

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
'GAUDETE SUNDAY'**

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 13TH DECEMBER 2020

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MASSES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY	12 TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Jane Moorcraft (Anniversary)
SUNDAY	13 TH DEC		10.00am	P.I T.F and Fr Ambrose Walsh

MONDAY	14 TH DEC			
TUESDAY	15 TH DEC	THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT	10.00am	King Family
WEDNESDAY	16 TH DEC	THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT	10.00am	Joe and Edna O'Reilly
THURSDAY	17 TH DEC	THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT	10.00am	Joe O'Leary +
FRIDAY	18 TH DEC			

SATURDAY	19 TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Margaret and Gionnie Di Santi
SUNDAY	20 TH DEC		10.00am	William Mooney Eileen and Fred Calford +

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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we pray that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the Repose of the soul of Sean Kemble who died recently. May he rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for Michael Murray, Guilia Carmisa, Helen Wedlake, Johanna O'Sullivan, William Melville, Cynthia O'Shea, Nathalie Clarke, Joe O'Reilly, Cyril Union, Arthur Dacey, Reginald Hodge, Josephine McCarthy, Eileen and Fred Calford 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.

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

CANDLES You will have an opportunity to 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 the People of the Parish**

GLOVES: The colder weather is now upon us and many like to wear gloves. We have been advised to ask you that if you do wear ordinary gloves to Church, (not latex or vinyl), please can you take them off so that you can sanitise your hands, which needs to be done when you enter the Church even if you have sanitised them at home before you left. Please keep gloves in your pocket or bag and then put them on again when you leave Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: The seating plan for the First Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve has now been worked out to enable groups to be socially distanced. People who have booked for that Mass can collect details of where they are sitting this weekend. Pews are numbered. There is a red side and a blue side.

Tickets are still available for the Christmas Day Masses, 9.00am and 10.30am and are available in Church before and after Masses during the week and the weekend. Because of restricted numbers, entry will be by ticket only.

NO MASS on Saturday December 26th (Boxing Day).

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR .

December 22nd , 23rd	Tuesday, Wednesday	10.00am
December 24th)	First Mass of Christmas (fully booked)	7.30pm
December 25th	Christmas Day	9.00am & 10.30am
December 26th	NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS	
December 27th	SUNDAY	10.00am
December 28th)	NO MASS (Monday)	
December 29th , 30th 31st	Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday	10.00am
January 1st 2021	NEW YEARS DAY (Friday)	10.00am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021: The new diary for 2021 is now open. Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions.

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

CARITAS BULLETIN: This is available on the website for you to read.

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Last week I said Goodbye to Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men: two favourite TV characters of the 50's and 60's, and said 'Hello' to another timeless character who has not aged in as many years. One night last week I heard a strange noise and when I opened the curtain I saw to my amazement Dr Who and the TARDIS ! I was 'Godsmacked' to see the Doctor, who could have visited anyone in Cardiff, even the Archbishop or Monsignor Boardman the Parish Priest of Penarth, but decided to visit and have breakfast here in St Patrick's.

For those of you who live further afield, the BBC camped for two days in my back yard and the TARDIS was 'Parked' by our tea room. Yet again I opened my mouth and upset Jodie Whittaker (the present Doctor) by saying my favourite Doctor was Tom Baker--- it's a gift I have : saying the wrong thing at the wrong time!

Well, my friends, since last week people in the UK have started being vaccinated against Coronavirus. Thank God for the Scientists throughout the world who have worked night and day trying to find a cure, but let's not forget we must still follow the precautions we've followed for these past few months. We are not out of the woods yet !

How lucky we are to live here and how thankful we should be for those who have cared for our sick and have administered the drugs available to us.

I worry for those in the developing countries who have little hope of this vaccine reaching their towns and villages because Big, Rich and Powerful Nations have bought and hoarded it up. I read this week that their chances are one person out of every ten EVER being vaccinated.

This weekend we light our third candle, Gaudete Sunday, "Rejoice". This is indicated by the third candle being different in colour.

*“ Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.
Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand,
so have no anxiety over anything.”*

Advent is that time of waiting, waiting in anticipation for the Lord's Coming, Expectation for something that will change the whole of humanity.

A great spiritual writer of the 20th Century, Henri Nouwen, wrote of the difference between Joy and Happiness.

“While 'Happiness' is dependent on external conditions, 'Joy' is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death can take that away. Thus 'Joy' can be present even in the midst of sadness”

So, as that Man of Joy, Pope Francis said last year of Gaudete Sunday ----

“ Today is Joy Sunday”

So let us with a joyful and thankful heart rejoice for the great breakthrough in medical science and for knowing the Joy of being part of humanity as we wait in expectation for the vaccine and as Christians waiting for Our Saviour to arrive.

First Holy Communion

This Sunday a number of our children will make their First Holy Communion. Their journey has brought them to meet the Lord , an encounter with Jesus, the Bread of Life. I pray that this will not be their First and Last Encounter, but a step on the Journey towards that Holy Mountain, a moment of jubilation on the mount of ecstasy.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A number of people have asked about this Sacrament.

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation it will take place after Mass on the Sanctuary so that social distancing can be observed. Masks must also be worn. You can also phone up to make an appointment if you wish.



The Third
Advent Candle
symbolises
Joy



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls in the police to tell them what has happened.

'First body: Frenchman, 60, died of heart failure while drinking vintage champagne and eating foie gras. Hence the enormous smile, Inspector' says the coroner.

'Second body: Scotsman, 25, won £1000 on the lottery, spent it all on whiskey. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile.'

The Inspector asks 'What of the third body?' 'Ah' said the coroner 'This is the most unusual one. Big Seamus Quinn from Donegal, 30, struck by lightning.' 'Why is he smiling then?' enquires the Inspector.

'He thought he was having his photo taken.'

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of OAP's when he is tapped on the shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up. After about fifteen minutes she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. When she is about to hand him another batch he asks her, "Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?"

"We can't chew them because we've no teeth" she replies "We just love the chocolate around them."

Hannah and Gavin were having dinner with a couple they'd lost touch with when they moved to another city many years ago. Over the meal, the couples took turns catching up. "As soon as we were married" Hannah began "we were blessed with a marvellous chubby creature with cute bow legs and no teeth." "Oh, you had a baby!" said the other husband "Nope," Gavin broke in "Hannah's mother came to live with us".

