



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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 1st – 2nd January 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas

Mass Readings

The Mass readings and prayers for the Second Sunday of Christmas are on page 111.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church – Resumption of Mass in English – A message from Fr. John

From Saturday Evening, January 22nd, the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm will return to Our Lady of Lourdes Church. From that week, the 10am Mass on Wednesdays will also be at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Back in 2019, Canon Isaac and the Archbishop had discussions about the future of Our Lady of Lourdes, highlighting that keeping the Church open would mean a lot of expense to refurbish the Church and bring it up to current requirements for public buildings in terms of health and safety etc. Meetings continued between the Archdiocese and Canon Isaac until in April 2020, it was agreed that the Church would close. Canon Isaac decided to announce the change once the pandemic was over, assuming he would be here to make the reasons for that decision clear. On his arrival in August 2020, Fr. Dwayne Bednar was told that the decision had been made and assumed this had been communicated to the people of the parish, which was why he was so surprised to find out that people did not know when he took care of the parish after the death of Canon Isaac.

When I was appointed to the parish, the Archbishop informed me that Our Lady of Lourdes Church was closed, but it soon became clear to me that this had happened without the involvement of the people who had put in so much time and effort caring for the Church over the many years since its foundation. As a priest who has seen churches where I used to serve, like Ferndale and Treorchy in my first parish, closed and sold, I know how bad an experience this is for the Catholic faithful in an area. So, once the situation became clear to me, I met with the Archbishop and his team and with the Parish Finance Committee to evaluate the decision. We have agreed, with the Archbishop's approval, to resume the use of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This development will involve the commitment of all of us to support the Church in any way that we can, to ensure that the resumption of English language worship at Our Lady of Lourdes is successful and the Church continues to serve the community there for many years to come.

Wales at Covid Alert Level 2

While we are Alert Level 2 in Wales, you must book in advance if you wish to attend Sunday Mass at St. Teilo's. Bookings for the next few Sundays are now open here –

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-at-st-teilos-church-whitchurch-cardiff-tickets-232120266967>

In addition, you are requested to:

- Continue to wear a face covering when attending Mass
- Keep a two-metre distance from other households/groups within the Church and on entry and exit from Church
- Do a lateral flow test before seeing others who you do not see regularly (e.g. before Sunday Mass) and only attend Mass if the result is negative
- If you have symptoms or suspect you have symptoms, please attend Mass online rather than take the risk of infecting others by attending in person.
- If you have a positive lateral flow test or symptoms of Covid, please do not attend Mass until you have a negative result of a PCR test from the NHS or have quarantined for at least 7 full days after a positive test and have two subsequent negative lateral flow tests.

Please wait before entering the Church so that you can be directed to your allocated seat. Please do not go forward for Holy Communion until you are directed to do so.

Weekday Masses

We will record attendance at Weekday Masses during the period of Alert Level 2, but otherwise the arrangements at weekday Mass will remain as previously.

Thanks from Fr. John for Christmas gifts

Many thanks to all of you for the generous Christmas Offerings and the many cards and personal gifts that I received for Christmas. I am feeling very welcome by this evidence of your care and concern for me as your parish priest.

Thanks for all the Hard Work

As you know, this was my first Christmas at St. Teilo's and I have been very impressed and pleased by the number of volunteers who did such a great deal of work to enable us to celebrate Christmas in style. Much of the work is done quietly while no one else is around: the Crib prepared, the brasses polished, the flowers arranged, the rest of the Church cleaned and decorated. None of these things happen by themselves; they take time and effort and I would like to thank all those, who gave of their time to do this work for the benefit of all of us who worship in the parish. Thanks too to the Altar Servers, readers, musicians and other ministers of the Mass who enabled us to have a wonderful celebration of the Birth of the Lord. I would like to thank all of you who have ministered in any way, especially those whom I have forgotten to mention above.

Fr. John

The Celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Masses on Thursday will be at 10am and 7pm.

The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, the Magi, from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations who welcome the Good News of salvation through the Incarnation. The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the Messianic light of the Star of David, the One who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the Messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). *Catechism of the Catholic Church 528*

No First Friday Coffee Morning

Due to the funeral service and the Covid Alert Level, we will not have a First Friday Coffee Morning this Friday.

Change to Friday Mass Time and Exposition

Due to the funeral service for Mr. Fantini, the Mass on Friday will be at 9.30am, preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.10am. The timing of the funeral service also means that there will be no Exposition and Adoration on Friday.

Clothes donations for the SVP

The Parish St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) Conference will resume the monthly collection of clothing for the SVP Charity Shop. Clean, good quality adult and children's clothing are welcome. Donations may be left outside the confessionals at the rear of the Church next weekend, January 9th/10th, and thereafter, on the weekend of the Second Sunday of each month. Please ensure that donations are brought to the Church only on the specified Sundays, as we do not want the Church to become cluttered during the week.

