



Parish Newsletter

Weekend 29th – 30th November The First Sunday of Advent

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the First Sunday of Advent are on page 82 of the Parish Mass Book.

The Season of Advent

Today we begin the season of Advent, the start of the new Liturgical Year. The Church wishes not only to indicate the beginning of a period but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all of us who follow Christ, the Lord. We are encouraged to use this time as a prayerful preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. This season is an opportunity to make Christmas 2025 a worthy celebration of the Lord's birth, as we welcome Him anew into our hearts.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of our Advent Wreath. We will pray as we light the candle:

As we light our first Advent Candle, the priest prays:

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The priest then says: *May we be filled with the light of Christ.*

We all respond: **We welcome the light of Christ.**

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

This weekend there will be the annual retiring collection for the Archdiocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. The fund makes a vital contribution to the cost of providing our priests with a secure and dignified retirement. Donating is one way in which we can simply say 'thank you' for their years of service. You can also donate to the fund using a debit or credit card at the Electronic Donation Station at the back of St. Teilo's or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teilo-our-lady-of-lourdes>

Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg

Heddiw bydd y gymuned Gymraeg yn dathlu Offeren yn Gymraeg am 4.30pm. Today, we welcome the Welsh language community who will be celebrating Mass in Welsh at 4.30pm. Croeso!

Walk With Me: Advent and Christmas

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas is now available at the back of the Church, ready for the start of Advent. Archbishop Mark O'Toole has written a foreword to the booklet and recommends it as an aid to prayer. Why not sit quietly with Walk with Me for a few minutes each day? Walk with Me costs £1 per copy. The money can be put in the Piety Stall box at the back of the Church or by selecting Piety Stall on the electronic donation machine.

The Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be available at the back of our Churches after all Masses over the next three weekends. The cost will be £1 per strip and the draw will take place on Sunday, December 21st in the Hall after the 10am Mass. Money raised will be for Mary's Meals. There are lots of wonderful prizes. Many thanks to everybody who donated gifts.

THE LIGHT IS ON – Deanery Confessions

During this first week of Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confessions – have been arranged at a number of deanery churches. These additional sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 2nd December – St. Patrick's, Grangetown – 10.30am to 11.30am
- Wednesday 3rd December – The Oratory, St. Alban's Splott – 7am to 7pm
- Saturday 6th December – St. Paul's, Cyncoed – 10am to 11am
- Saturday 6th December – St. Francis, Ely – 4pm to 5pm

Walk and Talk

The heavy bouts of rain we have experienced recently have left some areas of the paths at Llanishen and Lisvane reservoir very muddy and waterlogged. The Walk and Talk Group have therefore decided to switch the venue to a walk around Roath Park. Meet at the Lighthouse at 12.45pm on Monday 1st December

Tuesday Evening Adoration

Each Tuesday evening, the parish has an hour of silent Adoration at St. Teilo's from 7pm to 8pm. The primary intention for the period of Adoration is vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme continues. The sessions run in the Parish Hall at St. Teilo's on Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

Parish Advent Sessions

As in previous Advents we are running Advent Discussion Sessions during the season to help prepare us for Christmas. The session begins on Wednesday evening at 7pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. This year we will be following the Advent Reflections of Sr. Gemma Simmonds CJ.

Knit and Natter

The Parish Knit and Natter group will meet in St. Teilo's Hall on Thursday after Mass. All are welcome to come along and join in the knitting or the nattering or both!

Adoration and Exposition – Our Lady of Lourdes

The Polish Community holds silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm. All are welcome to come along and pray in silence, in the presence of the Lord Jesus. Adoration is preceded by Mass in Polish at 7pm.

Adoration and Exposition – St. Teilo's

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 11.30am at St. Teilo's this Friday. Why not come along to spend time in silent prayer and Adoration before the Lord?

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, December 6th, is the first Saturday of December. We will therefore celebrate the First Saturday devotions after the 10am Mass. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the devotions and confessions will be available.

St. Teilo's Friends of Divine Mercy Prayer Group – Saturday, December 6th

St. Teilo's Friends of Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets on Saturday, December 6th at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to pray for the parish and the intentions of the parishioners.

Pre-Christmas Refreshments after Mass



Pre-Christmas refreshments will be served in the Hall after the 10am Mass next Sunday, December 7th. Mince pies and stollen will be provided. There will also be a modest table-top sale of Christmas items, handmade cards, knitted tree decorations, hats, gloves, wrapping paper and novelty decorations. All parishioners are welcome. Why not come along and meet your fellow parishioners?

Local Vocals Pre-Christmas Concert

Back by popular demand the Local Vocals community choir led by Mary Chichester who is a member of St. Teilo's parish is again performing its Christmas Concert at St. Teilo's Church Whitchurch on Tuesday, December 9th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5. The Charity for the evening is the Reaching Out Project. Please Contact Mary 07795371762 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Eyes Down – Bingo Night plus Buffet !

Our pre-Christmas Parish Bingo will be held on Friday, December 12th at 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start. A modest cold buffet will be available at half time. The cost will be £7 for bingo and £3 for the buffet. Light refreshments are available but if you would like something stronger, please bring your own refreshment of choice. A bottle opener and glasses will be supplied.

