

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 Psalter Week 1
 Sunday 27TH NOVEMBER 2022
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	26 TH NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Jim Cowley +
SUN	27 TH NOV		10.00am	George Gould, Amelia Halligan , the Cohen Family
MON	28 TH NOV			
TUES	29 TH NOV	Weekday in the First Week of Advent	10.00am	Peggy Rein
WED	30 TH NOV	FEAST OF ST ANDREW, PATRON OF SCOTLAND	10.00am	Denis and Sheila Amor
THURS	1 ST DEC	REQUIEM MASS	10.45am	PETER UGARTE
FRI	2 ND DEC			
SAT	3 RD DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Bernadette Stenson, Margaret Salter
SUN	4 TH DEC		10.00am	Lu Mooney, John and Mary Halloran

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We also pray for, Jim Cowley, Patrick Jeenes, Sidney Dorgan, James Thomas, Irma Davies, Edward Brocklebank, Michael Molloy, Alma Mackie, Jean Thomas, Reginald Paul, Veronica Harrington, Patricia Gerrard, Mary Camilleri, Maria Pratt, Josef Kowalewski, Joseph Moon, John Roberts, Catherine Feeney and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of, Bahia Feal, Betty Casella, Peter Ugarte, Rita Downey, and Nicolina Mallia who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5. **This week's candles will be lit for Rita Downey and the People of the Parish**
 If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

SYNOD-- NEXT STEPS: Archbishop Mark is very keen to hear from people in each Parish about our response to the Synod. We are now on week 3. (This is the last week) Please take a little time to give it some thought and then you can put your filled-in sheets in the Brown Box at the back of the Church. The Parish response last time was brilliant. Thank you in advance.

"WALK WITH ME" ADVENT Bks These have a forward by Archbishop Mark and are on sale as you come into Church . £1.00.

DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS: The diary for 2023 is now open. Please give your requests to Pat Johnson or Chris German.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday's at 2.30pm in the Sacristy. Come in through the side porch door, by the garden. We are looking at the Gospel of St Mark. Everyone Welcome

MISSIO RED BOXES - I will be collecting the Boxes from this weekend until the 2nd week of December for this financial year. Many thanks, Gerry McCarthy.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents who have registered their children to receive the sacraments will receive an email in the New Year with a reminder about the start of the programme.

Mary Taylor marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com .When you receive an e-mail please reply to confirm that you have received it.

DOORS : Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

PIETY STALL: New Christmas stock is in! Boxed Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Candles and Christmas Gifts
 Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards.

Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !

GOING INTO HOSPITAL Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number)

ONLINE DONATIONS: On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

GIFT AID If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this.

FACEBOOK : Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk

We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Weekend 19th /20th November £ 653.24

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.

PARISH WEBSITE Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections and there are links to various Masses on-line. The **NOVEMBER** edition of the Catholic People Publication is also available and also the Caritas Bulletin for **NOVEMBER**. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Some of you will remember that one day as I was returning from my daily walk via Grange Gardens I was stopped by a lady who had a complaint. She thought I was the Park Keeper. I explained that the last Park Keeper to work and care for the gardens left many years ago. Maybe it was the flower-pot that I had under my arm that gave her the impression I was a man of importance !

I hope you all had a good week and were not soaked from the unpredictable downpours to say nothing of the icy blasts that have descended upon us.

I remembered writing a few words during Lent a few years ago saying that all of us were going into the wilderness during the lockdown that we had , making the journey into the Desert a reality.

This weekend we start the journey of Advent: a time of preparation, of going out again into the Desert of oneself.

These next few weeks of preparation, not for Santa, but for Jesus, Mary and Joseph, need to have a definite focus. Let us heed the importance of the words of John the Baptist calling us to prepare for the coming of the Lord, stripping away all that hinders us from this encounter.

The starkness of the stable gives way to the Brightness and Glory of the Christ Child, as will our Church and our lives.

You will see that the stable has been put up in readiness for those who are journeying to Bethlehem, for those who sought the first glimpse of the Infant King. The Silence of the First Christmas will be broken by the sound of the angels.

“ Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to people of Good Will”

So let us take our first steps into Advent which will bring us to the stable and the family home, the home of all God's children.

REMEMBER THIS ? PROTOCOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIBS FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

1. A maximum of 4 shepherds were permitted in the Crib.
2. All had to wear a mask and observe social distancing.
3. Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus had to stay together as they formed part of a family bubble.
4. The donkey and the ox had to obtain a declaration of non contamination certified by the Department of Agriculture.
5. The Three Wise Men were subject to a 15 day quarantine, regardless of whether or not they had tested negative for Covid as they came from a non Schengen Area.
6. The straw, moss, palm branches and other decorations had to be disinfected with alcohol.
6. The angel flying over the Crib was not allowed due to the aerosol effect produced by the batting of his wings.
7. The choir were restricted to one person because of the risk of contamination.
8. No shepherd could be more than 65 yrs old or in a vulnerable category.
9. All non essential participants (Romans, sinners...) were forbidden.
10. Pilate explained to all authorised participants how to wash their hands.