Thank you from the parish SVP.

Quote of the Week



“The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” *From the Gospel of the Second Sunday of Christmas – John 1:14.*



Parish Council Elections

It is five years (2017) since the last Parish Council Election. Originally it was planned to have elections every three years, but pandemic circumstances delayed the 2020 elections. Today we will begin the process to elect the new Parish Council.

The Parish Priest is the President of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has eight elected members and four ex-officio members. The ex-officio members are the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Treasurer, the Parish Safeguarding Officer and the Parish Health and Safety Advisor. The Parish Council Chair will be elected by the Council from among the elected members.

The nomination process begins today, Sunday January 2nd. Nominations can be made on the appropriate form available here - <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Parish-Council-Nomination-Form.docx> Paper copies are available at the back of the Church.

This form must be emailed to whitchurch@rcadc.org, or returned in person, to St. Teilo's Presbytery by the end of Sunday, January 23rd.

On Sunday January 30th, candidate Information and Ballot Papers will be made available with the ballot papers to be returned over the next three Sundays. Voting will finish on Sunday, February 20th and on Sunday, February 27th, the New Parish Council Members will be announced.

First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion will commence with the parents' evening on Tuesday, January 25th. The plan is that the children will receive the Sacrament on Sunday, May 22nd. If you live in the parish and your child is in Year 3, Year 4 or above please enrol your child on the programme as soon as possible by e-mailing: 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 can be found on the parish website. The children's resource for the Epiphany can be found here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/06Jan-C.pdf> and the family one here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/06Jan-FT.pdf>

Crib Collection

The Crib Collection continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Sunday January 9th. 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.

Mass Attendance – Mass Intention for the last two weekends were as follows:

Sunday 19 th Dec	6pm	40
	10am	97
	6pm	60
Christmas Masses	6pm	156
	10pm	75
	10am	102
Sunday 26 th Dec	8.30am	21
	10am	75

Mass Times and Intentions – 2nd to 9th January 2022

Saturday 1 st January 2nd Sunday after Christmas	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Canon Richard Byron – RIP
Sunday 2 nd January Second Sunday after Christmas	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – In Thanksgiving for prayers answered in 2021 (Trisolini Family)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	No Mass today		
Tuesday 4 th January Weekday of Christmas	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Special Intention
Wednesday 5 th January Weekday of Christmas	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Special Intention (BdM)
Thursday 6 th January The Epiphany of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Canon William Isaac – RIP
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm	Mass – Michael Aherne – RIP (Gerry)
Friday 7 th January Weekday after Epiphany	St. Teilo's	9.10am 9.30am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Phil White – RIP (GK)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am	Funeral Service – Remigo Fantini
Saturday 8 th January Weekday after Epiphany	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Fr. Ray O'Shea – RIP
Saturday 8 th January The Baptism of the Lord	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Private Intention for Lola Jones (PW)
Sunday 9 th January The Baptism of the Lord	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Mary Borg – RIP (SE)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Lynne Reid – RIP

Confessions

While we are at Alert Level 2, Fr. John will be hearing Confessions upstairs in the Parish Hall from 10.30am to 11am after the Saturday Mass.

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish for the weekend of December 19th was £486.32 and on December 26th was £560.00. 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: Keith Alexander, Bob Bending, Yvonne Butcher, Dorothy David, Barbara Day, Philip Evans, Mary Jones, Mary Joseph, John Mintram, Theresa Ng, Tom O'Leary, Terry O'Shea, Derek Phillips, Bridget Wynne-Farrell and Eileen Yaxley. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Swambo, Michael Thomas, Regimo Fantini, Anne Stagg and Erik Jöhnsson. Mrs Swambo and Mr Thomas' funerals took place last week. Mr. Fantini's funeral service will take place at St. Teilo's on Friday, January 7th at 10.30am. The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Anne Stagg will take place at St. Teilo's on Friday, January 14th at 10.30am. Arrangements for Mr Jöhnsson's funeral are currently being made. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes O'Leary, David Gaughan, Helen Sullivan, Alice Kennedy, John O'Sullivan, Maurice Thomas, Peter Rennie, James Fowler, Michael McGee, John Gruberman, Kathleen Jenkins, Mary Pullen, William Emmott, Florence Woodall, Richard Walsh, Albert Godwin, Olive Cotter, Shirley Crothers, Kathleen Ryan, Francis Hammond, Lilian Imperato, Graham Perryman, David Roche, Thomas Dwyer, Kathleen Bristow, Maurice Fackrell, Wilfred Davies, James Conroy, Walter Blakeman, Dorothy Allen, Richard 'Terry' Jones, Luke Haines, Honora Riach, Elizabeth Poole, Elsie Fullerton, Irene Charles, Olive Griffiths, James Watchorn, Peter Mulcahy, Philomena A'Herne, Margaret Holtham, Edith Holman, Theresa Harris and Peggy (Agnes) Fuse.