



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

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## Parish Newsletter

**This edition of the newsletter is for two weeks:  
Weekends of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Holy Family Sunday**

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**Mass Times and Intentions for the two weeks beginning 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

			<b>Canon</b>	<b>Fr. Dwayne</b>
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
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December O Antiphon – O Rising Sun	Online	10.00am	Fr. Ambrose Walsh – Recently Deceased	Wellbeing of Canon Isaac
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December O Antiphon – O King	Online	10.00am	Terry O'Keefe – Recently departed (P&CS)	John Magee – RIP (Paolo)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December O Antiphon – O Emmanuel	Online	10.00am	Emlyn James Maurice – RIP (P&CS)	Angela Masini – RIP (Paolo)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Last weekday of Advent	Online	10.00am	Deceased and Living Members of the Searle, Moloney and Maurice Families (P&CS)	Peggy and Parry Davies – Anniversary
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Solemnity – Christmas Day	St. Teilo's and Online	Midnight	For the People of the Parish	John and Josephine Bending – RIP (RCB)
	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	George and Mary Allen – RIP	Wellbeing of Canon Isaac and Father Dwayne (IT)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen, the First Martyr – Feast	Online	10.00am	Fr. Ambrose Walsh – Recently Deceased (TC)	Martina Goch – RIP (Paolo)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Feast	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Anna, Tito and Pat Trisolini – RIP (Paolo)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Feast	Online	10.00am	Walter Jenkins – RIP (HT)	Sidney Magee – RIP (Paolo)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December Fifth Day of Christmas	Online	10.00am	Pat and Tony Ward – Anniversary (SW)	Wellbeing of Canon Isaac (M&RT)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Sixth Day of Christmas	Online	10.00am	Anne Salter – Anniversary (MS)	Martin Rees – RIP

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Seventh Day of Christmas	Online	10.00am	Mairead Sutherland – RIP	Wellbeing of the Trisolini Family
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity	Online	10.00am	Private Intention (SC)	Sidney Taylor – RIP (M&RT)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Gwyn Hopkins - RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Brian Taylor – RIP (M&RT)

### Quote of the Week – Fourth Sunday of Advent



*“Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.”*

**Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
based on Isaiah 45:8**



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we read the story of the angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This Sunday, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist’s announcement that the Saviour was among us, although not yet recognised. This week we reflect upon Mary’s example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel’s message that God’s Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God’s wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to His Son so that all humanity would know God’s salvation. Mary, already full of God’s grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus, Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognise God’s saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience.

## Advent Wreath

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

*As we light our fourth Advent candle may the Lord Jesus Christ find us watchful in prayer and expectant in His praise. We pray 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**

## 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 today Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Occasions when the Church is open for Mass from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December - UPDATE

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.

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.

## Quote of the Week – Christmas Octave



*"In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him."*

**John 1:1-3 – Gospel for the Mass of Christmas Day**



## Christmas Masses

The Church will also be open for Midnight and 10am Mass on Christmas Day. Both these Masses are full – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND UNLESS YOU HAVE A CONFIRMED BOOKING.

## Dial for Christmas Midnight Mass

Thanks to the efforts of Anthony Evans, a recording of Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Teilo's will be available from Christmas Morning until the following Sunday. As usual the number to dial is 029 2267 0999.

## **Christmas Octave**

The joy, that fills the Church at the birth of Jesus, is celebrated throughout the Christmas season. The Church, as a continuation of the Christmas Feast, celebrates the Octave of Christmas, that is, the eight days between Christmas and New Year's Day. Unlike our society, which seems to see December 25<sup>th</sup> as the end of the Christmas season, for us, December 25<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Christmas time. 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>. During the Octave, we celebrate St. Stephen the first martyr on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Innocents on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This all culminates in the Celebration of Mary the Mother of God on New Year's Day.

