



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

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### Parish Newsletter



## Week beginning 6th-7th January 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

### Confessions

**Saturday:** St. Teilo's - 10.30-11am

OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

**Today's Mass:** The Mass readings and prayers for the **Epiphany Vigil Mass** are on page **115** of the Mass Book and for the **Mass during the Day** on page **118**.

### Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of Caroline and Edward Reilly. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### Christmas thanks from Canon Isaac

My grateful thanks to everyone in the Parish for the generous Christmas Offerings and the many cards and personal gifts that I received for Christmas. It is clear that the Gin Fairy has been exceptionally busy in Whitchurch and Gabalfa over the holiday period – *Canon Isaac*

### Thanks from Deacon David

Many thanks to all at St Teilo's and at Our Lady of Lourdes for their great kindness towards me since I began assisting Canon William at both churches in the autumn. In particular, I am extremely grateful for the many cards, generous and unexpected gifts and kind words received over the Christmas season. God bless you all – *Rev Deacon David Prichard*

### Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers, John Manley, who died before Christmas. John's Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes at 11am on Monday, January 8th.

### White Flower Appeal

The Annual White Flower Collection in support of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will take place after all Masses next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, January 13th & 14th.

### Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion at St Teilo's will begin on Sunday, January 28th with a Welcome Session for parents and children. It is particularly important that parents attend with their children for this session, so they know the way the programme will run for the year. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 20th. For further information, please contact Canon Isaac or Angela Jones.

## **Confirmation**

Archbishop Stack will be coming to celebrate Confirmation at St. Teilo's on Sunday, April 22nd. If any young person wishes to be confirmed this year, please let Canon Isaac or Madeleine Walters know as soon as possible. Confirmation classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 16th** at 6.30pm in the Hall at St. Teilo's. Please note the **change of date**.

## **Baptism Preparation Courses**

The Baptism Preparation Course in January will be held at St Brigid's, Crystal Glen, on Tuesday, January 9th and 16th, commencing at 7pm. You can email Ann Martin at [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com) for further information.

The Baptism Preparation Course in February will be held at St Teilo's Parish Hall, on Thursday February 1st and 8th at 7pm.

## **Prayers for Fr. Joseph OSB**

Please keep Fr. Joseph OSB in your prayers. He had hoped to be with us in the parish this week, but he has been hospitalised. We thank Fr. Michal Oszczudlowski, Fr. Michael McCarthy and Fr. Allan Davies-Hale for stepping in to cover the Masses this week at very short notice.

## **Parish Bible Study Programme**

Dr Alex McAuley, Lecturer in Hellenistic History at Cardiff University and one of our parishioners, has agreed to run a Bible Study Programme fortnightly on Wednesday evenings after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa. The first session will be on Wednesday, January 27th. It is entitled: "Meeting Paul on his Journeys: St Paul in Acts" and should be a great event. Please consider coming along.

Alex has delivered successful and fascinating sessions for us in the parish in the past and I am sure these sessions will be equally illuminating. This initiative aims to help us, as Catholics, to know the Word of God better than we may have done in the past, that in knowing God's Word we may come to meet Him Who is the Word of the Father, Jesus our Lord.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Building a Praying Parish**

A number of our parishioners are active in Evangelisation at the Archdiocesan level. Madeline Page is the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Officer and Madeleine Walters is the Chair of the Cornerstone Planning Group, looking at ways that the wonderful Archdiocesan resource in Charles Street can be used to share our faith. Other parishioners are involved in a variety of other ways. During Advent, I have been reading more about Evangelisation at a parish level and everyone who writes about the subject makes clear that for Evangelisation to be effective, it must be rooted in and built on prayer. This has prompted me to reflect on Eucharistic Adoration in the parish. In recent times this has not been as regular as in the past and it seems to be time to revitalise the practice of silent prayer, reflection and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to complement the already excellent attendance at daily Mass. If you have any ideas of the best way to re-engage regular Adoration in the parish, then please speak to me. One of the ideas for Our Lady of Lourdes is to link with the Polish Community for regular adoration in that Church, but I would be interested to reflect on what would be the best way to take this forward at St. Teilo's. Please let me have your ideas – *Canon Isaac*.

Mass attendance on Sunday 30th /31st December 2017 OLOL 6pm -89, St. Teilo's 9am - 135 , 11am - 167, 6.30pm - 71
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Collections for 30th /31st December 2017					
LOLOL	6pm	St Teilo's	9am	11am	6.30pm
Gift Aid	£101-00		£243-00	216-00	£20-00
Cash	£131-00		£189-00	£227-00	£68-00

### **Parish Advisory Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Advisory Council is on Thursday, January 11th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Calling all those who are interested in becoming Catholics**

Many thanks to those who have responded to express the wish to become Catholics during 2018. Canon Isaac hopes to meet with all potential attendees on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm. If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic, please come along, even if you have not yet let Canon know.

### **Links between the Parish community and the Polish community at Gabalfa**

Canon Isaac and Fr. Michal have been discussing the best way to ensure effective liaison between the people of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Polish Community who now share the Church with us. While strategic issues that face the whole parish will need to be discussed at the PAC, which has representatives from both Churches within the parish, some of the day to day discussions would be best undertaken by a small group of lay people who represent the local parish community at Gabalfa and those who represent the Polish Community. If you would be interested in volunteering to be part of this liaison group, please let Canon Isaac or Fr. Michal know.

### **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies**

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is especially useful for Catholic School Teachers, Parish Catechists and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. The course includes modules on: "Equipped for Mission"; "Transformation"; "Discipleship" and "Ministry". The course will be offered at various locations through video link. If you wish to take part in the course, which begins on Monday, January 22nd, please send a registration form to Madeline at [ccrs@rcadc.org](mailto:ccrs@rcadc.org) by Monday, January 15th. Registration forms and more details about the course, can be accessed at <http://rcadc.org/ccrs/>

### **Please pray for the Pope's Intentions for January**

Evangelisation: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

### **After Mass Refreshments**

There will be Tea & Coffee served after the **9am Mass** next Sunday 14th January. All welcome.

Your prayers are asked please for all the sick and housebound in the parish, for Fr. Andrew Maggs, deceased priest of the Archdiocese, and for all our departed whose anniversaries occur this week and are on the list posted on the noticeboard. Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.

**Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 6th -7th January 2018**

Sat 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Chamberlain and Carpanini Family (PC)
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 7th January The Epiphany of the Lord	St.T.	9am	For the People of the Parish
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	Josephine Zachrias - RIP (PP) Brian Whiting (PW)
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6.30pm	Patrick O'Sullivan
Mon 8th January The Baptism of the Lord	<b>O.L.O.L</b>	<b>11am</b>	Requiem Mass for John Manley
Tue 9th January	St.T.	10am	Claire Stevens - RIP (ML)
Wed 10th January	O.L.O.L.	7pm	David Stamp - RIP
Thu 11th January	St.T.	10am	Ernest Fonseca (VF)
Fri 12th January	St.T.	10am	Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Mullins Family
Sat 13th January Blessed Virgin Mary	St.T.	10am	The well-being of Christopher Doherty (E&PD)
Sat 13th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	O.L.O.L.	6pm	John Manley - RIP
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 14th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	St.T.	9am	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. Jude (RCB)
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	John and Josephine Doolan (G&C) John Norris - Anniversary
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6.30p m	For the People of the Parish