

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A statement from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?

Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend.

The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Faith in Action: Night Shelter Programme at St Mary's

There are many global needs relating to poverty and homelessness where we can help through solidarity and financial support. But we mustn't forget the acute needs in our own community where we can help with a 'hands on' contribution. **We need volunteers** for the Cardiff Night Shelter Programme which provides food and overnight accommodation for the homeless over the winter months and is based at several church centres across the city. Our contribution to this will be each Wednesday from 20th Dec. through to the end of March. If you are interested in helping please speak to Deacon Maurice (07747038274) or Frs John, Andy and David.

Mary Immaculate High School Christmas Fayre

Thursday 14th December 6-8pm
Handmade gifts, raffle, refreshments and lots more!



Entrance £1 per adult which includes mulled wine or coffee/tea and a cake.
Children free!



We look forward to welcoming you.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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First Sunday of Advent

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First Reading (Isaiah 63:16-17, 64: 1,3-8)

There are acknowledgements of human fault and sinfulness that have left the people 'like withered leaves in the wind' - but there is a greater sense of the mercy of God, who will act dramatically to restore his people, even to the extent of tearing open the heavens.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

Here Paul gives thanks for the graces that have enriched this community, particularly in the gift of good teachers and leaders. Yet these very leaders have also been the source of divisions, so Paul changes the perspective from one of narrow focus on the giftedness of certain leaders to the need for us all to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel Reading (Mark 13:33-37)

Christ exhorts his people to an attitude of vigilance and reflection, to discover how the Master might be returning to his house in ways missed by a sleeping watchman. Being caught up in reading patterns and codes will mislead some people, but Christ asks that his followers might not so much adopt a fearful suspicion, but rather that they learn to live with an attentiveness as to how Christ might be present to his people.

Collection for Sick & Retired Clergy Fund

A Collection will be taken up for **Sick & Retired Clergy** next Sunday after each Mass. There are gift aid envelopes available at the back of the Church.. **The Collection for the SVP** is postponed until 13th & 14th January after each Mass.

St Mary's Prayer group

will meet on 4th, 11th and 18th December from 6pm to 7pm in the Priory . Please come and make a special effort to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

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Holy Family Masses

First Sunday of Advent

6pm Vigil Mass Jim Ballard
11.00 Fr Dewi Davies

Thursday

9.30 Myra Webber

Second Sunday of Advent

6pm Vigil Mass Cynthia Melhuish
11.00 Brian Collins

Confessions available before each Sunday Mass.

St Mary's Masses

First Sunday of Advent

10.00 Dominic Bryon
12.00 Pope Francis
6.00 Ollie Howells

Monday (St John Damascene, Priest)
9.30 Howard Lewis

Tuesday (Feria)

9.30 Muscat & Kift families
12.15 David Hutchinson

Wednesday (St Nicholas, Bishop)

9.30 PJ Tobin
12.15 Alan Smith

Thursday (St Ambrose, Bishop)

12.15 Pat Jones

Friday (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9.30 Gerald Collins
12.15 "Priest"

Saturday (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)

12.15 Tom & Mary Gilligan

Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 Liam Fry
12.00 Ollie Howells
6.00 Deceased Members of St Columcille GAA

**Confessions: Saturday 9.30 - 10am
11.30 - 12noon**



All parishioners, newcomers and visitors are very welcome to visit St Mary's Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee after 10am Mass today.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 2nd Dec.	1st Reconciliation at 10.30am	St. Mary's
Sat 9th Dec	1st Reconciliation at 10.30am	Holy Family
Sat 9th Dec	St Mary's Parish Christmas Bazaar 1pm	St Mary's Parish Hall
Thurs 14th Dec	Mary Immaculate High School Christmas Fayre 6-8pm	
Friday 15th Dec	Music for Advent 8pm (Welsh Camerata choir and instrumentalists)	St Mary's
Sat 16th Dec.	Reconciliation with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am -12 Noon	
Sun 17th Dec	Carol Service at 4pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 17th Dec	Carol Service at 4pm	Holy Family
Christmas Eve	Masses 6pm Holy Family	9pm St. Mary's
Christmas Day	Masses 11 am Holy Family	10am & 12 noon St. Mary's
20 th January	Celebration Mass at 2pm	St. David's Cathedral for newly married couples .

