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

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| <b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. .</b><br>05:30 (Sat.)<br>08:00 (Sun.)<br>10:00 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (Solemnity)<br>Mass: Zdena & Dennis Thomas (RIIP)<br>Mass: Maureen Cahill (RIP)<br>Mass: People of the Parish |
| <b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Crypt</b><br>09:15                                  | <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (Solemnity)<br>Mass: Private Intention   |
| <b>Tues. 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>09:15                                      | <b>Weekday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b><br>Mass: John Bradley (RIP)  |
| <b>Weds. 10<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>St. John Roberts, Martyr</b> (Opt. Memorial)<br><b>NO MASS</b>  |
| <b>Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>18:00                                    | <b>Weekday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b><br><b>NO MASS</b><br>Advent Service.   |
| <b>Fri. 12<sup>th</sup></b><br>09:15                                      | <b>Weekday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b><br>Mass: Eileen Buls (RIP)   |
| <b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup></b><br>17:30                                       | <b>St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</b> (Memorial)<br><b>NO MORNING MASS</b><br>Vigil Mass: Bob Lawrence (RIP)   |
| <b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b><br>08:00 (Sun.)<br>10:00                       | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (Solemnity)<br>Mass: Maureen Cahill (RIP)<br>Mass: People of the Parish                                       |

**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:** Carole Hyde, Colin James Jenkins, Peter John (Jack) Rees, Patricia Burton, Ioan Valentine Evans.



### **Sanctuary Lights**

- 1 Kathleen Davies
- 2 Myrtle Thomas

## 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 ARE NOW BEING CELEBRATED IN 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):** John Bradley; Jack & Katie Hartigan; Maureen Cahill <sup>x2</sup>; Eileen Buls.

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS:** Kathleen Davies, Myrtle Thomas

**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 16th December at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Hall, opposite the church. This will be the last meeting before the Christmas break. *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.

Canon Benedict & Sr Nora Mary extend an invitation to the parish to prepare for Christmas. This is especially applicable to all those who have a ministry within the Church, that is Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Choir, Hospitality, Florists, Catechists, Children's Liturgy etc.

*Sr. Nora Mary*

### **PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

*Time: 6 p.m. on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December.*

Please mark it on your calendars.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

### **OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

1<sup>ST</sup> Collection (Loose Plate) £686.45

2<sup>ND</sup> Collection (Heating) £318.96

### **HYMNS**

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

### **INTERCESSIONS/BIDDING PRAYERS**

*The response to . . .*

*"Come to us, Lord: . . . " is*

*"we know our need of you."*

### **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.*

### **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*

### **ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN and, of course, parents!**

There will be a Nativity as part of the Carol Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The Carol Service will begin at 6 p.m. We would like as many young people as possible to take part. If you want to be involved, please be in the cathedral after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 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*