

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Reading Cycle A
Sunday 8th DECEMBER 2019
2nd Collection ~ Flowers for Christmas



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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	7th DECEMBER	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Bernadette
SUNDAY	8th DECEMBER		10am	Ellen Chisholm

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	9th DECEMBER	SOLEMNITY: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	10th DECEMBER	ST. JOHN ROBERTS, Priest & Martyr REQUIEM MASS	10am 11.30am	Pauline Heath JOSEPH FOLEY
WEDNESDAY	11th DECEMBER	MASS IN SCHOOL	10am	Denis McCarthy +
THURSDAY	12th DECEMBER	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	9am	Priest's Intentions
FRIDAY	13th DECEMBER	Mm: ST. LUCY, Virgin & Martyr	10am	Sick of the Parish

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY	14th DECEMBER	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Priest's Intentions
SUNDAY	15th DECEMBER		10am	Adelaide Almeida +

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 and that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Foley who has died recently. May he Rest in Eternal Peace +

We pray for Cynthia O'Shea, Denis McCarthy, Nathalie Clarke and Joe O'Reilly whose anniversaries occur at this time

"THE REPORTS OF MY DEATH ARE RATHER EXAGGERATED" These were the words of Mark Twain the American author of the 19th century. Yes, I had been indisposed for a few days when I was in the Heath, they were treating me for a clot on the lungs but thank God that chapter has come to its end. Thank you for your kind words and candles. Now it's onwards and upwards to the great Feast of Christmas.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS A special 2nd collection will be taken during all Masses this weekend of 7th and 8th of December for flowers for our Church and Altar for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

SVP The Conference of the SVP would like to thank all those who gave so generously to last week's appeal. This will enable us to continue our work through the coming year and give support to those in need.

SICK LIST We have been advised that in order to comply with Data Protection Regulations we will no longer be able to print the list of names on the newsletter on the website. However, these names **WILL** be on the newsletter available in the Church.

GOD WHO SPEAKS TO US As part of our Advent preparations we will be looking at the Gospel According to St. Matthew. This is at 6.30pm on Wednesday in the Sacristy. Why not join us. Come in through the Church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES During the past year I've covered many parts of the Diocese when a Priest has been ill or for a holiday break. As you've heard me say we are getting fewer and older, but as long as I've got breath in me it's "onwards & upwards". Our Mass times are as follows along with times of Confession, remembering if there is a sickness I'll be able to cover when needed:

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER	10am
SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER	6.30pm
SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER	10am
MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER	10am
CHRISTMAS EVE – 1st MASS OF CHRISTMAS	7pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	10am
BOXING DAY	11am

ADVENT RETREAT This will take place on Saturday 14th December at St. David's college, Cardiff. Full details on notice board.

PIETY STALL New Christmas stock now on display with more new arrivals. Come and have a look. To avoid disappointment buy your 2020 diaries now!!

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS If you are looking to book a wedding date for 2020/2021 please would you contact Canon Mike Evans so that details can be confirmed. If you need to book a Baptism please see Canon Mike in person as it cannot be arranged over the telephone.

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

SICK & HOUSEBOUND Again we appeal to those people who are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the SVP to inform the Priest either directly via phone or a family member or if you are attending Mass could you inform me or the SVP. Please remember in order to help you; you must help by informing us of your need for Holy Communion.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB SITE: Find out about 'How can you prepare for the Birth of Christ'

<u>READERS</u>		
SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER	1st READING & 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	K. Lewis P. McCarthy
SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER	1st READING 2nd READING BIDDING PRAYERS	K. Johnson P. Hamilton C. German

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA Friday 13th December ~ A. Williams and P. Smith
Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround ~ B. Seignott Brass Cleaning ~ P. McCarthy
Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: DEC. 1ST ~ £739.74

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ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath or Advent crown is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar. The wreath contains five candles, one lit each Sunday during Advent and an additional candle, Christ Candle, lit on the first Mass of Christmas.

2nd CANDLE ~ (Purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

God kept His promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure mind.
Amen*

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Life's Like That

A woman collared her husband as he stumbled through the door. "What's the big idea coming home half drunk?"
"Sorry love I ran out of money!"

Did you hear about the bailiff who moonlighted as a bartender? - He served up subpoena coladas.

How do you stop a dog smelling? - Put a clothes peg on his nose.