



## Parish of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

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### Parish Newsletter



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#### Week beginning 2nd-3rd December 2017

##### First Sunday of Advent

**Today's Mass:** The Mass readings for the First Sunday of Advent are on page 82 of the Mass Book.

**Flower Collection** - At all Masses this weekend, there will be a retiring collection to help decorate the Church with flowers at Christmas. Please give generously and support the work of our dedicated group of volunteers who decorate the Church so wonderfully each year.

**The Season of Advent** - Today we begin the season of Advent, a very special time of prayer and preparation for the coming of the Lord. At Christmas, we will not only celebrate the Lord Jesus Who came long ago in Bethlehem but the Lord Jesus Who comes into our lives today. We will only truly be ready to celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas if our Advent is a time of openness to the love of God and to the spirit of prayer. So please make good use of the season of Advent by making an effort to find more time for daily prayer or to come to daily Mass. The 'Walk With Me' booklet provides a useful focus for daily prayer during the season.

##### Walk With Me – Advent 2017

Copies of the 'Walk with Me' booklet for Advent and Christmastide are still available at the back of the Church for £1. If you don't already have your copy, why not pick one up today?

##### Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of our Advent Wreath.

We will pray as we light the candle. The reader will say:

*As we light our first Advent candle may we prepare in our daily lives, our homes, our schools and our work, that the light of Christ may enlighten each one of us this Advent and enable us to come to meet the Lord who comes again to us.*

We all respond: **We welcome the light of Christ.**

**Memorial Candle** - The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for a Private Intention (AC). We pray that all the faithful departed may rest in peace.

**Mass Times** - Please note that Mass on Monday will be at 9am to enable Canon to hear confessions for the Year 7 pupils at Corpus Christi High School.

**Christmas Coffee Morning – St Teilo's** - The Christmas Coffee Morning takes place this Friday, December 8th after Mass. Come and join us for mulled wine, mince pies, tea/coffee and Christmas cake and a large serving of good company. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Refreshments after Mass** - Refreshments will be served after the **9am Mass this Sunday** where we will be celebrating the 90th birthday of Carolina.

**Nazareth House Christmas Fayre** - The Nazareth House Christmas Fayre takes place at Nazareth House on Saturday, December 9th from 1pm till 4pm. All are welcome to come along.

## **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Friday sees the celebration of one of the great Marian Feasts of the Church. On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate Mary who is full of grace. She is the one who, to prepare her to be the Mother of God's Son, is preserved from the moment of her conception from the effects of original sin. We come to honour our Immaculate Mother.

## **Opportunities for Confession next weekend**

Next weekend, the Second Sunday of Advent, Fr. Alexander from the Cardiff Oratory, will be available for Confession during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. We are all encouraged to take this opportunity to make a pre-Christmas Confession.

**Refreshments after Mass** - Refreshments, including mince pies and stollen, will be served after the 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday, December 10th. All are welcome. A donation of £100 will be given to the homeless in Cardiff, to the Wallich's Intervention Rough Sleepers Teams. They are fund raising for vehicles. This money is from the generous donations at the 11 o'clock teas.

**Collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy of the Archdiocese:** Envelopes are available for the annual collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy Welfare Fund. This collection will be taken next weekend, December 9th and 10th, the Second Sunday of Advent. At present, there are fifteen priests of the Archdiocese being supported by the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. Please give generously.

**Christmas Prize Draw – St Teilo's** - Tickets for the St Teilo's Parish Christmas Prize Draw will be on sale until Sunday, December 17th. Tickets are 50p each, £2 for a book. The draw will take place on Sunday the 17th after the 11am Mass. There are excellent prizes to be won: Hamper, Wine, Spirits etc. A list has been placed on the noticeboard in the Church porch for those generous people who wish to donate/contribute to the prizes.

**Mass Intention Envelopes** - We ran out of Mass Intention envelopes recently and in a rush to get them done, the printer provided them in C5 size, rather than the C6 size which is normal. So as not to waste the ones that have been printed, we now have the largest Mass Intention envelopes in the Archdiocese. Canon wants to make clear that this is not intended as a way of persuading anyone to put bigger notes into the envelopes (He is kidding!).

## **Poinsettias for the crib**

As in previous years, we are inviting donations of Poinsettias to be placed before the Crib at Christmas. If you would like to donate your Poinsettia on behalf of a loved one, please add their name to the list at the back of the Church and bring your Poinsettia along with you at Christmas.

**Flower Arranger(s) Wanted** - Currently there are only three flower arrangers at St. Teilo's. If you would like to volunteer to join this small group, you would be very welcome. You do not need any formal training, as advice will be given. If you can spare an hour on a Friday or Saturday to arrange the weekly church flowers, and also help at Easter and Christmas please contact Gail Gerrard (029 2065 8664) or speak to Canon Isaac.

