



## Parish Newsletter

### Weekends 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent and Holy Family Sunday

#### Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are on page 90 of the Parish Mass Book.

#### Advent Wreath

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

As we light our fourth Advent Candle, Canon prays:

*All-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming.*

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

#### Newsletter for two weeks

Please note that this edition of the Newsletter covers two weeks. Please keep it at home for reference during the Christmas and New Year period.

#### Parish Office

Please Note – The Parish Office will be closed from this weekend until Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christmas Offerings

The collection at all Christmas Masses are the Christmas Offerings for the Parish Priest. Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. At St. Teilo's 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>

#### Christmas Masses

The Mass readings and prayers for the **Christmas Vigil Mass** are on page 95 of the Parish Mass Book; for the **Night Mass of Christmas** on page 98; for the **Mass of Christmas Dawn** on page 101; and for the **Mass of Christmas Day** on page 103.

#### Offeren Nadolig yn Gymraeg – Christmas Mass in Welsh

Sylwch y bydd Offeren y Nadolig yn Gymraeg am 4.00pm ar Noswyl Nadolig.

Please note that the Christmas Mass in Welsh will be at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

#### Family Christmas Mass

The 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated as a Family Christmas Mass. Carols will be sung from 5:30pm onwards. You are encouraged to come along with your whole family and begin Christmas Day with a fitting celebration of the Lord's birth for all, young and old.

#### Crib Offerings

Archbishop Mark has decided that the Crib Offerings this year will be split evenly between supporting Aid to the Church in Need and Caritas Cardiff-Menevia.

## **Christmas Octave**

The joy that fills the Church at the birth of Jesus is celebrated throughout the Christmas season. The Church, as a continuation of the Christmas Feast, celebrates the Octave of Christmas, that is, the eight days between Christmas and New Year's Day as a special celebration, with each day celebrated with prayer based on the Angels' message to the Shepherds, the Gloria.

Unlike our society, which seems to see December 25<sup>th</sup> as the end of the Christmas season, for us, December 25<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Christmastime. These days between Christmas and New Year see many people taking leave, which is a great opportunity to spend more time with the Lord and come to a Christmas Octave Mass. During this week, we will celebrate the feasts of St. Stephen on the 26<sup>th</sup>, St. John the Apostle on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph next Sunday. This all culminates in the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Year's Day.

## **Post-Mass Coffee and Tea, Our Lady of Lourdes**

There will be no coffee and tea after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Christmas Eve or New Year Eve. We will resume on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adoration and Exposition**

There will be no Adoration and Exposition at St. Teilo's on the next two Tuesday or Fridays. We will resume Adoration on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Confessions**

Canon John will be available for Confessions on both Saturdays. These will take place in the confessional at St. Teilo's after Mass at St. Teilo's from 10.30 to 11am and at Our Lady of Lourdes before Mass on Saturday evenings – 5.30pm to 5.55pm.

## **Congratulations**

The Parish congratulates David and Natalie Marsh (nee Walker) on the baptism of their son Hunter which will take place on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in Natalie's home parish of Stalybridge.

## **Donations to the Parish**

Donations to the parish for last weekend amounted to £642.71. The collection for the Christmas Flowers for the churches last weekend amounted to £365.63. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish.

## **Memorial Candle**

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the soul of Peter Kirby; next week the candle will be burning for the repose of the soul of Miriam and Eddie Summons. May they and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## **Next Weekends' Mass**

The Mass readings and prayers for the Feast of the Holy Family are on page 106 of the Parish Mass Book.

## **Mass – New Year's Day**

The Mass readings and prayers for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Year's Day, are on page 109 of the Parish Mass Book.

## **First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the first Saturday of January. 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. Why not come along to respond to Our Lady's call to pray for the world as we begin the New Year?

## **Readers at Sunday 10am Mass**

The team of readers at 10am Mass on Sundays is currently very depleted, if you would be able to help by volunteering to read please let Leigh Jenkins know – [lunebleue@sky.com](mailto:lunebleue@sky.com)

## Our Lady of Fatima Home Pilgrim Virgin Statue at Home

The 2026 sign-up sheet for a visit from the Parish Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is now available at the back of St. Teilo's Church. The hope is that we have an unbroken chain of prayer with parishioners welcoming the statue into their home every week. The statue is normally picked up at the weekend Mass which you attend and returned to the Church on the Saturday at the end of the week. For more information, please contact Margaret Driscoll on 07969 919898.

