



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

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### Parish Newsletter



## Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 First Sunday of Advent

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

### Update from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Sunday Mass

Just over a week ago, the Bishops of England and Wales met to discuss the Church at this point in the pandemic. They noted that at the beginning of the pandemic they had agreed to give a general dispensation from the Sunday obligation to all Catholics living in England and Wales. As things improved over the summer, they stated their intention to restore it from the first Sunday of Advent this weekend. However, as the Bishops said, "Unfortunately things have not gone as we all hoped for and the pandemic is still very much with us." Therefore, at their meeting this week, the Bishops decided to delay the restoration of the Sunday obligation so as not to disturb the consciences of those who have a 'legitimate' fear of being out and about in public: "For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass".

At the same time, they acknowledge that for many people, life has returned to normal: we go to work, shop and even socialise pretty well as we did before. They are therefore asking all of us to look again at what we do on Sundays, "such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities" and to do so "with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass". In other words, the Bishops are encouraging us to come back to Sunday Mass if we possibly can even though, out of respect for those who are legitimately fearful, they have decided not to restore the obligation just yet.

The Bishops' Conference has published a Statement called 'Honouring Sunday' which highlights the centrality of the Sunday Mass in our lives as Catholics. They say: "The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in His Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in His Precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength." The full text can be read here – <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/plenary-november-2021-honouring-sunday/>

## The Season of Advent

Today we begin the season of Advent, the start of the new Liturgical Year. The Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This season is an opportunity to make Christmas 2021 a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome Him anew into our hearts.

If we use it properly, this time of prayer and personal development can be so powerful, rich and intense; it endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to welcome truly the message of the One Who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus Who is coming.

## Advent Wreath

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

*As we light our first Advent Candle we pray: All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven.*

The priest then says: *May we be filled with the light of Christ*

We all respond: **We welcome the light of Christ**

## The Year of St. Luke



In the liturgical year which begins today, we enter Cycle C when the Church reflects on the Gospel of Luke. Most Sunday readings throughout the year are drawn from St. Luke's Gospel.



Luke's style in his Gospel differs, in that he writes in the first person. He writes the stories from the perspective of first-hand witnesses – those who knew Jesus personally, heard His teachings, saw His miracles and were present for His Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Luke's Gospel is also one of only two gospels which mention the infancy narrative. Luke presents Jesus as a compassionate Saviour of the world Who shows love and compassion for all people. He shows Jesus as someone who reached out to the poor and marginalised, women, and those who were outcast from society. Such an important message for our time.

## Quote of the Week



“See the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, Who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.’” *Jeremiah 33:14&15.*



## **Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg**

Heddiw bydd y gymuned Gymraeg yn dathlu Offeren yn Gymraeg am 4.30pm.

Today, we welcome the Welsh language community who will be celebrating Mass in Welsh at 4.30pm. Croeso!

## **Change of Weekday Mass Times from this week onwards**

From this week, Mass on Wednesdays will revert to 10am. This means that weekday Mass each day from Tuesday to Saturday will be at 10am.

## **Morning Prayer**

From this week, we will begin to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church from 9.40am before Mass each weekday.

Joining ourselves with the whole Church in praying the Liturgy of the Hours, sometimes called the Divine Office, renews us in faith and devotion. In the Second Vatican Council document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Church declared, “the laity...are encouraged to recite the divine office either with priests, or among themselves, or even individually” (IV.100). This recommendation from the Council fathers should be contemplated by everyone. The Catechism states, “the Liturgy of the Hours ‘is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ Himself together with His Body addresses the Father’ (1174). In other words, the Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the Church and we can join with the Church each day in praying the Morning Prayer.

## **Advent Workshops**

When Christmas Eve arrives, does it ever strike you that, though your preparations for the festivities are in hand, you are SPIRITUALLY running on empty? To avoid that this year, let Teresa O’Driscoll show you how, with very little extra time, a switch of focus can bring you into a closer relationship with Christ.

These free one hour workshops use simple meditation, the senses, and imagination. Bring a notebook and pen to record any insights.

Teresa O’Driscoll is the author of ‘9 Days to Heaven, How to make everlasting meaning of your life.’ You may also be familiar with her column in the Catholic People: Let Biblical Inspiration Fire Your Imagination. For more information, visit her website: [www.teresaodriscoll.co.uk](http://www.teresaodriscoll.co.uk) or phone: 07484-287231. Covid-19 regulations apply so please socially distance, wear face covering/mask at all times - unless exempt and sanitise your hands upon arrival and departure.

Workshop 1: **Learn to Love Well**, Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30am

Workshop 2: **Forgiving Sets You Free**, Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30am

Workshop 3: **Give Thanks Always**, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30am

Workshop 4: **Let Biblical Inspiration Fire Your Imagination**, Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30-11:30am

## **First Friday Coffee Morning and Cake Sale**

This Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the First Friday of the month so there will be a special pre-Christmas Coffee Morning and Cake Sale after the 10am Mass at St. Teilo's. Why not come along to share coffee, tea, good fellowship and a raffle and buy some of the lovely cakes made by the ladies of the parish?

## **Archdiocese of Cardiff "The God Who Speaks": Scripture Study Day – December 4<sup>th</sup>**



The next Archdiocesan Scripture Study Day will take place on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12.30pm. Mrs. Kate Duffin will be giving a talk entitled "The Scriptures in Advent". Kate is one of the Scripture Champions for the Archdiocese and has promoted the



Year of the God Who Speaks during the last two years. She has sent the Quote of the Week to parishes for their newsletters throughout that time too. Kate has been a tutor on the CCRS course for a number of years. She has an honours degree in Theology and is known for her love and knowledge of the Scriptures. Kate will bring our series of Scripture Study Days to an excellent end. You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396695727?pwd=aHlpV3lnbGgrWGVITHBFcGdqclpVdz09> Meeting ID: 863 9669 5727 Passcode: 068790 Contacts for enquiries: Madeleine Walters at [madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or Kate Duffin at [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Next Sunday, at the 10am Mass, Fr. John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the thirteen parish candidates whose celebration of the Sacrament was delayed due to the pandemic. The candidates are Luca Allsop, Louis Allsop, Max Barker, Darragh Healy, Rhys Leconte, Conor McNamara, Fintan McNamara, Charlie Norgate, James O'Brien, Connor O'Keefe and Oliver Reese. Please keep all those who are being confirmed in your prayers.

## **Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) Missio**

The winter edition of the Missio magazine, which includes a 2022 calendar, is now available. Red Box holders who would like to receive a copy, please contact Peter Jones on 07594693054.

## **Advent Resources from the Archdiocesan Family Life Team**

As we begin Advent, it is worth knowing that there are free, downloadable resources for the season on the Marriage and Family Life pages of the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/mfl/parenting/>.

It is hoped these resources will provide families with ideas for celebrating the full season of Advent, whilst they, as domestic churches, create shared memories built around their Catholic faith.

## Advent Resources from the Jesuits

The Jesuits in the UK provide a daily podcast for each day where you can listen and pray on a computer or mobile phone at this site – <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>. It makes a perfect opportunity for Advent reflection or for the whole year.

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 based on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* – on fraternity and social friendship – <https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-2021-stepping-beyond>

## Advent Resources from The God who Speaks team



The God Who Speaks team has provided a set of resources to help families celebrate Advent at home. They include a Jesse Tree Resource and suggestions for a family service at home for the four Sundays of Advent – they can be found here:



<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/christmas-resources/traditional-advent-resources/>

## Online Advent Retreat

Chris Stefanick, a Catholic Evangelist of Real Life Catholic, is offering an Advent online retreat, which normally costs \$97, for free. Subscribers will have access to daily videos for free for the whole of Advent on the theme that God wants us to experience the JOY for which He created us. You can pre-register for the retreat at:

[https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/offers/T4bFm3qU/checkout?coupon\\_code=LIV/NGJOY](https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/offers/T4bFm3qU/checkout?coupon_code=LIV/NGJOY)

## Piety Stall

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

## First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion will commence in January 2022, with children receiving the Sacrament in May 2022. As it was not possible to run classes this year due to the pandemic, the programme will cater for two year groups in order to catch up. If you live in the parish and your child is in Year 3, Year 4 or above, s(he) is eligible to attend. To enrol your child on the programme, please e-mail: [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) to request an enrolment form or you can pick up a copy at the back of the Church. There is an expectation that if your child is enrolled on the Programme that s(he) will make his/her First Holy Communion at St Teilo's.

## Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend amounted to £496.70. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

## For a Synodal Church



Following on from the Parish Synod announcement last weekend, we are now able to confirm the initial timings for the start of our consultation '**listening period**'.

We will initially be holding a Parish Synod Team meeting on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. For those who have registered an interest, this should last no longer than 1-2 hours. If you would like to volunteer yourself to contribute as a team member, you can find out what is involved on the Synod Parish Portal which can be found at [www.stteilos-ololsynod.co.uk](http://www.stteilos-ololsynod.co.uk)

**We would also encourage all parishioners to visit the Parish Synod Portal and register electronically for Synod updates, so that we can keep you better informed.**

### Core Consultation Parish Meetings - Our Listening Sessions

There will be 3 core parish consultation meetings with the timings outlined below. In the next few weeks, we will have additional information on how those unable to attend the consultation meetings can contribute their reflections.

