

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading Cycle C

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Psalter Week

Sunday 1ST DECEMBER 2024

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SAT	30 TH NOV	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	1 ST DEC		10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	3RD DEC	EXPOSITION and THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	5.00pm	
		MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER	6.30pm	Parishioners of the Parish
WED	4 TH DEC	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P
THURS	5 TH DEC	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Gillian Quinn R.I.P
FRI	6 TH DEC	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Staff and Children of Our School
SAT	7 TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Sick of the Parish
SUN	8 TH DEC		10.00am	Deceased members of the Desmond Family In Thanksgiving. Carmine and Rosa Forte 55 th Wedding Anniversary.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sharon Hippolyte, Malcolm Osbourne and Martin Jones. May they rest in peace

We also pray for Reginald Paul, Veronica Harrington, Patricia Gerrard, Mary Camilleri, Maria Pratt, Josef Kowalewski, Joseph Moon, John Roberts, Catherine Feeney, Alma Davies, Elvina Drakatis, Gino Dimech, Antonin, Kawycz., Fr Dewi Davies and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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's candles will be lit for Connor Robert McLelland, Gillian Quinn, Margaret Salter, Lu and Pat Mooney and a Special Intention

CHRISTMAS PARISH EVENT: Sunday 15th December Latest news! All the tickets have now been allocated. If for some reason you are unable to use your ticket please tell Chris. We have a waiting list! We are also beginning to sell **RAFFLE TICKETS**. £100 First Prize, £50 Second Prize and lots of other lovely prizes. Have a look at the picture on the noticeboard.

NEW MASS BOOKS: From this weekend we will be using our new Mass Books. Grateful thanks to the Parishioners who generously purchased the big Lectionaries for us. Also **Walk with Me Advent Reflections are available £1.00.**

INVITATION TO AN EVENING OF TAIZE : Wednesday December 4th St Mary's Canton 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available also.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION—TODAY This will be a retiring collection. Please give generously.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website

LONGING FOR LIGHT -- CARDIFF-MENEVIA CATHOLIC YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT Please see Poster at the back of the Church on the Event's Board, also on the Parish Website. Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to attend.

MASS INTENTION DIARY FOR 2025 IS NOW OPEN Please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church for the names and your donation and indicate if the person is deceased. Put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Please remember that attendance at weekly Mass is a requirement. You will need to get your attendance sheet signed.

MISSIO RED BOXES: I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until mid December. This will be the final collection for 2024. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers. Gerry McCarthy

PIETY STALL: Christmas stock is in !! Boxes of Cards, candles, gifts, stocking fillers. Lovely Christmas rosaries. Take care on the step if you look in the wall cupboards.

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2025 has begun. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, not just a request over the phone, so that he knows who you are.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: You can receive this Sacrament after any Mass, just let one of the priests know.

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please 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 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 23/24th November £462. 54

WEEKLY MESSAGE How time flies! we are in December and the really busy season is underway. The Advent calendars are out, the Christmas Card lists are being scrutinised, presents are being bought and menus for Christmas feasting are being made. Lots of plans. Last week we talked about re-connecting with others and with the Lord. In all the hurly-burly of the season, and the real reason for Christmas being pushed further and further into the background we might miss the chance to just sit and be still in the presence of the Lord, so don't miss the opportunity on Tuesday this week. Even if you can only give a short time, that time will be well spent. Advent is a time of preparation -- a time of waiting—and listening. Let's be fair we are not good at being patient and waiting or listening. We live in a world where everything is NOW! In the distant past God spoke to many people in the hope that they would listen and follow His path for living. Did they listen? -- not really. Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, in fact all the Old Testament Prophets tried to share God's Message but sadly it often fell on deaf ears. Many people heard the message, but did not take it to heart. That is why God decided to become a person, a real person, who would be born, who would live and who would share all the challenges, joys and woes of ordinary people so that He could deliver the Message Himself.

Advent is also a time for new thoughts, new beginnings, new projects, as we start a new year of Christian prayer and worship. The Gospel calls us to be ready to welcome Jesus as the anchor of our lives, our true Saviour, and prepare for His return at the end of time. It's an open invitation to make a new start in our own personal spiritual journeys.

It has been said that if we can learn in these weeks of Advent the importance of patient waiting we will have learned one of the greatest lessons in life. This is hard for us, especially in the West. We live in an instant age — instant food, instant this, that and the other. We are in a constant hurry. All around us are signs of hurrying, a sense of urgency, waiting is to be avoided at all costs. No time, no time. And yet that is what Advent is all about..... patiently waiting and preparing. But what of our preparing and getting ready to welcome the Christ Child into our lives?

Our challenge is to put Jesus at the centre of our day, in every task we do, in every journey we make. That is what God wants us to do. In short, God wants us to be happy and blessed and we become blessed when we choose the Way of the Lord. As we pass through life we are all being faced with a choice between two ways, either that of wrong doing, or, on the other hand, that of grace, which is allowing Jesus to be our guide and exemplar in all we do. How do we respond to this choice which is constantly before us? How will we put the whole reason for Christmas into the centre of our preparations? At the end of our life's journey how will we say we have prepared for the coming of Jesus? Have we given any time to welcome Him into our lives? Or have we just put Jesus near the bottom of a never-ending list?

Sometime today, find an extra 15 minutes of quiet time to just rest in God's presence. Don't speak. Just place yourself in God's care and let God touch your heart.

The candle of hope for the First Sunday of Advent assures us we can have hope that God will fulfil the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus.

