able to say Mass each day and I pray for you and your intentions. Apart from this and my Divine Office, I am now on sick leave. Numerous tests have been undertaken and the doctors will decide on a plan for treatment based on these. I have been told that I must exercise as much as possible to build myself up in advance of an operation, so I am trying to walk each day. It has been nice to enjoy the good weather that we have been having.

Winter days can be dark and wet but thankfully, we also have also some bright and dry ones! This season of Advent is a sign of hope and one of my favourite times. It reminds us that, even in the darkness, new hope, new light will come. As we see the lights develop in the Advent Wreath, let the light of our faith and hope grow.

### **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 and emails to the parish email address – [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) will also reach him.

## **Christmas Offerings**

Normally the collection at Christmas Masses would be for the two priests. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to take a collection at Mass. Instead you are able to make your donation via Virgin Giving – <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol> - Please indicate that the donation is for Christmas Offerings by adding Christmas in the notes and the money will be given directly to the two priests.

## **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>, Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries (APF Red Boxes)**

The Winter edition of the Mission Today magazine, which includes a 2021 calendar is now available. These are being distributed by our Promoters. If you have not yet received or would like to have a copy ( no charge) please let Peter Jones know. Please contact Peter on 07594 693054.

## **Saint of the Week**

### **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

St. John of the Cross was ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at the age of 25. St. John met St. Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with St. Teresa and in his own right, St. John engaged in the work of reform and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution and imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely, to experience the dying of Jesus, as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment, St. John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; St. John is unique as a mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so St. John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analysed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly St. John underlines the Gospel paradox: The Cross leads to Resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession and denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. St. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49, after a life which was short, but full.

## **Catholic People**

The December edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper [Catholic People](#) is now available. Our parish is again well represented with Teresa O'Driscoll's thoughtful article on the Bible as a source of inspiration and Madeleine Walters' reflections on the 'Year of the God who Speaks', along with the usual mix of interesting articles from across the Archdiocese.

## **Year of St Joseph**

With the [Apostolic Letter "Patris corde"](#) ("With a Father's Heart"), published on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from Tuesday, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

The Vatican News Services reports that the Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

In *Patris corde*, The Holy Father reflects that: Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,  
whose power makes the impossible possible,  
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.  
Take under your protection  
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you,  
that they may have a happy outcome.  
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.  
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,  
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,  
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.  
**Amen.**

At the end of his letter, Pope Francis encourages us all to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.

**Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Divine Mercy by St. Faustina Kowalska**

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness,  
today all mankind calls out from the abyss  
of its misery to Your mercy---to Your compassion,  
O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out.  
Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles!

O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding,  
Who are acquainted with our misery through and through,  
and know that by our own power

we cannot ascend to You,  
we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace  
and keep on increasing Your mercy in us,  
that we may faithfully do Your holy will  
all through our life and at death's hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy  
shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies,  
that we may with confidence,  
as Your children await Your final coming  
- that day known to You alone.

And we expect to obtain everything promised us  
by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness.

For Jesus is our Hope:  
Through His merciful Heart  
as through an open gate we pass through to heaven.  
(Diary of St. Faustina 1570)

### **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.

### **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 Carol Service – December 16<sup>th</sup> – Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to the Year 11 year group bubble having to self-isolate due to Covid-19, the School has been unable to film the Virtual Carol Service as intended. Therefore, with regrets, the decision has been made that the Virtual Carol Service is to be cancelled.

### **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/Steiloswitholol>

We raised £430 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 .....

### John 1.6-8, 19-28

The priests and Levites come to try and find out who John the Baptist is and what he is doing.



### Family time

**Talk** Discuss some experiences when you have really felt Jesus to be with you.

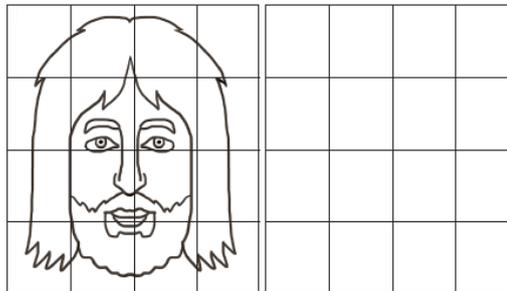
**Do** Make lots of paper crosses and write the word 'Messiah' on them. Stick the crosses around your house in different places and leave them there for a week to remind you that Jesus, the Messiah, is with you wherever you are.

**Pray** Stand together by a different paper cross every day and say a short prayer of thanks for God's presence among you.

### Activity time



Use the grid to draw the shapes in the correct boxes to reveal the image of Jesus.



Can you solve the code to work out the key words from today's passage? Write the letters underneath the pictures.



## ROOTS children's Sheet

13-19 December 2020



Write a diary entry for a person standing in the crowd listening to John being questioned by the priests and Levites.



Answer: Messiah among you