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

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Parish Newsletter



Weekend 9th-10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Mass: The Mass readings and prayers for the second Sunday of Advent are on page 85 of the Mass Book.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the second candle of our Advent Wreath.

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

As we light our second Advent candle may we prepare in our daily lives, our homes, our schools, our work, that the light of Christ may be our guide, our strength, our hope and our joy. We welcome the light of Christ.

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

Opportunities for Confession this weekend

This 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 today, 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

We have a second collection after Holy Communion today for the Archdiocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Welfare Fund. At present, there are fifteen priests of the Archdiocese being supported by the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund and the Fund is in deficit. Please give generously.

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the soul of John Peter Morgan. May he, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Christmas Youth Social!

Explore your faith through music, games and friends!

Our next youth social will take place on Wednesday, December 13th from 7pm-8.30pm in St Teilo's Hall. We'll be reflecting on Advent and Christmas, playing Christmas bingo and tucking in to Christmas treats - we can't wait to see you there! Katey, Claude, JR and Mads.

Children's Liturgy - Next Sunday

At the 11am Mass next Sunday, Canon will invite all the children to come up to the altar to pray a special prayer in preparation for Christmas and sing a Christmas Carol. This is a small way to use the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, to prepare our children for the richness of the celebration of Christmas.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently. You are asked especially to remember Nicolina Anzani and David Stamp. Mrs. Anzani used to be a regular attendee at St. Teilo's before spending her latter years in Sunrise Nursing Home. Her funeral took place last week. Mr Stamp's Funeral Service takes place at St. Teilo's at midday on Tuesday, December 12th.

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 his/her name to the list at the back of each Church and bring your Poinsettia with you at Christmas. (Apologies that the lists were not available last Sunday). Please note that Poinsettias should be brought no earlier than Saturday, December 23rd, so that they will last over the Christmas season.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last weekend. We raised the amazing sum of £482 and had a lovely day doing so. You are reminded that the Christmas Raffle is still open and that the draw will take place on Saturday, December 16th.

Mary Crowley

Chris Crowley writes an update on his mother: "Mary Crowley, of this parish, thanks everyone for their prayers and best wishes during her two and a half months' stay in the Heath Hospital. She is now recovering and recuperating and is in residence at Nazareth House and welcomes visitors. She looks forward to seeing you all soon."

Christmas Prize Draw – St Teilo's

Tickets for the St Teilo's Parish Christmas Prize Draw will be on sale until next Sunday, December 17th. Tickets are 50p each, £2 for a book. The draw will take place next Sunday 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.

Christmas Midnight Mass

Canon would like to remind all parishioners how lucky we are as a parish to be able to celebrate Midnight Mass together. We have two Midnight Masses in our Parish – in English at St. Teilo's and in Polish at Our Lady of Lourdes. Both will begin with carols at 11.30pm. Canon writes: "Midnight Mass is a great privilege the Church gives us as Catholics to celebrate the most holy night of Christmas with great joy. On this night at the midnight hour we listen for the angel voices and with the shepherds we come to celebrate Our Lord's birth. Standing beside Mary, Joseph and the shepherds we greet the new-born Child who is the Saviour of us all.

Calling all those who are interested in becoming Catholics

We have a number of adults, who attend Mass regularly in our two churches, who may be interested in making the journey into faith as Catholics. As Fr. Morrissey, one of my mentors, used to say: “They are doing all the work of a Catholic without any of the benefits”. If you are one of these people and would be interested in becoming a Catholic, please let me (Canon Isaac) know. We will hold a meeting for all Adult Enquirers into the faith early in the New Year, date to be confirmed.

Holy Communion 2018

Preparation for First Holy Communion at St Teilo’s will start in January 2018. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion next year, please complete an application form that can be found at the back of the Church, complete it and return it to Canon Isaac or Angela Jones.

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

Collections for December 2nd—3rd					
LOLOL	6.00pm	St Teilo’s	9.00am	11.00am	6.30pm
Gift Aid	£88		£194	£233	£61
Cash	£103		£200	£168	£134

Mass Attendance for December 2nd-3rd

LOLOL 6pm – 572, St. Teilo 9am – 136, St. Teilo 11am – 147, St. T. 6.30pm - 86

Your prayers are asked please for all the sick and housebound in the parish, and for all our departed whose anniversaries occur this week: Pamela Canham, Margretta Mullins, John Donohoe, Francis Sullivan, Paul Elswood, Daniel Callan, Paul Aviles, Sheila Stephens, James Gaffney, James Summers, Bridget Garland, Kathleen Pattenden, Charles Beck, Gerard Massey, Kathleen Cuddihy, Daniel Bryan, Ambrose Slamin, Margaret Peirpoint, Richard Kennedy, Terence McCarthy, Enid Roberts, Stephen Deacy, Mary Sullivan, Helen Campbell, Sylvester Summers, Patrick O’Sullivan, Emma Lawrence, Patricia Widdett, Trevor Jones and Rosemary Kelly. Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.

Weekend 9th -10th November 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	OLOL	6.00pm	For the Faithful Departed
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday, 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	St Teilo	9.00am	Tom O'Shea
	OLOL	10.30 am	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	11.00am	Josephine Zacrias RIP (PP) John Vivian Price-Jones Anniversary (TP-J) Joao Ferreira
	OLOL	12 pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Monday, 11th December	St Teilo	10.00am	George and Teresa Smith (SM) Sydney Magee (Paolo)
Tuesday, 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	St Teilo	10.00am	William and Constance Fitzgerald
	St Teilo	12 midday	Funeral Service for David Stamp
Wednesday, 13th December St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	OLOL	7.00pm	Tony Mullins
Thursday, 14th December St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor 'of the Church'	St Teilo	10.00am	Trevor Jones (MJ) Gerard Massey (HM)
Friday, 15th December	St Teilo	10.00am	Mary Gallagher - Anniversary
Saturday, 16th December	St Teilo	10.00am	Paul Scantlebury (KD)
Saturday, 16th December Third Sunday of Advent	OLOL	6.00pm	Beryl and Percy Harries RIP
Saturday, 16th December Third Sunday of Advent	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday, 17th December Third Sunday of Advent	St Teilo	9.00am	Living Members of the Searle Family
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	11.00am	Evans and Fritzsche Families
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	6.30pm	Bert Taylor RIP (MCT)

Confessions - Saturday: St Teilo's - 10.30-11.00am
OLOL - 5.15 - 5.45pm