## **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.

## **Christmas Greetings from Canon Isaac**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March this year I went for a walk – the first of many!! I ended up in Hailey Park, where as a nipper I used to play football and enjoy the green area of one of Cardiff's lovely parks. At the time, I remember thinking about all those good times I used to play in the park, look at the Tizer pop factory, play in the canal and fall into the Taff from our make-do rope swing. I thought to myself as I sat on the park bench then that this strange time will be over and in nine months' time, on 25<sup>th</sup> December, all this will be back to normal! How wrong I was! Now as we approach the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, we are still in the grip of the pandemic and lots of lives are in difficulty.

Back on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March I called at the front door of Eileen and Bill Yaxley, who live near the park, and from a social distance I wished them well. Though we obviously stayed outside for too long, as Eileen had to dash in to turn off the cheese on toast she was making, which had begun to burn! But even though I caused a culinary catastrophe, it was nice to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord with parishioners.

At that time, I received many comments from people in the parish thanking us for the provision of Mass online. One of the parishioners, John, a postman, told me he listened to Mass on his earphones as he goes about his deliveries, others have told me about their children who light candles and ring bells during online Mass and others who have seen the access to Mass online as a lifeline for them.

Now, exactly nine months on we are still in a difficult situation and it will continue for some time. But Mass and the other Sacraments are still being celebrated and the Church is still here for all

people. Christmas this year will be different for all of us but the core of it will be the same for us Catholics. Prayer, the Rosary, private devotions a great love of the Church and, most of all, the presence of Our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, in our homes and in the hearts and lives of each of us. So, let us celebrate with great dignity and deep faith. Perhaps, with no parties and no big gatherings, less rush and less to get done, we can enjoy this Christmas as a time of faith.

May you have a happy and blessed Christmas! I wish God's blessings on you all.

*Canon Isaac*

### **Health Update – Canon Isaac**

After tests and a biopsy, it has been decided by the surgical team that I will have surgery to remove a tumour on my liver. The surgery is now being planned, taking into account the impact of Covid-19 and the need for 14 days quarantine before admission to hospital. The surgery is currently scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> so from December 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be no more visits or walks for me; it may also be the earliest I have gone to bed on New Year's Eve!

I am saying Mass each day for the intentions advertised in the newsletter but am doing so privately, while following the instructions that have been given to me to prepare for surgery. After surgery, I will have three months' convalescence following which I will retire from active ministry.

Fr. Dwayne will continue to serve the parish and I want to reiterate the thanks to him that I offered in last week's newsletter. He is a great support to me. I wish to repeat the thanks for all the prayers, Masses etc. I have received. I also want to thank the superb team at the Heath Hospital for all the care I am currently receiving and for their ongoing support for me at this time.

*Canon Isaac*

### **Christmas Wishes from Fr. Dwayne**

The holidays will be different from usual for each of us this year. This year will certainly be long remembered, whether it be for what we are not able to do, because of the pandemic, or perhaps for another reason. I'd like to propose we find a better reason to make Christmas special this year. Why resign ourselves to the idea that this year's rendition of Christmas is doomed to being a bit less than what we wished? Instead, let's embrace the differences! Perhaps we'll find ways to use the computer and telephone to spread the holiday spirit in new ways. Maybe the simplicity of this year's holidays will remind of the good old days. If nothing else, we'll have reason not to take anything for granted in 2020 and resolve to make up for it in 2021.

The end of the calendar year is also a time for gratitude. I am grateful to God for allowing me to come here and I thank each and every one of you for helping me to get off to a good start in Cardiff. I hope that, each in our own way, Canon William and I might be able to help you to have a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

God bless you!

*Fr. Dwayne*

## 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 and at Midnight on Christmas 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/>.

## Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Maureen Lee and Anthony Neville James who died recently. Mrs. Lee's funeral service is on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. James' funeral Service is on Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</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: Canon Denis Torney, Canon John O'Regan, Fr. John Fahy, Fr. John Meredith, Fr. John Owen, Fr. Martin Delaney, Fr. Michael Martin, Fr. Liam Doyle and Fr. Marshall Gibbs and also for Daniel Mead, Harry Miles, Sara Bentley, Ellen Reynolds, Dorothy Coles, Witold Klimaszewski, John Mears, Agnes Ruby, David Watson, Margaret Ball, Annie O'Connor, Mary (Molly) Harrington, Betty Logan, Ruth Denning, John Marshall, Kathleen O'Brien, Peter Winer, Anne Schofield, Mary Aherne, Edith Hopkins, Patrick Forde, John White, William Greenhalgh, Eileen Bevan, Hugh Grealis, Mary Collins, Kathleen Hobbs, James Mills, Peggy Davies, Carmel English, Francis Park-Wait, Mary Taverner, Jean Whelan, Michael Foley, Rene Galau, Ellen Bevan, Maria Blakeman, Beatrice O'Gorman, Nora Mignacca, Annie Light, Thomas Page, Agnes Mitchell, Edna Bendall, Miriam McQueen, Stuart Delaney, Edmund (Eamon) O'Leary OBE, Charles Doris, Salvino Rossi, Vera Wheeler, Denis Griffiths, Monica Hansen, Ida Cooper, Ada Rogers, Roy Thomas, Anne St. Clear, Olga Ruby, Bernado Gardiazabal, Martin Rees, Mairead Sutherland, James Driscoll, Anastasia Walkes, Margaret Kretzer, Susan Manning, Isaac Taylor, Kenneth Millar, Christine O'Gorman, James Mullett, Pat Ward, Patrick Walsh, James Harris, Lilian Pendleton, Sylvia Beech, James Johnson, Mary Lane, Agnes O'Leary, David Gaughan, Helen Sullivan, Alice Kennedy, John O'Sullivan and Maurice Thomas.

### **Memorial Candle**

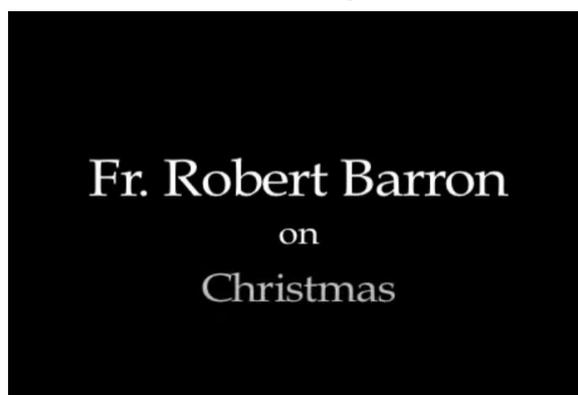
The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Forbes. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

### **Celebrating the Season of Christmas**

Christmas is going to feel strange this year, but the Archdiocese has put a series of resources together to help us to reflect as we prepare to celebrate the festivity of Christ's birth. They can be found [here](#).

### **Christmas Prayers and Reflections**

**Video reflections on Christmas with Bishop Robert Barron** (Click on image for link.)





### **A Christmas Reflection written by St. Teresa of Calcutta**

At Christmas, Christ comes to us like a little child, small and helpless, so much in need of all that love can give. Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose your house and all it holds?

Today there is so much trouble in the world and I think that much of it begins at home. The world is suffering because there is no peace in the family. We have so many thousands of broken homes. We must make our homes centres of compassion and forgiveness, and so bring peace. Make your house, your family, another Nazareth, where love, peace, joy and unity reign, for love begins at home. You must start there and make your home a centre of love. You must be the hope of eternal happiness to your wife, your husband, your child, to your grandfather, your grandmother, to whoever is connected to you. The home is where the mother is. Once I found a child on the streets. I took him to our children's home and gave him a bath and some clean clothes, but he ran away. He was found again by somebody else, but he ran away a second time. After we found him, I said to the sisters, "Please follow that child and see where he goes when he runs away." When the child ran away a third time they followed him, and there, under a tree, was his mother. She had put stones under a small earthenware vessel and was cooking some food she had found. The sister asked the child, "Why did you run away from the home?" And the child answered, "But this is my home because this is where my mother is." That was home. The food that was found was all right because Mother had cooked it. It was Mother who hugged the child, Mother who wanted the child -- and the child had his mother. Between a wife and a husband, it is the same.

Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas—not in the cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humanity, a heart warm with love for one another.

**A prayer found on the wall of St. Teresa's Children's Home, Shishu Bhavan, in Calcutta**

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

*Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

*Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

*Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

*Be honest and sincere anyway.*

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

*Create anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

*Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

*Do good anyway.*

Give the best you have and it will never be enough.

*Give your best anyway.*

**In the final analysis, it is between you and God.**

**It was never between you and them anyway.**

**God of Joy – CAFOD**

**God of Joy**

God of joy remind me to rejoice  
wrapped up in my Christmas gifts  
tied down in my debts that I have forgotten.

God of peace remind me of your calm  
in my anxiety and my haste  
I have forgotten.

God of all, remind me  
of the true light of Christmas  
of your gift shared.

In my own wants and my own needs  
I have forgotten wrapped up in  
my own little world;  
remind me of your world God of joy  
remind me to rejoice.

**Amen.**

## **Bethlehem – CAFOD**

With the shepherds of Bethlehem, help us, O Lord, to stand in vigil on the eve of Your coming, to run with haste to meet You, to see Your face in the faces of others and to wake from our sleep as a new world is being born.

With the angels of Bethlehem, help us, O Lord, to tell the whole world of Your presence. God is with us! Let us create peace amongst people and work for justice amongst nations.

With Jesus, the Infant Christ, help us, O Lord, to cherish the hope that is born at Advent, to hear the calling of Your people, to nurture the seeds of Your Kingdom and through the actions to be messengers of Your love in building communities of service and prayer.

**Amen.**

## **Wake up Wake up and hear our cry – CAFOD**

As we journey with the Holy Family to Bethlehem, we pray for all who make forced journeys. Give them strength to carry on and courage to walk the road ahead.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry**

As we hear the innkeeper say there is no room, we pray for refugees for whom there is no country. Gather them to yourself and keep them free from harm.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry**

As we contemplate that first Christmas night, we pray for those with nowhere to lay their head. Comfort them in their need and uphold them in their plight.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry**

As we listen to the cry of the Infant King we pray for children everywhere born into poverty. Wrap them in your love and uphold them in your tender mercy.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry**

As we remember the fear of the shepherds in the presence of the angels, we pray for all who are afraid to look ahead.

Reassure them with Your presence and embolden them to face the future.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry**

As we recall the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt,  
we pray for all who flee from danger.  
Enfold them in your care and challenges to  
offer our protection.

**Wake up, little baby Jesus and hear our cry that justice may be born.**

### **The Boat of Injustice**

Vulnerable God,  
As we contemplate the wonder of your birth,  
stir in us the desire to cradle those who have  
nowhere to lay their head,  
that together we may rock the boat of injustice.  
Give us grace to offer our hand to those who  
reach out, that with faltering steps we may find a way home  
and kindle our hearts to embrace the rejected and dispossessed  
and so meet You face to face.  
We ask this in Your name.  
**Amen.**

### **The Hope of Christmas**

God, our dayspring and our dawn,  
we turn to You when we fear the dark  
and all around us weep.  
We pray You greet us with Your shining light  
that we may spread Your warm embrace,  
and kindle the hope of Christmas  
in all whose lives remain in shadow.  
Come and be our strength,  
O Lord, our hope and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

### **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 £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 9140 – **please note this is the correct number, it was misprinted in the last few newsletters.**

### **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

Given the range of celebrations in the next two weeks this weekend we have Children's Liturgy texts for both Sundays and Christmas Day.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Name .....

### Luke 1.26-38

God chooses an ordinary girl for the extraordinary job of being the mother of Jesus.



