

SECOND SUNDAY ON ADVENT
Reading Cycle A
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Psalter Week 1
Sunday 7th DECEMBER
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	6 TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Spiro Abela R.I.P
SUN	7 TH DEC		10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P
MON	8 TH DEC	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY (SOLEMNITY)	10.00am	Maria Conceicao Camacho R.I.P
TUES	9 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	All Souls
WED	10 TH DEC	ST JOHN ROBERTS (Welsh priest and martyr)	10.00am	Special Intention
THURS	11 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	Denis McCarthy R.I.P
FRI	12 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	13 TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.00pm	Leonard Doyle R.I.P
SUN	14 TH DEC		10.00am	Alex Cohen R.I.P

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

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Lyons. May he rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Elizabeth Sturmay (1980), Viola Tate (1981), Howard Sutton (1982) William Baker, Charles Cahill (1983), Daniel O'Donovan (1986), Eileen Buckland (1987), Frances Ball (1989), Gerard McAleavey (1990), Alice Webber, Patricia Patterson (1991), John Harris (1993), Giulia Camisa (1995), Johanna O'Sullivan (1998), William Melville (1999), Fr Thomas Brennan (2000), Antonio Aviles (2001), Elvina Drakakis, (2002), Jane Goodridge (2005), Helen Wedlake (2006), Raymond Udry, Irene Matthews (2009), Gino Dimech, Doreen McGrath, Fr Philip Dwyer (2011), Antonin Kawycz (2012) Fr Gerald Cullen (2015), Denis McCarthy, Michael Murray (2017), Joe O'Reilly (2018), Fr Ambrose Walsh (2020), Gloria Jean Webber, Terence Webber, Michael John Burns (2022), Anne Hawkins, Beatrice Farrugia (2023), Margaret Jilks (2024), Cynthia O'Shea, Natalie Clarke and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

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.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week.

This week candles will be lit for Janet Sexton and Margaret David

T-lights are 20p each.

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Some small changes to the Christmas Services. Please take a new flyer.

CAROLS IN THE PARK: The Community Carol Service in Grange Gardens will be on Thursday 11th December at 6.pm. All Welcome,

WELCOME: Next Sunday we welcome Archbishop Mark to our Parish. He will concelebrate the Mass with Canon Mike.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike. Guidance sheets are available at the back of the Church. These are the times in some other Churches.

The Oratory, St. Alban's Splott – Sundays 15mins before Mass, Weekdays 9.00-9.30am

St Joseph's Penarth Saturdays 10-11am

MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH:
12.30-2.35pm Wednesday 17th December Please contact M Jeffrey on 02920 593465 by 10th Dec.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NIGHT SHELTER St Peter's Night Shelter will be operating from 5th December - 29 March 2026. If you are interested in volunteering at the shelter on a Friday evening or Saturday morning, please contact Peter Sullivan on 07906 101 015

PIETY STALL: Christmas Stock: Crib sets, cards, candles, gifts and lots more. Also some Calendars. Come and see !!

'WALK WITH ME' ADVENT BOOKLETS available at the back of the Church £1.00 only

DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE: Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses There is a box at the back of the Church.

PARISH WEBSITE: This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses and the focus at the moment is on Advent .Find out more, www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines on the Parish Website Homepage and on the Parish Noticeboard . First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 22nd/23rd November £ 553.52

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

How often you've heard me say that so many of us are selective in what we hear. We have difficulty in listening to what is being said. 'Michael should talk less and listen more . . .'

If we are honest, a comment about our poor listening skills would be found in many school reports throughout the land . What is of importance is the Message not the Messenger .

Today's Gospel talks about the Messenger, John the Baptist who was bringing a Message to the people of his time but sadly they did not wish to listen to his words . Every message is of importance , beneficial to those who listen and the voice of John the Baptist travels through time to the people of our day :

**"This is the man who the prophet Isaiah spoke about ,
'A voice cries in the wilderness , Prepare a way for the Lord ,
Make His paths straight . . . ' "**

John is not a "Messenger of doom and gloom " but of change and direction, one of Repentance, turning back to Christ and His Church but also for the Church to Repent , and refocus on the simple words of the Prophet John . The institutional Church should be a voice of Hope, Assurance and understanding .

The Church has become a voice speaking to humanity: for as John was a prophet in his time so is the church to the people of today and the future . Maybe one reason why people are not listening to the voice of Christ within the Church is because of its attitude towards the People of God, not living as the Jesus of the Beatitudes has taught us with Noble Simplicity and Service but has become one of Power, and Dominance .

The Prophet Isaiah paints a wonderful picture with words in our first reading, if only we would listen and take heed, the World and Ourselves would change for the better . . .

**"Strengthen all weary hands, Steady all trembling knees,
Say to your weary self' Courage do not be afraid, look your God is coming, he is coming to save us .
He does not judge by appearances but judges with love and integrity.
The wolf will live with the lamb , calf and lion will live together , they will do no hurt, no harm shall come their way .
For those who listen shall live on my Holy Mountain,
for this is a New Country filled with the knowledge and love of God and Neighbour. . . "**

So let us not be distracted, but listen to the voice of the Prophet to Repent and come to the Mountain of the Living God .

