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7th DECEMBER 2025

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

Sun 7th Dec.2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Solemnity)05:30 (Sat.)Mass: Zdena & Dennis Thomas (RIIP)

08:00 (Sun.) Mass: Maureen Cahill (RIP) 10:00 Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 8th Crypt The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

09:15 Mass: Private Intention

Tues. 9th Weekday of 2nd Week of Advent

09:15 Mass: John Bradley (RIP)

Weds. 10th St. John Roberts, Martyr (Opt. Memorial)

NO MASS

Thurs. 11th Weekday of 2nd eek of Advent

NO MASS

18:00 Advent Service.

Fri. 12th Weekday of 2nd Week of Advent

09:15 Mass: Eileen Buls (RIP)

Sat 13th St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

NO MORNING MASS

17:30 Vigil Mass: Bob Lawrence (RIP)

Sun 14th **3**rd **SUNDAY OF ADVENT** (Solemnity)

08:00 (Sun.) Mass: Maureen Cahill (RIP) 10:00 Mass: People of the Parish

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.

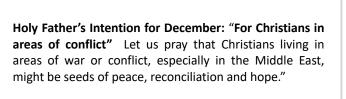
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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
- 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 *2; 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 <u>01792 461837</u> 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, 21st December.

Please mark it on your calendars.

Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

1ST Collection (Loose Plate) £686.45 2ND 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 21st 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 7th 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