### Family time

**Talk** Turn over a series of small objects and discuss together what they look like upside-down.

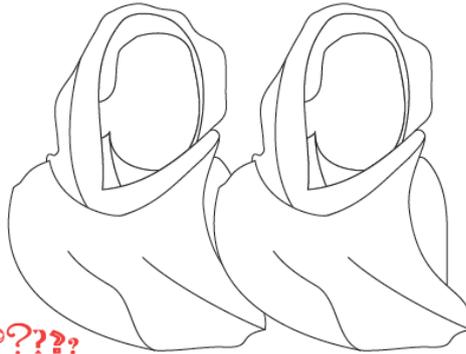
**Do** Create your own collage of Mary and angel pictures, perhaps using Christmas cards as you receive them or old ones from last year. Stick it onto your fridge until Christmas day to remind you of the way this ordinary girl helped God to turn the world upside-down.

**Pray** Make up an acrostic prayer together using the words 'upside-down'.

### Activity time

#### Draw!

Add expressions to Mary's faces to show how she might have felt before and after the angel came.



#### Puzzle

Try to write your name upside-down in the box.



## ROOTS Children's Sheet

20-26 December 2020

### Write

Can you unscramble the message to work out what the angel said?



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Answer: 'You will become pregnant and give birth to a son.'

# Christmas Day

Name .....

## Luke 2.1-20

Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, and the joy of the angels and shepherds at the news.



## Family time

**Talk** What brings you the most joy this Christmas? What do you most hope for in the new year?

**Do** Make simple place cards and write the names of family and friends on them. Even if they cannot be with you for Christmas day, place the cards somewhere when you eat food together today, and thank God for the people you have named.

**Pray** Look out at the night sky and the stars. Remember that our family and friends are all under the same sky, even if we cannot be together, God makes us one family and brings us together. Ask God to bless and protect all those you care for, and all who care for you.

## Activity time

### Draw

These lights symbolise the light which Jesus brings, and a way in which we can celebrate his birth. Draw items that help you to celebrate Christmas.



### Puzzle

Can you find all the words below?

donkey  
angel  
Mary  
stable  
shepherd  
manger  
joy

m	x	a	z	M	v	c	s
M	a	y	o	a	m	r	h
q	a	n	u	r	s	e	e
b	k	n	g	y	p	g	p
d	o	n	k	e	y	n	h
l	n	t	d	o	l	a	e
w	e	r	j	r	q	m	r
h	s	t	a	b	l	e	d

## ROOTS Children's Sheet

Christmas Day 25 December 2020

### Write

Here are some of the words from the Christmas story, describing what Jesus' birth brings. Unscramble the letters and then write the words on the stars.

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# Holy Family Sunday

Name .....

 **Luke 2.22-40**

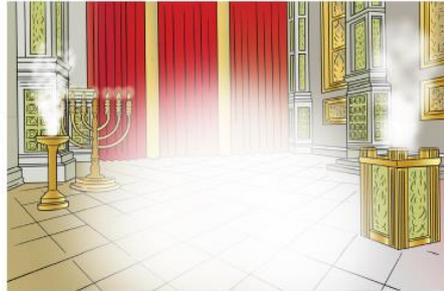
Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple where two elderly people bless him.



## Activity time



What do you imagine Anna would look like? Draw her praying in the Temple.



## ROOTS children's Sheet

27 December 2020 – 2 January 2021



Can you find the key words from today's story in the word search?

d	q	h	i	s	p	r	r	J	S
e	i	z	b	c	o	e	e	a	i
s	b	s	w	t	l	r	b	p	m
s	y	v	f	p	u	h	s	y	e
e	v	w	m	s	A	n	n	a	o
l	b	e	a	c	c	t	k	m	n
B	T	l	h	a	i	s	s	e	M
b	e	J	o	s	e	p	h	a	d
m	x	e	l	q	q	q	r	k	z
b	y	x	h	w	q	y	u	d	z

Temple  
Mary  
Joseph  
Jerusalem  
Simeon  
Anna  
Messiah  
blessed

## Family time

**Talk** Who are the older people who are important to us?

**Do** Watch the film *Up [U]* together and talk about the way the old man and the boy interact at different points in the film.

**Pray** Pray for a different person in your church every day this week. Focus particularly on older members of the church community.



Which route leads Simeon to find Jesus?

