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This week at the Co-Cathedral: Year: A (II)

Sun 30th Nov. 05:30 (Sat.) 08:00 (Sun.) 10:00	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Solemnity) Mass: <i>Katie Hacche (RIP)</i> Mass: <i>Maureen Cahill (RIP)</i> Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 1st Dec. 09:15 - Crypt	Weekday of 1st Week of Advent Mass:
Tues. 2nd	Weekday of 1st Week of Advent NO MASS
Weds. 3rd 09:15 - Crypt	Weekday of 1st Week of Advent Mass: <i>Allen Banks (RIP)</i>
Thurs. 4th	Weekday of 1st Week of Advent NO MASS
Fri. 5th 10:00	Weekday of 1st Week of Advent Funeral Mass: <i>Kathleen Maureen Cahill (RIP)</i>
Sat 6th 17:30	Saturday of 1st Week of Advent NO MORNING MASS Vigil Mass: <i>Zdena & Dennis Thomas (RIP)</i>
Sun 7th 08:00 (Sun.) 10:00	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Solemnity) Mass: Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>

Holy Father's Intention for December: "For Christians in areas of conflict" Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope."

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.

THE 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 I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, My Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Gary Lewis, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Helena Hughes, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Patrick (Paddy) Colclough, Eileen Morgan, Eileen Griffiths, Melanie Kennedy, Rita Lewis, Betty Fry, Danielle Jones; Donald Pitson, Joyce Eynon, Pat Durran, Barbara Watts and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.
ANNIVERSARIES: Norah Campbell, Gerard Sullivan.

Sanctuary Lights

- 1 Private Intention (MH)
- 2 Private Intention (J & FC)



NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION: As we now need to heat the cathedral at weekends it unfortunately means we have no alternative but to reinstate the second collection in order to offset the energy bill. It pains me to have to do this but we have no alternative. Thank you for your understanding. –
Canon Benedict

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE NOW MOVED TO THE CRYPT

As stated previously, the cost of heating the cathedral is prohibitively expensive whereas, the cost of heating the Crypt is a mere fraction. For that reason, all weekday Masses are being celebrated in the Crypt whilst the weekend Masses will continue to be celebrated in the cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED (Deceased): *Allen Banks;*

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other):

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS: *Private Intention*^{x2}

BAPTISM: Parents wishing the sacrament of Baptism for their child, please meet Sr. Nora Mary after Mass on Saturday evening or after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday morning.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025-26 – The next class is on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Hall, opposite the church. **NB: children must be in year 3 or above** in order to begin preparation for the Sacrament. Please ensure you fill in the Registration Form (you can pick one up from the back of the church or St. Joseph's school office) and include a copy of the Baptismal Certificate and return it to either the church office or bring it along to the meeting with you. *María Davies*

LECTIO DIVINA: 7 p.m. every Thursday, in the Library of Clergy House. – *Sr. Nora Mary.*

RCIA - For those interested in becoming Catholic, or those interested in learning more about our Faith: Meetings take place at 4 p.m. in the Library of Clergy House. Please call Sr. Nora Mary on 01792 461837 for more info, or meet her after Mass.

ADVENT SERVICE: Thursday, 11th December 2025 – from 6:00 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. This is an invitation for the parish to prepare for Christmas. Canon Benedict especially requests all those who have a ministry within the Church to attend i.e. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Choir, Hospitality, Florists, Catechists, Children's Liturgy.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN and, of course, parents!

There will be a Nativity as part of the Carol Service on Sunday 21st December which will begin at 6 p.m. If you want to be involved, please be in the cathedral after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday 30th November, when we will arrange what days we will hold rehearsals and decide who will be kings, shepherds, angels, donkeys, Mary and Joseph. It's going to be fun, so don't miss out!!

Christine Nutt

OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

1 ST Collection (Loose Plate)	£709.37
2 ND Collection (Heating)	£303.36

HYMNS

For this week's hymn numbers, please see hymn board.

INTERCESSIONS/BIDDING PRAYERS

The response to . . .

"O come: . . . " is

"let us walk in the light of the Lord."

Parents of young children . . .

I would, once again, respectfully remind parents that noisy children disrupt Mass and make it difficult for others to focus. Please parents, keep your children sitting close to you, and in an area where they can be more easily managed e.g. near the exit. Bring some quiet activities for them to do during Mass eg. colouring books, small (quiet!) toys etc.; and finally, **once your child shows signs of becoming noisy/disruptive, then please take them briefly outside into the porch.**

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Canon Benedict.

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) 892722; For Morriston Hospital & Ty Olwen Hospice: the Chaplaincy Team may be contacted on 07792 003905. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE

I would like to share a brief update on the parish finances.

This month we paid £11,368.75 for the insurance of the Cathedral and its associated properties. This large payment has had a significant impact on our parish finance.

For information only: from the start of this financial year to date we have spent over £21,520.08 on energy costs.

Thank you for your continued generosity, especially for the second collection for heating. Your support is greatly appreciated and remains vital; please continue to give as you are able to help sustain our parish.

Canon Benedict