



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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 8th – 9th January 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Readings

The Mass readings and prayers for the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday are on page 118 of the Parish Mass Book.

The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to give birth to sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church, this feast is called Theophany because, at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparation for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognised "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents, which accompanied Christ's Baptism, are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism, we become the Sons and Daughters of God. At Christ's Baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us.

Weekday Mass Readings – Cycle 2

The First Week of Ordinary Time begins on Monday. Next Sunday is called the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time as it starts the Second Week of the Period. This year, we use the weekday readings from Cycle 2 of the two-year cycle.

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 negative lateral flow tests on Day 6 and Day 7.

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.

Fr. John taking a short break

Fr. John is having a few days off, the first break he has had since the beginning of the pandemic. Fr. will be away from the Parish from Monday until lunchtime on Saturday, January 22nd.

Fr. Artur, the Parish Priest of the Polish Community will be saying the 10am Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am by Canon Eddie O'Connell and will be the Requiem Mass for Mrs. Anne Stagg, Erica Evans' mother. All are welcome to attend.

As there is no priest available on Saturday, there will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at 10am led by one of the Parish Eucharistic Ministers.

Mgr. Bob Reardon will be celebrating the Saturday Evening and Sunday Masses next weekend.

Adoration and Exposition

Due to the Requiem Mass on Friday, there will be no Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church – Resumption of Mass in English

On 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.

Lynda Costley is co-ordinating the rotas for readers and welcomers. If you would like to take part in either of these ministries, please email Lynda at lynda.costley@gmail.com

St. Teilo's – Welcomers

With the current Covid Alert Level 2 it would also be helpful to have some additional volunteers for the Welcomers at St. Teilo's. If you are willing to join the rota, please email Erica Evans at simplycraft@btinternet.com

White Flower Appeal

This year, the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual White Flower appeal next weekend, January 15th and 16th.

Abortion is the biggest killer of children in the world today and has tragically claimed the lives of over 9 million children in the UK since the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967. The White Flower appeal supports the work of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world.

SPUC campaigns to end abortion, advocate the need for a consistent life ethic, one that values the lives of all human beings and campaigns against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

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.

Candle in the side-chapel

The candle in the side-chapel is lit throughout this week for the Watts Family Intentions.

Parish Council Elections

The process to elect the new Parish Council has begun. 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.

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.

Clothes donations for the SVP

The Parish St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) Conference is resuming the monthly collection of clothing for the SVP Charity Shop. Clean, good quality adult and children's clothing are very welcome. Donations may be left outside the confessionals at the rear of the Church this weekend. The clothes will be removed early on Monday morning, so please ensure that donations are brought to the Church by the end of the evening Mass this weekend or kept at home until the second Sunday of February when we will have another collection.

Thank you from the parish SVP.

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 Baptism of the Lord can be found here - <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/09Jan-C.pdf> and the family one here - <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/09Jan-FT.pdf>

Mass Attendance – Mass attendance for the last weekend and the Holyday were as follows:

Sunday 2 nd January	6pm	30
	10am	69
	6pm	31
Thursday 6 th January	10am	37
	7pm	28

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Anne Stagg and Erik Jöhnsson. 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: Father Andrew Maggs, Percival Harpur, Ada Kinsey, Brian Whiting, David Fitzgerald, Maria Damiani, William Ball, William Leucie, Kathleen Heamer, William Chidlow, Sylvia Simpson, Roisin Coombes, John Burke, Manuel Delgado, Kathleen Brockway, Martha Harper, Moira Williams, Patricia Lake, Donald Parry, Andrew Davidson, Helen Moore, Antoni Staniewicz, Kathleen Forbes, Moira Conlan, Albert 'Max' Davies, Eugene Wade, Ena O'Connor, Ambrose O'Farrell, George Hutchings, Arthur Coughlin, Patrick Owens, Courtney Spencer, Margaret 'Peggy' Eklund, Kathleen Evans, Alice Rees, James Driscoll, Barbara O'Meara, Sydney Howitt, John Norris, Gordon Hughes, John Freetta, Anna Jonker, Ann Hewitt, Michael O'Shea and Terry Cuddihy.

Mass Times and Intentions – 9th to 16th January 2022			
Saturday 8 th January The Baptism of the Lord	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Private Intention for Lola Jones (PW) Brian Whiting – Anniversary (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
Monday 10 th January Monday in the First Week of Ordinary Time	No Mass today		
Tuesday 11 th January Tuesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Beryl and Percy Harris – RIP
Wednesday 12 th January Wednesday in the First Week of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Winnie Blackey – Anniversary
Thursday 13 th January Thursday in the First Week of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Eric Jöhnsson – RIP (P&CS)
Friday 14 th January Friday in the First Week of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.30am	Requiem Mass – Anne Stagg
Saturday 15 th January Our Lady's Saturday	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Liturgy of the Word of God and Holy Communion
Saturday 15 th January Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Patrick Cooney – Anniversary (TL)
Sunday 16 th January Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Cath Hanlon – RIP (JG)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Michael Thomas – Recently Deceased

Missal at the Chair

Since arriving at St. Teilo's I have been using printed sheets to pray, in line with the rubrics, the opening and post-communion prayers from the Chair. My grateful thanks to Paul Gough who kindly donated a light-weight missal that I am now able to use for these prayers. *Fr. John*

Confessions

Due to Fr. John's short break, there will be no opportunity for Confessions this week.

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend were £356.00. Many thanks to all for your continued generosity.

Standing Orders

The best way to make donations to the parish is by Standing Order. Setting up a standing order or increasing an existing one, may be done through your own bank. The information you need is: Account Name – Archdiocese of Cardiff. Sort Code – 20-18-23. Account Number - 93870367.

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.