



Parish Newsletter

Weekend 13th – 14th December The Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent are on page 88 of the Parish Mass Book.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. This name comes from the antiphon we use at Mass today. The antiphon, in Latin "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete" or in English "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice" has been used on this day since the ninth century. So today reminds us both of the joy of expectation of the coming of our Saviour at Christmas and of the traditions of our ancient faith which we continue to celebrate in our Mass today. In the spirit of the joy of expectation, the Church marks today with rose-coloured vestments and we light the rose-coloured candle in our Advent Wreath.

Advent Wreath

Today we light the third candle of our Advent Wreath.

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

Lord God, may we, Your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate the feast with love and thanksgiving.

Canon then says: *May we be filled with the light of Christ*
We all respond: **We welcome the light of Christ**

Collection for Christmas Flowers

There will be a retiring collection for the Christmas flowers at all Masses in both Churches this weekend.

If you have not brought cash for the collection, you are able to make a donation using your credit/debit card at the Electronic Donation Station at St. Teilo's or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teilo-our-lady-of-lourdes>

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.

Please place your donation in the boxes at the back of each Church **this weekend**. Please do not donate any perishable items.

The Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets are available at the back of our Churches after all Masses this weekend. 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.

Clothes donations for the SVP – This Weekend

The Parish St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) Conference undertakes a monthly collection of clothing for the SVP Charity Shop. Clean, good quality clothing, books and toys are very welcome. Donations may be left outside the confessionals at the rear of St. Teilo's this weekend. The clothes will be removed early on Monday morning, so please ensure that donations are brought to the Church by the end of the evening Mass this weekend or kept at home until the Second Sunday of January when we will have another collection. *Thank you from the parish SVP.*

Parishioner Christmas Card Box

A decorated post box will be at the back of both Churches from this weekend. If you would like to give a card to a friend who attends any of our Masses pop it in the box and cards can be collected on Sunday the 21st after Mass. Please, if possible, add surname and what Mass the individual(s) attend.

Children's Letters to Santa Post Box

A decorated box will also be at the back of churches for children to post their letters to Santa. Parents, can you make sure full names are in the letters in the event Santa has time to respond

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 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 Session

The third Advent Discussion Session takes place on Wednesday evening at 7pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. This week we will focus on the meaning of the Nativity Scene as we progress towards Christmas.

St. David's Catholic College - Community Mass & Christmas Party: Thursday, December 18th from 12pm until 2.30pm

The staff and students of St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College cordially invite Senior Citizens of the Parish to the ANNUAL COMMUNITY MASS at our Chapel of St. John Paul II. Seasonal refreshments and festive entertainment will follow the Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact Claire Kelly on ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk or 029 2043 1857.

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?

Ministries at Christmas Masses

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the Christmas Masses at St. Teilo's. If you are able to volunteer, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church for the Mass(es) you will be attending.

Poinsettias for the crib

As in previous years, we are inviting donations of Poinsettias to be placed before the Crib at Christmas. If you would like to donate your Poinsettia on behalf of a loved one, please add his/her name to the list at the back of each Church and bring your Poinsettia along with you next weekend.

Missio Red Boxes.

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been donating to Missio-Mill Hill Missionaries, either through the Red Box, or directly by bank transfer or cheque. Our Promoters have been out and about this month collecting boxes before the year ends. If your red box has not yet been picked up, and you wish it to be emptied, please phone Peter Jones on 07594693054. Thank you.

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.

The Great Awakening - Catholic healing and evangelisation service – January 24th

The Great Awakening celebration takes place on Saturday, January 24th at Bethal Convention Centre, West Bromwich. Fr. Xavier Vattayil, a priest who is well known worldwide for the charism of healing with thousands of testimonies of healing, physical incl cancer, mental, emotional and spiritual. Other speakers will include Abbot Hugh Allan, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and Bishop Timothy Menezes, the auxillary bishop of Birmingham. There will be dynamic music, House of the Open Door youth activities, Holy Mass, Adoration, prayer ministry, children and teenage streams. A Bus is being arranged for any one from Cardiff or the environs who wish to attend. Further details are available from Madeleine Jeremy - 07791503857.

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, M'oive Kite, Eileen Lawrence, Christina Lucas, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Bernie Monaghan, Robert Morgan, Gwyneth Page, Derek Phillips, Fr. John 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Garland, Kathleen Pattenden, Charles Beck, Gerard Massey, Kathleen Cuddihy, Daniel Bryan, Ambrose Slamin, Margaret Peirpoint, Richard Kennedy, Terence McCarthy, Enid Roberts, Mavis Callan, Michael Thomas, Stephen Deacy, Mary Sullivan, Helen Campbell, Sylvester Summers, Patrick O'Sullivan, Emma Lawrence, Patricia Widdett, Trevor Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Clive Blakemore, Ivor Cummins, Cecilia

Danner, Mary Goodridge, Regimo Fantini, Teresa Evans, Mary Jones, Margaret Hegarty, Agnes Harris, John Pryce-Jones, Samuel Hardy and Sarah Duggan.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday, December 24 th	St. Teilo's	4pm – Christmas Mass in Welsh - Offeren Nadolig yn Gymraeg
	St. Teilo's	6pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas (Family Mass) preceded by Carols from 5.30pm
	St. Teilo's	9pm – Mass of Christmas Night preceded by Carols
Thursday, December 25 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	8:30am – Mass of Christmas Dawn
	St. Teilo's	10am – Mass of Christmas Day
NB – There will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day		

Mass Times and Intentions: 13 th to 21 st December 2025			
Saturday 13 th December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – Beryl & Percy Harris – RIP
Sunday 14 th December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Mary Gallagher – Anniversary (JG)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Helena and Gerard Massey (MS)
Monday 15 th December Weekday of Advent	No Mass Today		
Tuesday 16 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Raffaela Bacco – RIP (GM)
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Adoration for Vocations
Wednesday 17 th Dec Weekday of Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – David Burns – RIP (MB)
Thursday 18 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Elizabeth Molloy – RIP (DE)
Friday 19 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Braz D'sa – RIP (CD)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -11.30am	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 20 th December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Josefa Suarez – RIP (JRS)
Saturday 20 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Maureen Barry – RIP (TB)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Stella Lawson (SD)

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. Mgr. Reardon 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 £670.23. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish and the Archdiocese.

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 7 th December	6pm	49
	10am	148
	6pm	82