

FIRST SUNDAY ON ADVENT
Reading Cycle A
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Psalter Week 1
Sunday 30th NOVEMBER
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	29th NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Wanda and Jan Barczyk R.I.P
SUN	30th NOV		10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P
MON	1st DEC	Weekday in the First Week of Advent	10.00am	Well Being of George Pearce
TUES	2ND DEC	Weekday in the First Week of Advent	10.00am	Ros Judd R.I.P
		Sacrament of Reconciliation follows Mass 10.30-12.00pm		
WED	3RD DEC	NO MASS TODAY		
THURS	4TH DEC	Weekday in the First Week of Advent	10.00am	Joseph Moon R.I.P
FRI	5TH DEC	Weekday in the First Week of Advent	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
SAT	6TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Spiro Abela R.I.P
SUN	7TH DEC		10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P

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

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Ros Judd. May she rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for John O'Brien, William Baker, Charles Cahill (1983), John Warner (1985), Michael McGowan, Daniel O'Donovan (1986), Margaret Kloppe, Sophie Davies (1989), Armando Cassella, Gerard McAleavey (1990), Rose Broom, Alice Webber (1991), Veronica Harrington, Reginald Paul, John Roberts, Alma Davies (1995), Patricia Gerrard (1998), Michael Molloy (1999), Joseph Moon (2001), Elvina Drakakis, (2002), Jean Thomas, Alma Mackie, Catherine Feeney (2007), Edward Brocklebank (2012), Joseph Kowalewski (2014), Mary Camilleri (2017), Maria Pratt (2019), 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 Connor Robert McLelland and Paul Treseder**
T-lights are 20p each.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: There will be a chance for you to begin your Advent preparations in St Patrick's on **Tuesday 2nd December after the 10.00am Mass.** Guidance sheets are available at the back of the Church. This Sacrament is also available after any Mass ... just ask Canon Mike.

If you are unable to come on 2nd December these are the times in some other Churches.

The Oratory, St. Alban's Splott - Wed 3rd December 7am to 7pm / St Paul's, Cyncoed - Saturday 6th December 10am to 11am
St Francis, Ely - Saturday 6th December 4pm to 5pm

CHRISTMAS EVENT DECEMBER 7th **NEXT WEEK AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS IN THE GRANGETOWN PAVILION.**
TICKET HOLDERS ONLY PLEASE. The Raffle will be drawn at the event. £100 first prize, £25 second and third prizes and lots of other prizes.
All the tickets have now been allocated.

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

CONGRATULATIONS : After the monthly Catenian Meeting Bill Potter was presented with a scroll which celebrates 50 years in the Organisation. Well done Bill. What an achievement!

PIETY STALL: New Christmas Stock in. Crib sets, cards, candles, gifts and lots more. Come and see !!

MISSIO BOXES: Some people brought in their boxes, but with no names on them. These are on the bookshelves at the back of the Church. Please make sure that when you hand your box in, that your name is on the label at the bottom of the box.

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.

WEEKLY 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.

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



Every year, I'm amazed that advent calendars continue to sell out.
I thought their days were numbered.

According to my chocolate advent calendar..
There are only 3 days to Christmas.

I came home to find all the windows wide open and everything had been taken.
Next year I'll be hiding my advent calendar.