

# Saint Joseph's Cathedral



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Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## This week at the Cathedral: Year: A (I)

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
17:30 Sat.	Vigil Mass:
23:30 Sun.	Mass:
10:00	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Stephen. Martyr (Feast)</b>
09:15	Mass:
<b>Tues. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. John Apostle. Evangelist (Feast)</b>
	<b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b>
<b>Weds. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Innocents. (Feast)</b>
	<b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b>
<b>Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Thomas Becket, (Feast)</b>
09:15	Mass: May, Chris, and Ethel Lewis (RIP)
<b>Fri. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (Feast)</b>
09:15	Mass: Veronica Sullivan
<b>Sat. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St. Sylvester</b>
	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
<b>Sat. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	
17:30	Vigil Mass: Trevor Davies; Catherine & John Moore (RIP)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</b>
08:00	Mass Jack Hartigan (RIP)
10:00	Mass: People of the Parish

### The Holy Father's General Intention for December:

"Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation"

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother. to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

## Pray for them

### Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals:

Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Jean Davies, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Jeffery Jones, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Nathan Jones, Gary Lewis, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Helena Hughes, Margaret Pitson, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Patrick (Paddy) Colclough, and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Catherine (Kitty) Screen; William Williamson Docherty; Joan Colclough; Josephine Spellward.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all those who have been affected by Covid-19 and especially for those who have lost loved ones to the COVID virus.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Alderman who recently departed this life. May he rest in peace. Amen.



## Sanctuary Lights:

1. Intention of MLP
2. Private Intention



## NOTICE

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Deceased):** John & Helena Hammett; Len Llewellyn; Fredrick & Madeline Bradley; Mary & Ron Williams; Malcolm Smith & David Kavanagh; Norman Richards; John Bradley; Patricia Romano; Karen Mackay.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other):**

**SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS:** Peter Davis; Carol Harris; Malcolm Smith; MLP<sup>x4</sup>; Private Intention; Billy Tennant & Elizabeth Davies.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** Please note that our official website is now up and running at [www.meneviacathedral.org](http://www.meneviacathedral.org)

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Meetings take place on Sundays at 4 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. **This very informative Programme is also open to anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith.** Please pick up a form from the porch, complete it and return it to the parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023:** The next class takes place in the Holy Family Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. **NB:** Classes are fortnightly until February, then weekly. Children must be in school **Year 3 or above** in order to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If your child falls into this category and hasn't yet been Registered for the course, **please complete a Registration Form (available at the back of the church) and return it, together with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate, and return it to the Parish Office.**

**BAPTISM PROGRAMME:** Parents wishing Baptism for their child, please pick up a Registration form from the porch, complete it and return to Sr. Nora, who will contact you with the date/time of the next programme.

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** Our new contactless terminal is in the porch. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

**DONATING ONLINE:** You may also donate online, just click on the link: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-josephs-cathedral>

**DONATING BY MONTHLY BANKER'S ORDER:** you may continue to use this method also. Our bank account details are as follows:

Sort Code: 55-61-20

Account Number: 01678442

Account Name: Diocese of Menevia Cathedral.

**PIETY SHOP:** For your convenience, you may now make contactless payments for Piety Shop items using your Credit/Debit card. Simply select "Other Amount" from the on-screen menu of the contactless terminal, tap "Piety Shop" and input the amount you wish to pay.

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**GIFT AID YOUR DONATION** – whatever method you choose, if you are a taxpayer, please opt into the **GIFT AID** scheme. It increases your donation by 25%, It means, that at no extra cost to yourself, the Church can claim an extra 2p for every £1 received. **GIFT AID (GAD) FORMS are available in the porch.** If anyone needs help filling out the form, please see Mary Clare who may assist. Thank you.

**COVID/FLU . . . A REMINDER TO BE CAUTIOUS!!** There are several winter viruses circulating, including Covid and Influenza. Please be mindful that there are vulnerable parishioners in our community. Out of courtesy, if you are feeling even slightly unwell, please err on the side of caution and stay at home till you are feeling better. Please note that there is hand sanitiser & sanitising wipes available for your safety. Whilst, face masks/coverings are no longer mandatory, they are still strongly advised. Please feel free to ask a Steward for a mask if you have need of one. Thank you.

**HYMNS:** Entrance: **128**; Crib blessing: **137**; Offertory: **127**; Communion: **136**; Recessional: **159**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Grateful thanks and appreciation to all who donated money for flowers. Thanks also to a parishioner who donated the main floral arrangements in memory of their parents and brother who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen. Happy Christmas to you all.

*Canon Benedict.*

### Canon Benedict's Christmas message:

*"Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money.... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives". Pope Benedict XVI*

I wish all the parishioners a grace-filled Christmas. May Christ reign in our hearts, families, communities, and nation.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped prepare the church for Christmas and especially, thanks to our volunteer Stewards and others who clean the Church in preparation for Christmas.

Thanks also for the wonderful gifts to your Priest, and for your Christmas Offerings. God bless.

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERINGS:

Loose Plate: £594.12

Electronic Plate: £ 10.00

Standing Orders: TBA

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** In the event that a Priest is needed to make a sick visit to someone in hospital, please call the following numbers: **Singleton Hospital:** Fr Clement (01792) 655336; **Morrison Hospital & Ty Olwen Hospice:** The Chaplaincy Team may be contacted on 07792 003905