Reaching Out Project Christmas Food Appeal

Together we can help make this Christmas special for the families we support by donating food items that will go towards the specially prepared hampers that each family will receive. We are asking for donations of Christmas puddings, biscuits/cakes, chocolates/sweets, tinned ham/salmon, tea/coffee, jam/marmalade, chutney/pickled onions etc. Please place your donation in the boxes at the back of each Church **no later than Sunday, December 14th**. Please do not donate any perishable items.

Piety Stall – Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars

The Parish Piety Stall at St. Teilo's has a wide range of Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars available for purchase.

First Holy Communion 2026

Preparation for First Holy Communion will start on Sunday, January 18th, 2026 at St. Teilo's, with children receiving the Sacrament on Sunday, May 10th. If you live in the Parish and your child is in Year 3 or above, they are eligible to take part in the programme in 2026. To enrol your child on the programme please e-mail whitchurch@rcadc.org to request an enrolment form or you can pick one up at the back of the Church. Please return the completed form as soon as possible. There is an expectation that if your child is enrolled on the Programme that they will make their First Holy Communion at St Teilo's.

Praying for the Sick of the Parish

Please remember those who are sick in your daily prayers: Eileen Allen, Haydn Ashcroft, Margaret Bowdery, Margaret Brown, Brian Bryant, Keith Burleton, John Costley, David Cuddihy, Paul Curtis, Maureen Dineen, Philip Daly, Sean Daughton, Barbara Day, Rafael Diaz, Violet Fonseca, Maureen Fry, Mary Goodman, Paul Gough, David Griffiths, Martin Griffiths, Rita Harris, Linda Horrocks, Hannah John, Lola Jones, Mary Joseph, Eileen Lawrence, Christina Lucas, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Bernie Monaghan, Robert Morgan, Gwyneth Page, Derek Phillips, Bethan Thompson, Hilary Tracey, Keith and Gwen Waddams, Madeleine Walters and Eileen Yaxley. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Rest in Peace



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Canlan, Denis Desmond, Jacqueline Szabados, John Evans, Michael Clifford and Anna Bacco who have all died recently. Mrs. Canlan's funeral will take place at St. Teilo's at 11.30am on Wednesday, December 3rd. Mr. Desmond's funeral will take place at Thornhill at 11am on Thursday, December 4th. Mrs. Szabados' funeral will take place at Thornhill on Monday, December 8th at 3pm. John Evans' Funeral Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Tuesday,

December 9th at 11:00am followed by burial at Thornhill Cemetery at 12:30pm. Mr. Clifford's funeral will take place at Thornhill on Tuesday, December 9th at 2.30pm. Ms. Bacco's funeral will take place at Thornhill on Thursday, December 11th at 2pm.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Dewi Davies, Elizabeth Nembach, Alice Kennedy, James Driscoll, Jozica Masic, Pauline Swambo, Peter Sullivan, Julian Bale, John McLeod, Royston Chapple, Mary Millar, Charles Gwinnutt, Bernard Davies, Alfred Forde, James Kelly, Barbara Aherne, Laurence Birmingham, Gerard O'Sullivan, Eric Darlington, Margaret Lloyd, Ronald Ceaton, Joan Battisto, William Coughlin, Joe Davies, Mary Cotter, Lloyd Edwards, Arthur Herbert and Bernard Flynn.

Mass Times and Intentions: 29th November – 7th December 2025			
Saturday 29 th November First Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – Paolo Trisolini – RIP and for all on the November Dead List
Sunday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Mairead Sutherland – RIP (FS-P) and for all on the November Dead List
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg – Mass in Welsh
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – For all on the November Dead List
Monday 1 st December Weekday of Advent	No Mass Today		
Tuesday 2 nd December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Simon McCann – RIP (CG)
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Adoration for Vocations
Wednesday 3 rd December St. Francis Xavier, Priest	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Carolina Wilshin – RIP (AW)
	St. Teilo's	11.30am	Funeral Service – Margaret Canlan
Thursday 4 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Janet and David Quinn – RIP (C&MR)
	Thornhill Crematorium	11.00am	Funeral Service – Denis Charles Desmond
Friday 5 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – John K – RIP (PP)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -11.30am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 6 th December St. Nicholas, Bishop	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Reg Williams – RIP
Saturday 6 th December Second Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Val Glavin – RIP (JG)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Holy Souls (AM)

Confessions – Canon John will be available for Confessions in the confessional at St. Teilo's from 10.30am to 11.00am after the Saturday morning Mass. Canon will also hear confessions in the confessional at Our Lady of Lourdes before Mass on Saturday evening – 5.30pm to 5.55pm.

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish for last weekend amounted to £686.12. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish.

Safeguarding

If anyone has concerns over the welfare of any children or vulnerable adults within our community, please contact Jill Gildersleve, in confidence, on 07813 322179 or gildersleve@ntlworld.com.

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

Sunday 16 th November	6pm	49
	10am	136
	6pm	72