## The Great Awakening - Catholic healing and evangelisation service – January 24<sup>th</sup>

The Great Awakening celebration takes place on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	59
	10am	154
	6pm	75

## 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](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

## Rest in Peace



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Irene Mahoney, whose family live in Llandaff North, Beryl Donovan whose daughter Diane Beer is a regular attendee at St. Teilo's and Mary Smith, who lived in Rhiwbina was a long time attendee at St. Teilo's until moving to a nursing home in Christ the King Parish – all of whom have died recently. The funeral, a graveside service, for Mrs. Mahoney will take place at Pantmawr Cemetery at 10.30am on Christmas Eve. The arrangements for the funerals of Mrs. Donovan and Mary Smith have not yet been confirmed.

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon John Fahy, Canon Denis Torney, Father John Meredith, Father Martin Delaney, Father Michael Martin, Father Liam Doyle, Father Marshall Gibbs, Agnes Ruby, David Watson, Margaret Ball, Annie O'Connor, Mary Josephine (Molly) Harrington, Betty Logan, Ruth Denning, John Marshall, Kathleen O'Brien, Peter Winer, Anne Schofield, Mary Aherne, Edith Hopkins, Patrick Forde, John White, William Greenhalgh, Eileen Bevan, Hugh Grealis, Stella Lawson, Mary Collins, Kathleen Hobbs, James Mills, Peggy Davies, Carmel English, Robert Bending, Francis Park-Wait, Mary Taverner, Jean Whelan, Michael Foley, Rene Galau, Ellen Bevan, Maria Blakeman, Beatrice O'Gorman, Nora Minacca, Annie Light, Thomas Page, Agnes Mitchell, Edna Bendall, Miriam Mc Queen, Stuart Delaney, Edmund (Eamon) Mary O'Leary OBE, Charles Doris, Salvino Rossi, Vera Wheeler, Denis Griffiths, Monica Hansen, Ida Cooper, Ada Rogers, Roy Thomas, Anne St. Clair, Olga Ruby, Bernado Gardiazabal, Martin Rees, Mairead Sutherland, James Driscoll, Anastasia Walkes, Margaret Kretzer, Helga Evans, ? Sheen, Susan Manning, Isaac Taylor, Kenneth Millar, Christine O'Gorman, James Mullett, Pat Ward, Patrick Walsh, James Harris, Lillian Pendleton, Sylvia Beech, James Johnson, Mary Lane, Agnes O'Leary, David Gaughan, Helen Sullivan, Alice Kennedy, John O'Sullivan, Maurice Thomas, Peter Rennie, James Fowler, Michael McGee, John Gruberman, Kathleen Jenkins and Mary Pullen.

## Mass Times and Intentions: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Maureen Barry – RIP (TB)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Stella Lawson (SD)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Weekday of Advent	No Mass Today		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Weekday of Advent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Emlyn James Maurice – RIP (P&CS)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Weekday of Advent	No Mass this morning		

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Vigil of Christmas	St. Teilo's	4.00pm	<b>Offeren Nadolig yn Gymraeg – Christmas Mass in Welsh</b>
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
	St. Teilo's	9.00pm	<b>Mass of Christmas Night</b> – Deceased Members of the Neale and Tracey Family (HT)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	Our Lady of Lourdes	8.30am	<b>Mass of Christmas Morning</b> – Special Intention
	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b> – Living and Deceased Members of the Searle, Maurice and Molony Families (P&CS)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen, the first Martyr – Feast	St. Teilo's	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> – Helga Evans – RIP (Mary)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December St. John, Apostle and Evangelist – Feast	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church Mass</b> – Pat and Tony Ward – Anniversary (SW)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Feast	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Bob Stiffall – Anniversary (PT)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Feast	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Martin Rees – RIP (SR)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> December Fifth Day of Christmas	No Mass Today		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Sixth Day of Christmas	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church Mass</b> – Mairead Sutherland – RIP (FS-P)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Seventh Day of Christmas	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church Mass</b> – Paolo Trisolini – RIP
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity	St. Teilo's	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> – Susan Mary Smith – Recently Deceased (UMcC)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church Mass</b> – John Evans – RIP (SR)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church Mass</b> – Wellbeing of Ann Bailey (NW)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – John Evans – RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday after Christmas	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Umberto Ferrari – Anniversary (MF)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish

### Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

May I wish you and all your families the joys and blessings of this happy and holy season. May the Lord bless you and all your loved ones.

*Canon John*