



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

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## Parish Newsletter



### Weekends 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Christmas Season

#### Mass Readings

The Mass readings and prayers for the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** are on page 90 of the Mass Book; for the **Christmas Vigil Mass** on page 94; for the **Night Mass of Christmas** on page 97; for the **Mass of Christmas Day** on page 102 and for **Holy Family Sunday** on page 105.

#### Newsletter for two weeks

Please note that this Fourth Sunday of Advent edition of the Newsletter covers two weeks. Please keep it at home for reference during the Christmas and New Year period.

#### Advent Wreath

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

As we light our fourth Advent Candle we pray:

*All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.*

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 final 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 three workshops to benefit from the upcoming sessions.

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

#### Confessions before Christmas

To give the opportunity for as many people as possible to benefit from the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Fr. John will be available for confession on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Christmas Eve on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Due to the omicron variant confessions will be in the Hall not the confessional.

#### Quote of the Week



“The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. He himself will be peace.” *From the First Reading of the Fourth Sunday of Advent – Micah 1-2,4.*



### **Children's Liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Nick Davies, a member of the Children's Liturgy team continues to provide resources designed for children and families. The resources for the Fourth Sunday of Advent can be found on the Parish website. The children's resource can be found here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/19Dec-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/19Dec-FT.pdf>

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration**

There will be no Adoration at St. Teilo's on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Exposition and Adoration will resume on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Please wrap-up warmly**

As St. Teilo's is primarily heated by a fan-based system, Health and Safety advice is that the heating be turned off when the Church is in use. The heating will run for three to four hours before Mass, but the Church cools quickly as soon as it is turned off, so please make sure to wrap-up warmly when attending Mass.

### **Ministries at Christmas Masses**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are still 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.

### **Parish Christmas Cards**

Some Parish Christmas Cards are still available at the back of the Church. 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.

### **Parish Office**

There will be no one in the Parish Office from Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> until Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to book any Mass Intentions for January or later in the New Year, please send them in by this Tuesday.

### **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. Payments for them should be made in the piety box at the back of the Church.

### **Christmas Offerings**

The collection at all Christmas Masses is the Christmas Offerings for the Parish Priest. If you wish to donate to Fr. John online you can do so at the new Parish Donation Portal – <https://app.investmycommunity.com/st-teilos-whitchurch-2964> Please make sure you make clear the donation is Christmas Offerings.

**Christmas Greetings** - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! May I wish you and all your families the joys and blessings of this happy and holy season. May the Lord bless you and all your loved ones.

*Fr. John*

### **Family Christmas Mass**

The 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated as a Family Christmas Mass. Carols will be sung from 5:30pm onwards. You are encouraged to come along with your whole family and begin Christmas Day with a fitting celebration of the Lord's birth for all, young and old.

### **Children's Liturgy – Christmas Day**

The resources for Christmas Day can be found on the Parish website. The children's resource can be found here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/25Dec-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/25Dec-FT.pdf>

## Crib Collection

This year's Crib Collection across the Archdiocese will be for two causes. First, for those families in our Archdiocese who continue to suffer from food poverty. Secondly, for Afghani child refugees who have come to Wales without their parents and are being cared for by the local authorities and foster carers. Please be generous in your Crib Offerings, remembering that the Holy Family were migrants away from home at the time of Jesus's birth. He invites us to care for those in need with the same love He shows each of us.

## 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 Catholics, December 25<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Christmas time.

These days between Christmas and New Year see many people taking leave, which is a great opportunity to spend more time with the Lord and come to a Christmas Octave Mass. During this week, we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph next Sunday, the Holy Innocents on the 28<sup>th</sup> when we will welcome into faith through the Sacrament of Baptism, Maya Trisolini, the granddaughter of Paolo and Ann Trisolini. The Octave continues on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday culminating in the Celebration of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's Day. Mass on New Year's Day will be at midday at St. Teilo's.

## Mass in Welsh

Please note that, due to the Christmas Eve Mass in Welsh, there will be no Welsh Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

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

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	47
	10am	111
	6pm	63

## Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend amounted to £691.54. The special collection for the Christmas Flowers amounted to £162.25. Many thanks to all for your continued generosity.

## 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).

## Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls 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: Canon Denis Torney, Fr. John Fahey, Fr. John Meredith, Fr. Martin Delaney, Fr. Michael Martin, Fr. Liam Doyle and Fr. Marshall Gibbs, Samuel Hardy, Sarah Duggan, Daniel Mead, Harry Miles, Sara Bentley, Ellen Reynolds, Dorothy Coles, Witold Klimaszewski, John Mears, Joan Collins, 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, Stella Lawson, 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. Cloud, Olga Ruby, Bernado Gardiazabal, Martin Rees, Mairead Sutherland, James Driscoll, Anastasia Walkes, Margaret Kretzer, ? Sheen, Susan Manning, Isaac Taylor, Kenneth Millar, Christine O'Gorman, James Mullett, Pat Ward, Patrick Walsh, James Harris, Lilian Pendleton, Sylvia Beech, James Johnson and Mary Lane.

<b>Mass Times and Intentions – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022</b>			
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)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass today		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</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
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Stella Lawson – RIP (JD)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Emlyn James Maurice – RIP (P&CS)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – John and Josephine Bending – RIP (RCB)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Vigil of Christmas	St. Teilo's	4.00pm	<b>Offeren Nadolig yn Gymraeg – Christmas Mass in Welsh</b>
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> – Luigi Bacigalupo - RIP (Peter)
	St. Teilo's	10.00pm	<b>Mass of Christmas Night</b> – For the People of the Parish
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b> – George and Mary Allen – RIP
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Family Sunday	St. Teilo's	8.30am	<b>Mass</b> – Canon William Isaac – RIP
	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Deceased and living members of Searle, Maurice and Moloney families (P&CS)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> December St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	No Mass today		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Deceased members of the Magee and Trisolini Longobardi Families: Sidney, Elizabeth, John, Graham, Tito, Anna and Patrizia
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 5 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Pat and Tony Ward – Anniversary (SW)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 6 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Martin Rees – RIP (Sonia)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 7 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Octave	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Mairead Sutherland – RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January Mary, the Holy Mother of God	St. Teilo's	<b>12:00</b> <b>Midday</b>	<b>Mass</b> – Canon William Isaac – RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2nd Sunday after Christmas	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Canon Richard Byron – RIP
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – In Thanksgiving for prayers answered in 2021 (Trisolini Family)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish