



ST PETER'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Served by the Rosminians

14th DECEMBER 2025

3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) (YEAR A)



How marvellous are the consolations of our divine religion! How rich it is in noble thoughts, ardent affections and supernatural means of strengthening our feeble hearts, of transforming us wretched men almost into Angels, who know not what it is to suffer! The more deeply I study the subject the more fully I am convinced of this.

"Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'" (Matthew 11:3-6)



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is also called 'Gaudete Sunday'. 'Gaudete' means 'Rejoice' in Latin. We rejoice because during the Advent season, as our hearts are in the middle of this longing, waiting and penitential period; Our Saviour who we are expecting is fast approaching. As today's Reading said: "The coming of the Lord is at hand". Therefore, the third candle we light up this weekend, as well as the Priest's and Deacon's vestments change from purple to rose colour, to reflect the rejoicing spirit in our hearts.

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bambinelli Sunday



On this day in Rome, many people bring in their Baby Jesus figures (Bambinelli) to St Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. In our Parish, you are all invited to bring your Baby Jesus figures from home or from your Nativity Crib to the Church this weekend to be blessed by the Priest during Mass, and take this Christmas Blessing back to your home and family.

LIVE Stream Mass
5.30pm Saturday
9.30am and 11.30am
Sundays

On our website
www.stpeterscardiff.org.uk
And on MyParishApp

10.00am Weekday Mass
follows with Adoration.
Confession after Masses
on Weekday
& before Vigil Mass.

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Mass and Liturgies

Sunday 14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	9.30am	Spiro Abela & Elena Abela For Young Families
		11.30am	All Parishioners For Vocations
Monday 15th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Fr Tony Walsh RIP Kayden, Rachael, Niveah Loyns
Tuesday 16th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Andrea Skervan Bart O'Brien RIP
Wednesday 17th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Eugene Hull Glen & Isilyn Watin (Wedding Anniv)
Thursday 18th December	St Flannan	10.00am	Rose Pengelly RIP Aldo Belli RIP
Friday 19th December	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	All Parishioners Lidia Savini RIP
Saturday 20th December	4th Sunday of Advent	5.30pm	Sheila Mullett RIP GE Raju, Antonyanima, Bindhu
Sunday 21st December	4th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Nabhan Zaghtiti For School Children & Teachers
		11.30am	Rose Pengelly RIP Cyril Ibe Oluka RIP



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday
after 10am Mass until 11.30am.

Every Friday there is
Rosary for Life 11 -11.30am.

St Peter's Youth Meeting

Every Friday @ 7pm

St Peter's Presbytery

Welcome all young people aged 18-35

SVP is asking for the following donations of food to help the poor: cooking oil; beans; tinned tuna; rice; pasta; pasta sauce; coffee; tea; long-life milk; drinking chocolate; Weetabix®; biscuits; tinned soup; tinned tomatoes; rice pudding & sugar.

Clothing Collection

Many thanks for the generous donations of men's clothing which have been tried to help the homeless and others in need.

Thank you from the SVP

Last weekend's Christmas collection realised £654.69 — a great help towards the Society's work helping the needy at Christmas.

St Peter's Bereavement Support Group

Meeting is this Sunday 14th December
2:30pm - 4pm @ St David's Chapel
For more info please call/text 07566 735 162
Email: stpeterslisteners@gmail.com

Advent Service

St Peter's Church

Tuesday 16th December

6pm - 7pm

Led by St Peter's Primary School Year 5/6

Children Christmas Carol in Spanish

St Peter's Church
17th - 24th December
5.30pm - 6pm

We are grateful for your support.
To donate to your parish.

You may like to use the CASHLESS machine in the porch.

Or use Paypal.com

Or by Bank Transfer, Cheque or Standing Order

Account: Archdiocese of Cardiff,
St Peter's Cardiff
Sort Code: 20-18-23
Account number: 03743969
Please take a leaflet from the table.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS**

THE SICK: Christian Babu, Dominika Backmiewa, Danielle Camilleri, Pat Carpanini, Susan Cason, Johnny Christo, John Criddle, Todd Davies, Charles Diffey, Sharon Diffey, Francesco, Emma Green, Jacob Green, Lillian Hartwell, June Higgs, Barbara Hughes-Moore, Rita Hurley, Dorothea Kagiza, Cathy Langdon, John Lewis, Maria Maddy, Richard Middleton, Dave Thomas, Mary Thomas, Joy Varghese, Eapen Verges, Christopher Warren, Paul Warren, Colin Wilson, Edwin Yhap, Susan Yhap.

