



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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 4th and 5th December 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Today

The Mass readings and prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent are on page 84 of the Mass Book. A special booklet has been printed with hymns, readings and prayers for the Confirmation Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend at the 10am Mass on Sunday, Fr. John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the thirteen young men whose celebration of the Sacrament was delayed due to the pandemic. The candidates are Luca Allsopp, Louis Allsopp, 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.

Advent Wreath

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

As we light our second Advent Candle we pray:
God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory.

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

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

Advent Workshops

On Tuesday, we have the second one-hour workshop, led by Teresa Driscoll, who will use simple meditation, the senses, and imagination. So, please bring a notebook and pen to record any insights. Last Tuesday was an engaging and prayerful session; all those who attended would recommend the sessions to other parishioners. You do not need to have attended the first workshop to benefit from the upcoming sessions.

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

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

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

Synod Prayer

From Tuesday onwards, we will say the Synod Prayer together at weekday Mass after the Homily. Please bring your Synod prayer card with you each day.

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.*



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday is the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX issued the Apostolic Constitution “Ineffabilis Deus” which said “The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”. This belief had been celebrated in the Church since the eighth century, articulated in the 11th century, published in the Roman Breviary in the 16th century.

We are privileged in the Archdiocese of Cardiff to have Our Lady as our patroness, under the title of ‘The Immaculate Conception’. The beautiful west window of St. David’s Cathedral illustrates the proclamation by Pope Pius IX. December 8th has therefore been chosen as an appropriate day to consecrate the newly erected altar in the Cathedral. This has been brought from St. Clare’s Church in Ely, together with the ambo and Blessed Sacrament plinth. The Mass of Consecration at the Cathedral takes place on December 8th at 6pm.

Engagement with the Synodal Church – Our Listening Sessions



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’.

There will be 3 core parish consultation meetings. 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, 8th December – 6:30-8:00pm

Parishioner Consultation Meeting 2

Saturday 11th December – 11:30am - 1:30pm

Parishioner Consultation Meeting 3

Wednesday 15th December – 6:30-8:00pm

All parishioners are invited to attend. You only need to attend one of the sessions, but to ensure that we are able to prepare for the numbers, please register at the information desk at the rear of the church this weekend; or, if preferred register online through the parish portal –

<https://www.stteilos-ololsynod.co.uk/>.

Synod Team Volunteers



For those who were unable to attend the Synod Team Meeting on Wednesday, December 1st, a video conference will be held on Monday December 6th at 7:30pm, when the briefing and team update will be repeated. The link to the video conference call will be made available through the parish portal website on Monday, December 6th. This timing will ensure that you are prepared for the Consultation process which commences on Wednesday, December 8th –

<https://www.stteilos-ololsynod.co.uk/teamonline>.

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.

Mass Times for Christmas Weekend

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

Dreaming with St. Joseph



The Year of St. Joseph concludes on Wednesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. To mark the end of the year, The Year of the God Who Speaks team is sharing two reflections by Professor David McLoughlin on the theme of 'Dreaming with St. Joseph the Dreamer' – Reflecting on the God who speaks through dreams. The two reflections can be read at this link



– <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/focus-2021/dreams-and-revelations/> or you can watch the original lecture on You Tube – <https://youtu.be/hidp-BR8RqQ>

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 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.

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 15th. The application deadline is Monday, January 10th. Application forms are available on the School website: <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/>, by email: 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/2021/12/05Dec-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/05Dec-FT.pdf>

Praying for the Sick of the Parish

Please remember those who are sick in your daily prayers: Fr. Kevin Payne, Fr. Andrea Bord, Fr. Andrew Berry OSB, Bob Bending, 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. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 4th and 5th of December 2021			
Saturday 4 th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – William and John Reece – RIP (C&MR)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Brian Taylor – RIP (R&MT)
Monday 6 th December St. Nicholas, Bishop	No Mass today		
Tuesday 7 th December St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Val Glavin – RIP (JG)
Wednesday 8 th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Angela Bottarini – RIP (AS)
Thursday 9 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Private Intention (TC)
Friday 10 th December St. John Roberts, Priest and Martyr	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Reg Williams – RIP
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -12.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 11 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Fr. Ray O'Shea – RIP
	St. Teilo's	11:00am	Baptisms – Emily Smale and Michael Lee
	St. Teilo's	12.30pm	Baptism – Kali Rose Slack
Saturday 11 th December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Betty Stitfall – RIP (Pat)
Sunday 12 th December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Raffaella Bacco – Anniversary (GM)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – William and Constance Fitzgerald – RIP (C&MR)

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 28 th Nov	6pm	48
	10am	97
	6pm	52

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend amounted to £623.70. Many thanks to all for your continued generosity.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Swambo. Mrs. Swambo's Requiem Mass is currently being arranged and will be announced in the newsletter when known. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Coughlin, Joe Davies, Mary Cotter, Lloyd Edwards, 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 Gogarty, Eileen Perriam, John Lavery, Olive Knight, Pamela Canham, Margretta Mullins, John Manley, Anthony 'Neville' James, John Donohoe, Francis Sullivan and Paul Elswood.