

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

**Reading Cycle A  
Psalter Week 2**

**Sunday 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup> DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Bernadette Stenson, Margaret Salter
SUN	4 <sup>TH</sup> DEC		10.00am	Lu Mooney, John and Mary Halloran
MON	5 <sup>TH</sup> DEC			
TUES	6 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	ST NICHOLAS, BISHOP	10.00am	George Collins and Chris Stevens
WED	7 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	NO MASS TODAY		
THURS	8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am	Intention of Mark O'Leary
FRI	9 <sup>TH</sup> DEC			
SAT	10 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Paul Ryan
SUN	11 <sup>TH</sup> DEC		10.00am	Denis McCarthy, Margaret Rose Murray

**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.

We also pray for, John Roberts, Catherine Feeney, Alma Davies, Elvina Drakatis, Gino Dimech, Antonin Kawycz, Doreen McGrath, Antonio Aviles, Raymond Udry, John Harris, Jane Goodridge, Denis McCarthy, Irene Matthews 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of, Peter Ugarte, Rita Downey, and Nicolina Malia who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

**CANDLES** You can 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 Bernard Driscoll and Des Johnson**

If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

**SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** There will be a collection **NEXT WEEK** for the St Vincent De Paul Society towards the Christmas Parcels. Each year you give so generously. Without your help we could not do what we do. Thank you for your support.

**"WALK WITH ME" ADVENT Bks** These have a forward by Archbishop Mark and are on sale as you come into Church . £1.00.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:** The Staff and Children of the School will be holding their Carol Service in the Church **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm** . All are Welcome.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** senior parishioners are invited to our Community Mass and Christmas Celebration at St David's Catholic College on **Thursday 22nd December from 12.00pm until 3.00pm**. Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment programme with prizes and small gifts will be provided. For the housebound, it is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends or connect with old friends. For the more active, it is an entertaining and vibrant social occasion where young and old enjoy each other's company.

**DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS:** The diary for 2023 is now open. Please give your requests to Pat Johnson or Chris German.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** - I will be collecting the Boxes from this weekend until the 2nd week of December for this financial year. Many thanks, Gerry McCarthy.

**DOORS :** Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the **END** of each weekend Mass **NOT** before Mass.

**PIETY STALL:** New Christmas stock is in! Boxed Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Candles and Christmas Gifts  
Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards.

**Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 ( new number)**

**ONLINE DONATIONS:** On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

**GIFT AID** If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this.

**FACEBOOK :** Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -[www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)

We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November £ 513.55

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.

**PARISH WEBSITE** Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. The Caritas Bulletin for **DECEMBER**. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message.

**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 .