ANNIVERSARIES

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Aldo Belli, Carl Eley, Bartholomew O'Brien, Rosemarie (Rose) Pengelly.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

EVERY SUNDAY

At the 9.30am Mass

All children are welcome to
join us in St David's Chapel

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion in 2026 and they attend a **NON-CATHOLIC** school in year 3 or above - please complete the form at the back of Church and give to one of the Priests.

St Peter's Christmas Masses

Wednesday 24 December

6pm & 8pm

Thursday 25 December

9.30am & 11.30am

Readers for Christmas Mass

If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up list at the back of Church.

Christmas Raffle for our Altar Servers

Raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend only for a chance to win a lovely gift hamper! Collections will go towards our Altar Servers' Christmas celebrations, to recognise their dedication and faithful service to our Church throughout the year. Thank you for your kind support.

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you wish to donate a poinsettia for decorating the Church during Christmas in memory of a loved one or you have a special prayer intention. Please bring poinsettias from **18th December until 21st December.** Either leave them at the back of Church (under the table) or at the Presbytery.

Community Mass & Christmas Party for senior citizens

St David's Catholic Sixth Form College
18th December @ 12pm - 2.30pm

To RSVP, please contact Claire Kelly on
02920 431857 or email
ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk

ADVENT RETREAT

St Joseph's Church, Cardiff

Saturday 20 December

9.15 am - 12 noon

Mass - Talk - Refreshments -
Adoration & Confession - Benediction

Who is Mary? In Islam and Christianity - An Interfaith Evening Talk

Thursday 18th December

7:30pm - 9pm

Dar Ul Isra Mosque, Cardiff CF24 4BG

Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/g15wcaDYpXkP7GjHA>



God's Love for You

What St Joseph might be thinking
by the Crib...

I was initially bewildered when I heard that Mary was pregnant with 'The Lord' from Elizabeth's mouth. I love her so, and I just want to serve her as my lady, not treating her as my wife. But then I got this shocking news! I didn't understand. She is God's Possession. Who am I? I dared not to get close to her... and with a broken-heart I wanted to run away. But God, You has a Plan for me, Your Angel's Message calm my fear and showed me my Vocation. I am delighted to do Your Will, yet I felt I have failed on the first mission You gave me - I can't even prepare for You a proper place for Your Holy and Glorious Birth. But Your Wish is beyond human thinking. Not only You wished to take our fragile form of human flesh instead of the angel's. You also desired to be born in a cave instead of a palace, accompanied by beasts instead of servants, wrapped in swaddling cloth instead of silk and gold... I marvelled that You can be with such humility, such sacrifice to Your Divinity! Ah, The Word Incarnate came with His Words and His Action, to open our eyes and mind, and made us understand and realise what Love really is, how much He Loves us, how precious we are to Him. Indeed, Your Love to us can even made the Angels jealous! Although You are my God, and I fear You, like Moses hid his face in front of the Burning Bush, I also prostrated in front of Your brilliant Light in the Nativity Cave when You first born; yet as Mary invited me to come closer and the moment she placed Your little Body in my arms I just want to love You, joyful tears ran down my face. I adore You. You opened Your eyes and looked into mine, You took my soul and breath away. Oh, my Divine Child, You are the fountain of all happiness, just looking at You, just being with You, Your Real Presence made my whole being went into ecstasy, like all the unspeakable joy of the whole Heaven have come down on me. You chose me to be Your father on earth out of all men, how privilege I am! How unworthy I am! But I humbly wish to be Yours forever. From this day onwards, I will use all my strength to protect You, even if it might costs my life; I will use my very last breath to prevent any harm come to You. I love You, my dear Baby Jesus, my God and my All!

'Wave of Hope'

25 short multimedia reflections for the season of Advent - one a day - as our contributors share a moment in the year that has led them to a place of hope. You can listen and subscribe to it as an audio podcast series.

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cbcew.org.uk/feed/podcast/wave-of-hope/



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is now available
from the Church Shop for £1.50



For over 55s
Community Hall,
Bedford Street
Wednesdays
1.30pm - 4pm

Do Stay for Tea & Coffee

After 9:30am &
11:30am Mass

Sunday
@
St David's
Chapel

