



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

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Parish Newsletter



Week beginning 16th-17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Confessions

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

Today's Mass: The Mass readings and prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent are on page 87 of the Mass Book.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the third candle of our Advent Wreath.

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

*As we light our third Advent candle, may we rejoice in the light of the coming Christ.
We pray 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**

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday - Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. This name comes from the antiphon we use at Mass today. The antiphon, in Latin “Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete” or in English “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice” has been used on this day since the ninth century. So today reminds us both of the joy of expectation of the coming of our Saviour at Christmas and of the traditions of our ancient faith which we continue to celebrate in our Mass today.

In the spirit of the joy of expectation, the Church marks today with Rose coloured vestments and we light the Rose coloured candle in our Advent Wreath.

Children's Liturgy – 11am Mass Today - At the 11am Mass today, 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.

Christmas Prize Draw: St Teilo's - The St. Teilo's Parish Christmas Prize Draw will take place after 11am Mass today. There are excellent prizes to be won: Hamper, Wine, Spirits etc.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently: Paul Navarro Rees, Eileen Phillips and John Manley. Mr Rees' funeral will take place on Friday, December 22nd at 2.15pm at Thornhill. Eileen Phillips' Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes at 11.00am on Wednesday, January 3rd. John Manley's Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, January 8th, time to be confirmed.

Memorial Candle

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

Christmas Cards

Parish Christmas Cards are available at the back of the Church. Many thanks to David Harris for agreeing to our use of his 2016 photo of St. Teilo's Crib for the card. Many thanks to Gail and the team, who decorate the Crib, as it looks very professional on the card. Please take a card for yourself and take a number to deliver to family and neighbours who do not regularly come to Church. As usual, the cards have the Christmas Mass times for St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes. So please take this opportunity to share your faith by inviting others to come and celebrate our Saviour's birth at Christmas.

Ministries at Christmas Day Masses

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory bearers are all needed for the Christmas Masses. If you are able to volunteer, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church.

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. Please note that Poinsettias should be brought no earlier than Saturday, December 23rd, so that they will last over the Christmas season.

Grateful Thanks for Wheelchair

We noted in the newsletter a few weeks ago that the parish wheelchair had gone missing. Many thanks to the kind parishioner who has donated a replacement wheelchair for use at St. Teilo's. I am very grateful indeed! (W.I.)

Congratulations

The parish offers its congratulations to Mr David Thomas, one of our parishioners, who has been appointed as the new Head Teacher of St. Illtyd's School, Cardiff. We wish David all the best in his new role. Please keep David and the pupils and staff at his school, in your prayers.

Mission Today

The Mission Today 2018 Calendar is available at the back of the Church, free to all. A big thank you to all who have kindly donated through the year. Anyone wishing to donate through the Red Box or by other means, please contact Peter Jones 07594 693054.

Fox and Hounds

The Landlord of the pub next door to St. Teilo's has spoken to Canon as he is very concerned about the impact of churchgoers on his customers who wish to park. While the Landlord wishes to continue to be a good neighbour by allowing, where possible, church members to park in the pub car park, he is concerned about the potential impact on his business. This is especially important for his Sunday Lunch Trade, which often includes disabled people who have not been able to park close enough to the entrance to go into the pub. Please do not park in the Pub Car Park, unless it is an absolutely necessary, at these busy times.

Mass attendance on Sunday 9th /10th December 2017
OLOL 6pm -79, St. Teilo's 9am - 135 , 11am - 141, 6.30pm - 74

Collections for 9th /10th December 2017					
LOLO	6pm	St Teilo's	9am	11am	6.30pm
Gift Aid	£95-00		£236-00	£120-50	£48-30
Cash	£125-25		£176-87	£152-91	£116-83
Collection for Retired Clergy £1202-26					

Holy Communion - Preparation for First Holy Communion at St Teilo's will start in January 2018. Even though we have been announcing this since November, we have had very few forms returned. We need completed forms by the end of December if you wish your child to make his/her First Holy Communion next year. Please complete an application form as soon as possible and return it to Canon Isaac or Angela Jones.

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.

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.

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.

Gift to the Church from Malawi

John and Anne Conroy have recently gifted to St. Teilo's a lovely piece of religious art from Malawi. The carefully carved wooden artefact shows events from the life of Jesus. John and Anne have given the gift in memory of their mother, Mary Conroy, who was a faithful parishioner here. It will be erected in the Church in the near future.

Your prayers are asked please for all the sick and housebound in the parish, and for all our departed whose anniversaries occur this week: Clive Blakemore, Ivor Cummins, Cecilia Danner, Mary Goodridge, Margaret Hegarty, Agnes Harris, John Vivian Pryce-Jones, Samuel Hardy, Sarah Duggan, Daniel Mead, Harry Miles, Sara Bentley, Ellen Reynolds, Dorothy Coles, Witold Klimaszewski, John Mears, Agnes Ruby, David Watson, Margaret Ball, Annie O'Connor, Mary Harrington (Molly), Betty Logan, John Marshall, Kathleen O'Brien, Peter Winer, Anne Schofield, Mary Aherne, Edith Hopkins, Patrick Forde, John White, William Greenhalgh, Eileen Bevan and Hugh Grealis. Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.

Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 16th -17th December 2017

Sat 16th December Third Sunday of Advent	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Beryl and Percy Harris
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 17th December Third Sunday of Advent	St.T.	9am	Living Members of the Searle Family
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	Evans and Fritzsche Families
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6.30pm	Bert Taylor - RIP (MCT)
Mon 18th December	St.T.	10am	Fr. Belt (MJ) Peter Donovan - RIP (Jean)
Tue 19th December	St.T.	10am	Angela Paines - RIP (SVP) John Magee (Paolo)
Wed 20th December	O.L.O.L.	7pm	Fr. Anthony OSB - RIP For the wellbeing of Annemarie Driscoll
Thu 21st December	St.T.	10am	Francis Bartlett and the Norman Family (JB)
Fri 22nd December	St.T.	10am	Mary Lewis
Sat 23rd December	St.T.	10am	Ellen Ryan - RIP
Sat 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Bridget Jones (BG)
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 24th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St.T.	9am	John and Josephine Bending - RIP (RCB) Breege Walsh (Tom)
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	For the People of the Parish
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
There is no 6.30pm Evening Mass			
Sun. 24th December The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ (Vigil)	St.T.	4.30pm	Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg (Mass in Welsh)
	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas (with Carols from 5.30pm) For Deceased Loved Ones
Mon 25th December The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	St.T.	12.00 Midnight	Midnight Mass (with Carols from 11.30pm) For the People of the Parish
	O.L.O.L.	12.00 Midnight	Msza w języku polskim (Mass in Polish)
	St.T.	9am	Mass of Christmas Dawn George and Mary Allen
	St.T.	10.30am	Mass of Christmas Day Pat O'Shea
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim