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28th DECEMBER 2025

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

- Sun 28th Dec. .** **THE HOLY FAMILY** (Solemnity)
05:30 (Sat.) **Mass:** Vigil Mass: Bernard & Margaret Pitson (RIP)
08:00 (Sun.) **Mass:** Uchechukwu Onwubiko (B'day)
10:00 **Solemn Mass:** Thanksgiving – 40th Wedding Anniversary – Alan & Rowena Cura
Chief Celebrant: His Grace Rev. George Stack, Emeritus Archbishop of Cardiff Menevia will close the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" during this Mass.
- Mon 29th**
09:15 **St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop, Martyr** (Mem)
11:00 **Mass:** Maureen Cahill (RIP)
Funeral Service: Eileen Mary Coleman (RIP)
- Tues. 30th** **6th Day within the Octave of Christmas**
NO MORNING MASS
- Weds. 31st** **St. Sylvester I, Pope** (Mem)
09:15 **Mass:** Special Intention (Pat Banks)
- Thurs. 1st Jan.** **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** (Solemnity)
10:00 a.m. **Mass:** Private Intention
- Fri. 2nd** **Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors** (Memorial)
09:15 **Mass:** D'd members of Conway Family
- Sat 3rd** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus** (Opt.Mem)
NO MORNING MASS
17:30 **Vigil Mass:** Julian Phillips (RIP)
- Sun 4th** **2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
08:00 (Sun.) **Mass:** Len Llewellyn (RIP)
10:00 **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, Pat Durran, Barbara Watts and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

ANNIVERSARIES: Audrey Garrett, Josephine Spellward, Lionel Edgar Edwards.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Eynon who recently departed this life. May she rest in eternal peace. Amen. Funeral arrangements to follow.



Sanctuary Lights

NOTICES

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIM YEAR OF HOPE: His Grace, Rev. George Stack, Emeritus Archbishop of Cardiff Menevia will be Chief Celebrant at Sunday's 10:00 Mass. During this Mass he formally close the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope"

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED (Deceased): Julian Phillips

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other):

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 – Classes will resume when the children return to school in the new year. (Date to be announced). *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.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS

Please would all parents of Altar Servers under the age of 18, please remain behind after the 10:00 Mass next **Sunday, 4th January** for a short meeting to inform and discuss the proposed Training Programme to be implemented in the new year. Thank you.

Canon Benedict

HYMNS

For the hymn numbers for this weekend: please refer to the hymn board.

For the 10:00 a.m. Mass, parishioners will need the supplementary hymn sheet in addition to a hymn book.

INTERCESSIONS/BIDDING PRAYERS

The responses to each of this weekend's Bidding Prayers for the closure of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' will vary and will be directed by the MC.

OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

1 ST Collection (Loose Plate)	£673.15
2 ND Collection (Heating)	£323.60

FROM CANON BENEDICT . . .

My dear brothers and sisters,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we first give thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He has poured upon us throughout 2025. And with grateful hearts, we ask Him to look kindly upon us in 2026, granting us His abundant mercy, protection, and peace.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your steadfast faith, your generosity of spirit, and the way you continue to make this parish a true home — a real family of God's people where faith is lived, and love is shared without reservation. You are the heart of this community, and I am deeply grateful.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks for the Christmas gifts and the many other thoughtful gestures I have received from you. These are touching testimonies of your affection for your priest, and I appreciate them more than I can say. May the Lord reward your kindness, as Scripture assures us: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

As we enter the new year, I encourage you to keep the faith, to walk with confidence, and to trust completely in the promise of God, who says to us:

"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)
May these words strengthen you in every joy and every challenge that 2026 may bring.

I entrust you and your families to the paternal care of our patron, St Joseph, and to the tender maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May they accompany you always.

A blessed and grace filled New Year to you all.

Canon Benedict