

**THIRD SUNDAY ON ADVENT  
GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**Reading Cycle A**  
**Page 88 in the New Orange Mass Book**  
**Psalter Week 3**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

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SAT	13 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>	6.00pm	<b>Leonard Doyle R.I.P</b>
SUN	14 <sup>TH</sup> DEC		10.00am	<b>Alex Cohen R.I.P</b>
MON	15 <sup>th</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in the Third Week of Advent</b>	10.00am	<b>Deceased members of the Callan and Davies Family</b>
TUES	16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in the Third Week of Advent</b>	10.00am	<b>Maria Rosario and John Camacho R.I.P</b>
WED	17 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in the Third Week of Advent</b>	10.00am	<b>Deceased of the Parish</b>
THURS	18 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in the Third Week of Advent</b>	10.00am	<b>Albert, Olwen and Eddie Hall R.I.P</b>
FRI	19 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in the Third Week of Advent</b>	10.00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
SAT	20 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6.00pm	<b>Bernard and Brigid Johnson R.I.P Deceased members of the Desmond Family</b>
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup> DEC		10.00am	<b>William Mooney R.I.P Stanley Brown R.I.P Domenico Malacrino R.I.P</b>

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

**Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Lyons. May he rest in eternal peace.**

This week we also pray for John Dacey (1981), Kathleen Deacy (1982), Sammy Morgan (1983), Cornelius Dineen (1985), Eileen Stevens (1986), Clara Brown (1987), Catherine Bulpin (1988), Frances Ball (1989), Jeremiah Dacey, Margaret Fowler (1990), Arthur Dacey (1993), Cyril Union (1996), Reginald Hodge, Roy Prew (1997), Johanna O'Sullivan (1998), William Melville, Lawrence Jones (1999), Thomas McTighue (2001), Jane Daly, Josephine McCarthy, Daniel Callan (2007), Carol Micallef (2012), Hugh Kildea (2017), Joe O'Reilly (2018), Margaret Rose Murray (2020), Avril Barnes Desmond (2021), Michael John Burns, Brenda Knight (2022), Margaret Jilks (2024) and Kevin John McCarthy, Elizabeth and Edna Hurley, Dorothy Irene Johnson, John 'Bena' Donovan, Eileen and Fred Calford 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 John Flynn, a Special Intention and Monica Jermyn**

**T-lights are 20p each.**

**THANK YOU:** Once again our Christmas Event was a triumph ! A great opportunity for the Parish to get together and enjoy themselves. Thank you to all who helped make the occasion such a success, and everyone for coming. We have a great team in the Parish. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and made donations and well done to the lucky winners. There is a list of unclaimed prizes on the noticeboard so please check to see if your name is on it. And we must mention the food... absolutely wonderful. Well done to you all ! Have a look on the Website and Facebook at Mary's lovely photos. Summer... here we come !

**LIVE STREAM LINK:** A camera and all the tech stuff have been installed, and Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. This should be available on computers, tablets and phones (hopefully).

**TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Some small changes to the Christmas Services. Please take a new flyer.

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP MARK :** Archbishop Mark makes his first visit to the Parish this Sunday and we wish him every grace and blessing for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike. Guidance sheets are available at the back of the Church.

**ST DAVID'S COLLEGE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MASS AND PARTY:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 12-2.30pm Contact Claire Kelly on [ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk](mailto:ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk) or 02920 431857

**PIETY STALL:** Christmas Stock: Crib sets, cards, candles, gifts and lots more. Also some Calendars. Come and see !!

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

**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](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)  
We also now have a live stream of the Church Services.

**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 and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is 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.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS :** **30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER £ 500.80**

#### **WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

Every year on the Third Sunday of Advent I remember a folk group of the 1970's 'Steeleye Span and in particular Maddy Prior who sang " All round my hat I will wear the green willow" and . . . "Gaudete . . ." For this Sunday is ' Gaudete Sunday , Joy Sunday"  
Wherever you find Advent candles, this week instead of lighting a purple one we light a pink/rose coloured one. More of a 'happy' colour than the dour purple . As a child I remember the TV presenter Valarie Singleton making an Advent Wreath from two wire coat hangers from which she would light the Advent candles each week . I also remember them showing how candles were used on the feast of St Lucy to take away the darkness of the winter solstice ( feast day of St Lucy is Saturday 13th December) . A young girl would wear a crown of lighted candles and give thanks to God through prayer , song and dance about the importance of light over darkness . . . Can't imagine this being allowed today through health and safety !

These are positive symbols of good over evil , light over darkness , hope and joy over melancholy and sorrow .

What wonderful words there are in this week's first reading from my friend Isaiah. . .

**"Let the wilderness and dry lands exult,**

**Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom**

**Let them rejoice and bloom.**

**Strengthen all weary hands**

**Steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts**

**'courage' do not be afraid, your God is coming. Be not afraid for He is coming to save us . . . ' "**

We might not wear get to wear a crown of candles like Lucy but we are all called to "wear" the light of hope , comfort and joy and take away the darkness, gloom and despondency of people's lives. Let us make a home in our hearts and minds so that the words of Isaiah will strengthen all weary hands and faint hearts and we will recognise that the Lord is very near .

**" Happy the man who does not lose faith in me**

**as he's been sent to bring news to the poor and to bind up the broken hearted. . .**

**of all children born, greater than John has never been seen.**

**Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he . . . "**

