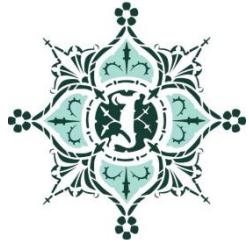


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**14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

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

<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec .</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) (Solemnity)</b>
05:30 (Sat.)	Mass: Bob Lawrence (RIP)
08:00 (Sun.)	Mass: Maureen Cahill (RIP)
10:00	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Crypt</b>	<b>Monday of Week 3 of Advent</b>
09:15	Mass: Peter (Jack) Rees (RIP)
<b>Tues. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday of Week 3 of Advent</b>
09:15	Mass: Jack & Kate Hartigan (RIP)
<b>Weds. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>
09:15	Mass: Helena & John Hammett (RIP)
<b>Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Fri. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>
09:15	Mass: Angela Barry (RIP)
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
17:30	Vigil Mass: Moira & Richard Heady (Anniv.)
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Solemnity)</b>
08:00 (Sun.)	Mass: People of the Parish
10:00	Mass: Eddie & Mary Nagle (RIP) (Anniv.)
18:00	<b>PARISH CAROL SERVICE</b>

**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:** Patricia Cecilia Burton, Joan Valentine Evans, Clifford Robinson.



## **Sanctuary Lights**

- 1 Special Intention (T & MES)
- 2 Private Intention

## 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 Peter (Jack) Rees; Helena & John Hammett; Angela Barry; Maureen Cahill<sup>x6</sup>; Joan Valentine Evans.*

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other):** Special Intention (Pat Banks);

**SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS:**

**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. *Maria 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.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

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

Please mark it on your calendars.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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

1 <sup>ST</sup> Collection (Loose Plate)	£565.55
2 <sup>ND</sup> Collection (Heating)	£248.60

**HYMNS**

Entrance:	84	Offertory:	378 & 604
Communion:	877	Recessional:	864

**INTERCESSIONS/BIDDING PRAYERS**

*The response to ...*

*“Faithful God: ... “ is  
“you are the rock we stand on.”*

**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.*

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Weds. 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	17:30 Vigil Mass
		21:30 Carol Service
		22:00 Solemn Mass
Thurs. 25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	10:00 Mass of Christmas Day
Fri. 26	<b>ST. STEPHEN (Feast)</b>	10:00 Holy Mass
Sat. 27	<b>ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST (Feast)</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
Sat. 27		17:30 Vigil Mass of THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (Solemnity)
Sun. 28		08:00 Holy Mass
		<b>CLOSING OF THE ‘PILGRIM YEAR OF HOPE’ at the 10:00 Solemn Mass -</b>

*Chief Celebrant at the 10:00 Mass will be His Grace, Rev. George Stack, Emeritus Archbishop of Cardiff Menevia who will close the Jubilee Year - ‘PILGRIM YEAR OF HOPE’.*