#### Parishioner Consultation Meeting 1

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 6:30-8:00pm

#### Parishioner Consultation Meeting 2

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Saturday 11:30am - 1:30pm

#### Parishioner Consultation Meeting 3

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

All parishioners are invited to any of the consultations. You are required to pre-register beforehand. Instructions will be found at the Synod Information Desk at the back of the Church and within the Parish Synod Portal.

More information on the Synodal Process can be found on the Vatican website – <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

### Mass Times for Christmas Weekend

Friday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4pm</b> – Christmas Mass in Welsh <b>6pm</b> – Vigil Mass of Christmas <b>10pm</b> – Mass of Christmas Night
Saturday December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10am</b> – Mass of Christmas Day
Sunday December 26 <sup>th</sup> Holy Family Sunday	<b>8:30am</b> – Mass <b>10am</b> – Mass <b>NB – There will be no Evening Mass on Saturday or Sunday</b>

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

The application process for admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School opened on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline is Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Application forms are available on the School website: <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/>, 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.

## **Children's Liturgy**

Nick Davies, a member of the Children's Liturgy team continues to provide resources designed for children and families. The resources for this weekend can be found on the Parish website. The children's resource can be found here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/28Nov-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/28Nov-FT.pdf>

## **Replacement for Virgin Money**

We are pleased to announce that a new online fundraising platform for parishes across the Archdiocese of Cardiff has been arranged. Archdiocesan staff are working with the team at 'Invest in My Community' to ensure a smooth transition ahead of the closure of Virgin Money Giving, the online donation platform currently used throughout the Archdiocese, at the end of November.

What does this mean for you?

If you are someone who makes an occasional or regular donation online, you may now be wondering how you can continue supporting the parish. In the coming weeks a new 'Invest in My Community' donation account will be set up so that you can continue to donate online in the usual way. The donate button on the parish website will be updated to reflect that.

## **Praying for the Sick of the Parish**

While we have been remembering all the sick and deceased in Mass and during the Intercessions in Morning Prayer, from this week we will no longer pray Intercessions/Bidding Prayers during weekday Masses. Instead, we will include the list of the Parish Sick in the parish newsletter, so that we can pray for them in our private prayer. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org). Please remember those who are sick: Fr. Kevin Payne, Fr. Andrea Bord, Fr. Andrew Berry OSB, Yvonne Butcher, Dorothy David, Barbara Day, Philip Evans, Dave Hobbs, Mary Jones, Mary Joseph, John Mintram, Theresa Ng, Tom O'Leary, Terry O'Shea, Derek Phillips, Anne Stagg, Paolo Trisolini, Bridget Wynne-Farrell and Eileen Yaxley.

## **Rest in Peace**



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth 'Betty' Stiffall and Michael Anthony Selby who died recently. Mrs. Stiffall's Requiem Mass will be at St. Cadoc's, Llanrumney on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Selby's Funeral Service will take place at Briwnant Chapel, Thornhill on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr. J.H. Volan Evans, Fr. Dewi Davies, Elizabeth Fleming, Albert Pattenden, Timothy Sullivan, Alan Cawley, Maureen Lee, Francis D. Radimilovic, Ellie Phillips, Elizabeth Nembach, Alice Kennedy, James Driscoll, Jozica Masic, Julian Bale, John McLeod, Royston Chapple, Mary Millar, Charles Gwinnutt, Bernard Davies, Alfred Forde, James Kelly, Barbara Aherne, Laurence Bermingham, Gerard O'Sullivan, Eric Darlington, Margaret Lloyd, Ronald Ceaton and Joan Battisto.

<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021</b>			
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November First Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November First Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Winnie & Terry Withers – RIP (CH)
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	<b>Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg</b> – Mass in Welsh
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Janice Leathes – RIP (R&MT)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November Weekday of Advent	No Mass today		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November St. Andrew, Apostle	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Mairead Sutherland – RIP
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Wellbeing of Anne Stagg (A&EE)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Canon Richard Byron – RIP
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December St. Francis Xavier, Priest	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Betty Stitfall – RIP
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -12.00pm	<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – David & Barbara A'Herne – RIP
	St. Teilo's	12.30pm	<b>Baptisms</b> – Kamsiyochucwu Michelle Duru and Kaetochukwu Michael Duru
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – William and John Reece – RIP (C&MR)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Brian Taylor – RIP (R&MT)

**Confessions** - Fr. John will be available for Confessions in the confessional in the Church from 10.30am to 11am after Saturday Mass.

**Mass Attendance** - Last weekend's Mass attendance was as follows:

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6pm	34
	10am	103
	6pm	49