

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading Cycle C

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 5th DECEMBER 2021

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	4 TH DEC		6.30pm	Bernadette
SUN	5 TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	10.00am	Lu Mooney 60 th Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Veronica Seignott
MON	6 th DEC			
TUES	7 TH DEC	ST AMBROSE (Memorial)	10.00am	Holy Souls
WED	8 TH DEC	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am	People of the Parish
THURS	9 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	Holy Souls
FRI	10 TH DEC			
SAT	11 TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETTE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Denis McCarthy
SUN	12 TH DEC		10.00am	Irene 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 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, Catherine Feeney, Alma Davies, Elvina Drakatis, Gino Dimech, Antonia Kawycz, Doreen McGrath, Antonio Alviles, Raymond Udry, John Harris, Jane Goodridge, Denis McCarthy, Irene Matthews, Michael Murray, Giulia Camisa, Helen Wedlake 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.

This week's candles will be lit for Mrs Janet Underwood (nee Sexton) and the First Communicants

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.

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.

HONOURING SUNDAY: Please see the Parish Website for the letter from the Archbishops of England and Wales

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: We will be making our annual Christmas Collection this weekend.. Please place your donations in the red bucket as you enter the Church. We thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: **The First Mass of Christmas (Christmas Eve) is now FULLY BOOKED.** There is a seating plan so if you have booked for this Mass please collect your seating information from Christine. There are places available for the 9.00am Mass and 10.00am Mass on Christmas Day. Mass on Boxing Day (Sunday) will be 10.00am as usual,

MISSIO: - if anyone would like their Red Box to be emptied before Christmas, could you please bring to Church or telephone me on 029 20650330 and I will arrange to collect it from you. Thank you all for your donations this year. Gerry McCarthy.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2021 : RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion continues to be parish based. Parents of Baptised children in Y3 and above who wish their child to receive these sacraments need to be attending Mass on a regular basis with their child/ children. Parents can register their child by speaking with one of the Catechists (Mary Taylor, Renata Harmsworth, Christine German) or Canon Mike before or after weekend Masses. Arrangements for those children currently in Y3 will be made in the new year. Families will need to be attending Mass regularly. Again, if you wish to enrol your child to be prepared for these important Sacraments, please speak with one of the Catechists or Canon Mike . Thank You.

WEEKDAY MASSES : Because numbers for the Weekday Masses have increased, these Masses will be in the Church. Please dress warmly.

MASS BOOK FOR 2022 IS NOW OPEN: Please use the brown envelopes at the back of the Church and please include a phone number so that you can be contacted with the date.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let Canon Mike 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

CONTACT: 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.

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

CONFESSIONS: For those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), I will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

SAFE SPACES is a free, independent support service, providing confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Catholic Church of England and Wales, Church of England or Church in Wales.
Free Helpline 0300 303 1056 or e-mail safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.
Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'.

National Abuse Helpline 0808 80 10 800 or <https://gov.wales/live-fear-free>

Respect: A confidential and anonymous helpline for anyone concerned about their violence and/or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner. 0808 802 4040 or respectphoneline.org.uk

Men's Advice Line 0808 80 10 327 or mensadvice.org.uk

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

MASSES IN OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN CARDIFF: <https://weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/area/cardiff/churches>

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE? **Catholic People: NOVEMBER EDITION** **Caritas: DEC_JAN BULLETIN**

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

During the past week two women stopped me outside of the supermarket. One asked "When is the Crib going up?" the other chipped in "It's rather early for the crib".

This weekend we place the empty crib in front of the Altar. Week by week the crib will be filled first with the animals, then the shepherds and finally the Infant Jesus along with Mary and Joseph.

Advent started last Sunday, a time of preparation, a time of waiting both for the Birth of Jesus and for the Second Coming of the Lord. During these next few weeks, we hear the voice of John the Baptist calling us to repentance along with the Angel, God's Messenger asking Mary to be the Mother of God's only Son. This is a journey we are all called to undertake, a journey which will bring us to pay homage to the child Jesus. For all Christians this road leads to Bethlehem.

There are a group of children who with the help of their families made a commitment at Baptism to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Their spiritual journey has brought them to receive their First Holy Communion. Their Faith Journey has brought them to meet Jesus in Bread and Wine, and our Faith Journey brings us to meet the Lord at the entrance of the stable to meet the Lord at His coming this Christmas.

For all Christian people, plodders like us, it's a journey of patience and determination, a journey of purpose and resolution, a journey which brings us face to face with the Holy Family. The empty crib of today will be filled with God's Faithful People, the house of welcome where nobody will be turned away.



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

A store manager overheard a sales assistant saying to a customer “ No madam, we haven’t had any for some weeks now and it doesn’t look as if we’ll be getting any soon” Alarmed, the manager rushed over to the customer as she was walking out of the door and said “That isn’t true madam. Of course we’ll have some soon. In fact we placed an order for it a couple of weeks ago” Then the manager pulled the assistant to one side and growled “ Never, ever say we don’t have something. If we haven’t got it say we ordered it and we’re expecting it in any day. Understand? Now, what was it she wanted?” “ Rain”.

A man went to a hardware store and bought a chainsaw that was guaranteed to cut through six trees in an hour. The following day he took it back to the shop and complained. “ That chainsaw it useless. It took me all day to cut down one tree.” To find out what the problem was, the sales assistant took the chainsaw and started it up. The man looked startled and said “ What’s that noise?”

A rugby fan had a lousy seat at the stadium, right behind a pillar. But he spotted an empty seat with a much better view a few rows along and so he made his way there. When he got there he asked the man sitting in the next seat whether the empty seat was taken. “ This is my wife’s seat” he replied solemnly “ She passed away. She was a big Neath fan.” “I’m terribly sorry to hear of your sad loss. May I ask why you didn’t give the ticket to a relative or friend?” “They’re all at the funeral.”

