



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

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## Parish Newsletter



### Weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

#### Mass Today

The Mass readings and prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent are on page 87 of the Mass Book.

#### 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, the rose-coloured candle. We will pray as we light the candle. The priest will say:

As we light our third Advent Candle we pray:

*Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate the feast with love and thanksgiving.*

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

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

#### Collection for Christmas Flowers

There will be a basket for donations at the back of the Church at all Masses this weekend for the Christmas Flowers in Church.

#### Advent Workshops

On Tuesday, we have the third 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. You do not need to have attended the first two workshops to benefit from the upcoming sessions.

Workshop 3: **Give Thanks Always**, Tuesday, 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

#### Archdiocesan Directory and Yearbook 2022

The Archdiocesan Directory and Year Books are now on sale at the back of the Church. They are £3.00 each. Payment for them should be made in the piety box at the back of the Church.

## Quote of the Week



“The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on the day of festival.” *From the First Reading of today’s Mass – Zephaniah 3:17-18.*



## Synod Prayer

We will say the Synod Prayer together at weekday Mass after the Homily. Please bring your Synod prayer card with you each day.

## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in St. Teilo’s Hall on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. More information about the Parish Council and the approved Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the parish website – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/parish-advisory-council/>

## Engagement with the Synodal Church – Our Next Listening Session

The third **Parishioner Consultation Meeting** takes place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December between 6:30-8:00pm.



All parishioners, who have not yet attended a consultation meeting, are invited to attend. If you plan to attend, 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/>.

## Poinsettias for the crib

As in previous years, we are inviting donations of Poinsettias to be placed before the Crib at Christmas. If you would like to donate your Poinsettia on behalf of a loved one, please add his/her name to the list at the back of the church and bring your Poinsettia along with you on the Sunday before Christmas, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

## Parish Christmas Cards

Parish Christmas Cards are available at the back of the Church. Many thanks to Dave Harris for agreeing to our use of his picture of the St. Teilo’s Crib for the card.

Please take a card for yourself and take a number to deliver to family and neighbours who do not regularly come to Church. The cards have the Christmas Mass times for St. Teilo’s. So please take this opportunity to share our faith by inviting others to come and celebrate our Saviour’s birth at Christmas.

## Ministries at Christmas Masses

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are all needed for the Christmas Masses and for Holy Family Sunday. If you are able to volunteer, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church for the Mass(es) you intend to attend.

## Catholic People

The December edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper Catholic People is now available. This is the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of the Catholic People, please read it here – <https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Cardiff-Catholic-People-2021.pdf>

## First Friday Coffee Team

The team would like to thank everyone who comes to the First Friday Coffee mornings. At the last First Friday, the team presented Fr. John with a cheque for £100 to support the work of the parish.

## 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>

### 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.

### 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.

### The Nationality and Borders Bill – A message from the Archdiocesan SVP

This Nationality and Borders Bill currently going through Parliament is regarded by the Bishops' Conference and some eighty other concerned bodies and organisations, as being unjust and showing no respect for human dignity or the protection of human life. Please consider writing to your MP about this Bill. A template letter is available from the St. Vincent de Paul Society which you may wish to use. It outlines the main issues and objections against the Bill and you may wish to customise it as necessary. Please send an email to [petersullivan46@btinternet.com](mailto:petersullivan46@btinternet.com) to request a copy.

### Côr y Gleision Christmas Concert

Côr y Gleision Choir is holding its Christmas Concert in St. Teilo's Church on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The choir was formed in 2006 as part of the S4C series "Codi Canu." Many of the Choir members had never sung in a choir before the programme, but found the experience so positive that, although "Codi Canu" ended in 2008, the choir continues to grow and develop. This is their first public concert since lockdown, though they have continued to support Cardiff Blues by singing at matches at the Arms Park.

### 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.

### 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/2021/12/12Dec-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/12Dec-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](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2021</b>			
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Betty Stiffall – RIP (Pat)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Raffaella Bacco – Anniversary (GM)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – William and Constance Fitzgerald – RIP (C&MR)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	No Mass today		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Raffaella Bacco – Anniversary
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Mary Gallagher – Anniversary (JG)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Lena and Andy Rutherford – RIP (MB)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent – O Wisdom	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Intentions of the Evans and Fritzsche Families (HE)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -12.00pm	<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent – O Lord and Ruler	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Michael Selby – RIP
	St. Teilo's	12.30pm	<b>Baptism</b> – Cayden McLachlan
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Beryl & Percy Harris – RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Mike Driscoll – RIP (Margaret)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Colleen Peggy Abson – RIP (TP-J)

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

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

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	40
	10am	147
	6pm	56

### Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend amounted to £396.81. Standing Orders for November amounted to £2,236. 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, Eric Jöhnsson, husband of Brenda, and Anne Stagg, the mother of Erica Evans, who have died recently. Details of their funerals will be announced when known. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father John Owen, Daniel Callan, Paul Aviles, Eileen Phillips, Sheila Stephens, James Gaffney, James Summers, Raffaella Bacco, 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 and John Pryce-Jones.