

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Reading Cycle A
 Sunday 15th DECEMBER 2019
 'GAUDETE SUNDAY'



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	14 th DECEMBER	3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Priest's Intentions
SUNDAY	15 th DECEMBER		10am	Adelaide Almeida +

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	16 th DECEMBER	3 rd WEEK OF ADVENT	10am	Maria Do Rosario & Joao Gomes Camacho
TUESDAY	17 th DECEMBER	3 rd WEEK OF ADVENT	10am	Juan Antonio Laventure & Maria Do Rosario Sousa
WEDNESDAY	18 th DECEMBER	3 rd WEEK OF ADVENT ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE	10am 1pm	Holy Souls ALL WELCOME
THURSDAY	19 th DECEMBER	3 rd WEEK OF ADVENT	9am	Priest's Intentions
FRIDAY	20 th DECEMBER	3 rd WEEK OF ADVENT	10am	Sick of the Parish

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	21 st DECEMBER	4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Gionnie DeSanti +
SUNDAY	22 nd DECEMBER		10am	William Mooney, Eileen & Fred Calford + & Ben Foday +

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 and that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray for Nathalie Clarke, Joe O'Reilly and Eileen and Fred Calford whose anniversaries occur at this time

SVP THANKS Thank you to all those who helped pack and deliver the Christmas parcels on Monday.

CAROL SERVICE St. Patrick's school are performing their Carol Service on Wednesday 18th December at 1pm in the Church. You are invited to attend and join with our children in singing carols new and old.

CONFESSION Next Saturday there will be Confession after the Saturday evening Mass (December 21st) as there is so little time before due the rush. Monday morning 10.30am – 11am, Monday evening 6pm – 6.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA This will take place for the senior citizens of the parish on Thursday 19th December at 2.15pm in the school, no charge. There will also be a small Christmas Fare afterwards. All senior citizens of the Parish are welcome.

BUFFET LUNCH This will take place in Mary Immaculate school on Thursday 19th December, 12-3pm, any senior citizens of the Parish are welcome to attend. Full details on the notice board, please add your name to the list if you wish to attend.

SICK LIST We have been advised that in order to comply with Data Protection Regulations we will no longer be able to print the list of names on the newsletter on the website. However, these names **WILL** be on the newsletter available in the Church.

GOD WHO SPEAKS TO US As part of our Advent preparations we will be looking at the Gospel According to St. Matthew. This is at 6.30pm on Wednesday in the Sacristy. Why not join us. Come in through the Church.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS If you are looking to book a wedding date for 2020/2021 please would you contact Canon Mike Evans so that details can be confirmed. If you need to book a Baptism please see Canon Mike in person as it cannot be arranged over the telephone.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore

no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

SICK & HOUSEBOUND Again we appeal to those people who are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the SVP to inform the Priest either directly via phone or a family member or if you are attending Mass could you inform me or the SVP. Please remember in order to help you; you must help by informing us of your need for Holy Communion.

PIETY STALL Adult & older children Baptismal cards, calendars and a few bibles now in stock.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES During the past year I've covered many parts of the Diocese when a Priest has been ill or for a holiday break. As you've heard me say we are getting fewer and older, but as long as I've got breath in me it's "onwards & upwards". Our Mass times are as follows along with times of Confession, remembering if there is a sickness I'll be able to cover when needed. Please take a list of Christmas Services from the back of the Church:

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER	10am
SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER	6.30pm
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER	10am
MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER	10am
CHRISTMAS EVE – 1st MASS OF CHRISTMAS	7pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	10am
BOXING DAY	11am

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB SITE: Find out about 'Gaudete Sunday.'

READERS

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER	1st READING & 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	P. Mackie P. Stenson
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER	1st READING 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	G. Ferreira H. Parsons B. Potter

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA Friday 20th December ~

Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround ~ B. Seignott Brass Cleaning ~ P. McCarthy
Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: December 7th & 8th ~ £658.48 ~ Flowers for Christmas £300.51 Thank You

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ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath or Advent crown is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar. The wreath contains five candles, one lit each Sunday during Advent and an additional candle, Christ Candle, lit on the first Mass of Christmas.

3rd CANDLE ~ (Pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE OR THE CANDLE OF JOY

The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever.

Amen

Life's Like That

A man went into a bar with a banana on his head. As he served him, the bartender said "Look, I don't know if you realise this but you've got a banana on your head" "That's Ok" said the man. "I always wear a banana on my head on Tuesdays". "But today is Wednesday" said the bartender. "It's not, is it?" said the man. "Oh no, I must look a right fool. I usually wear an orange on a Wednesday".

A man went into a fishmonger's carrying a trout under his arm. "Do you make fish cakes?" he asked "Yes we do" replied the fishmonger. "Great" said the man. "It's his birthday"

A young boy became separated from his father at the funfair and asked a police officer to help find him. "Right" said the officer, searching for a description. "What's your father like?" "Beer and women" replied the boy.