**Baptism Preparation** - The December Baptism Preparation Course at Christ the King will run on Thursdays December 7th & 14th at 7pm. Anyone who wishes to attend should e-mail Brigid Lee at [andylee63@talktalk.net](mailto:andylee63@talktalk.net) for details of the venue.

The January Baptism Preparation Course will be held at St Brigid's, Crystal Glen, on Tuesdays, January 9th & 16th 2018 at 7 p.m. You may e-mail Ann Martin at [stevemartin@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartin@gmail.com) for further information.

Collections for 11th /12th November 2017					
LOL	6pm	St Teilo's	9am	11am	6.30pm
Gift Aid	£75-00		£201-00	£203-00	£75-00
Cash	£100-00		£257-00	£191-00	£137-00

### Christmas Mass Times

With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, you will need to take special care to note the time of Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas itself. Please note that there will be **no 6.30 Sunday evening Mass** at St. Teilo's on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Mass Times will be as follows:

#### Vigil Masses – Christmas Eve

4.30pm at St Teilo's – Mass in Welsh

6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (with Carols from 5.30pm)

#### Midnight Mass – Christmas Day

12.00 midnight at St Teilo's (with Carols from 11.30pm)

12.00 midnight at Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass in Polish

#### Daytime Masses – Christmas Day

9am at St Teilo's - Mass of Dawn

10.30am at St Teilo's - Mass of Christmas Day

10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass in Polish

12 midday at Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass in Polish

**Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) course is being relaunched with modules including 'Equipped for Mission', 'Transformation', 'Discipleship', and 'Ministry'. The course is especially useful for teachers in Catholic schools, Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of our faith. If you are interested, please come along to our information evening on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm in the Pastoral Resources Centre, Cardiff, CF3 4LL. Please contact Madeline on [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) to book your place.

**Christmas – The Story** - Re-discover the true meaning of Christmas. Each performance is a 20 minute spectacle telling a wonderful story with music and lights, and using both actors and puppets. From 1st – 20th December from 10am till 5.30pm at Y Tabernacl, The Hayes, Cardiff. Performances run from Monday to Saturday, every 40 minutes and are open to all, without charge. Performances last for 20 minutes. There are no performances on Sundays.

[www.the-story.org.uk](http://www.the-story.org.uk)

Your prayers are asked please for all the sick and the housebound in the parish, and for all our departed whose anniversaries occur this week: James Kelly, Barbara Aherne, Laurence Bermingham, Gerard O'Sullivan, Eric Darlington, Margaret Lloyd, Ronald Ceaton, Joan Battisto, William Coughlin, Joe Davies, Mary Cotter, Lloyd Edwards, Arthur Herbert, Bernard Flynn, Phillip Green, Oswald Gillard, Julia Humphries, James McNulty, Stephen Norton, Audrey Parker, Joao Ferreira, William McDonald Robertson, Anthony Glover, Franco Micheli, Ernest Davies, Catherine Fackrell, Leon Grace, William Gogarth, Eileen Perriam, John Lavery and Olive Knight. Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.

## Confessions

Saturday: St. Teilo's - 10.30-11am OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 2nd - 3rd December 2017			
Sat 2nd December 1st Sunday of Advent	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Ethel and Roly Bartlett (MJ)
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent	St.T.	9am	John Salter - Anniversary In thanksgiving to St. Lucy for favours received (JI) Wilshin / Crothers Family (AW)
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	John Doolan (CL)
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
Mon 4th December	St.T.	6.30pm	For all the People of the Parish
	St.T.	<b>9am</b>	Thomas and Winifride Mullins Anthony Peyer Calderbank (R&MT)
Tue 5th December	St.T.	10am	Robert Strinati - Anniversary (CH)
Wed 6th December	O.L.O.L.	7pm	In Thanksgiving
Thu 7th December St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	St.T.	10am	John and Josephine Bending RIP (RCB)
Fri 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St.T.	10am	Carol Smale (BMWF) Val Glavin (John)
Sat 9th December	St.T.	10am	Private Intention
Sat 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Joao Ferreira
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	St.T.	9am	Tom O'Shea
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	Josephine Zacrias RIP (PP) John Vivian Pryce Jones Anniversary (TP-J)
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6:30pm	For the People of the Parish

Mass attendance on Sunday 24th /25th November 2017  
OLOL 6pm -63, St. Teilo's 9am - 157 , 11am - 150, 6.30pm - 82

## O is for Advent – Concert

On Friday, December 15th at 8pm, St. Mary of the Angels Church, Canton, is hosting the Welsh Camerata Choir in a celebration of Advent Music. Tickets are £10 or £12 and all are welcome. Refreshments will be available after the concert.