PACs Chair Persons

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News and activities Holy Family Parish



International Mass was a great success. Many thanks to all who attended and those who worked so hard to make the Mass and the celebration afterwards such a lovely occasion.

Christmas Raffle Tickets are available at £1 per strip, and a list for you to contribute a prize is on the table at the back of church. If you've put your name down to give a prize, **please bring it to church by next weekend** as the draw will be made after the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December.

Christmas Cards and other Christmas items on sale this weekend at the back of church.

Advent Carol Service with Churches Together in St Peter's on St Fagans Rd, 6pm Sunday 3rd December. Everyone welcome.

Carol Service Help will be needed to provide refreshments after the service at 4pm on Sunday 17th December as a number of the 'regulars' have other commitments. Please contact Pat Davey 02920 214882 if you can help out.

Church cleaning - Group A w/b 4th Dec.



Holy Family Scouts

Scout Post Stamps are on sale at the back of church at the fantastic price of 25p each. Please give your support as this is a **vital source of revenue** for the Scouts.

LAST CHANCE THIS WEEKEND!

Last posting date Monday 4th December (cards can be posted at the back of the church)

Prayer Group - Parishioners from different parishes within the Archdiocese come together for prayer, praise, worship and fellowship every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome. Please contact Deirdre Barker 01446 793224 or Mary Ivory 0782539406 for further details.

Sunday Collections

Many thanks for your generosity

St Marys		Holy Family	
Gift Aid:	£263.42	Gift Aid:	£243.50
Loose:	£1033.36	Loose:	£428.01

Recently died

Please pray for the following who died recently:
Margaret Bines, Funeral Service at 10.15am on Monday 11th December in St Mary's.
Catherine Daley, Requiem Mass at 12.15pm on Tuesday 12th December in St Mary's.
 We offer their families our sincerest sympathy.
May they rest in peace.

Newly Married Couples

St. Dwynwen's Mass of Celebration
 Newly married couples have received an invitation to a special Mass at St. David's Cathedral on **Sat. 20th January at 2pm**. Refreshments in the Cornerstone. Afterwards. Please email fkc@rcadc.org your acceptance. Please may those who are celebrating a significant anniversary contact one of the clergy so that they may receive an invitation. Please join with others in the Archdiocese in celebrating this most wonderful Sacrament that brings joy, love and life.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Edward Brown, Gary Sutton, Sharon Clifford, Kay & Paul Parris, Maurice Ferriter, Mary Bodman, Bernard Perry, Collette Griffin, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Brian Webster, Vivian Miller, Anne Murray, Jessie Mullett, Valentine, Debbie Radford, Martin, Colin Sangster, Vincent MacCormac.

St. Mary's: Laurence Tobin, Maria Sullivan, Cecily Hughes, Madison Lane, Heugette Skinner, Nadasiri Ifada, Jean Allen, Elisa O'Doherty, Jean Hayman, Kathleen Daley, John & Marian Lamb, Catherine Kemp, Teresa Francis, Tom Hopkins, Dave Burns, James Church, Joathan Gomez, Margaret Griffiths, Bets Sullivan, Peggy Dooley, Betty Smith, Anthony Jackson, Ivan Sadka, Freda Burns, Joanne Coakley, Karan Donovan, Maria Gomez and Phil Kelly.

Going into Hospital

Waiting to go into hospital? Please let your parish priest know in plenty of time. He will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with you or provide pastoral support. This is preferable to leaving it until you are in hospital. The small team of parish priests who currently provide 24/7 emergency cover in Cardiff hospitals are under great pressure, so sadly there is no guarantee that one will always be available at a particular time. If you know of any Catholic in hospital who needs or might like a visit or sacramental support, please call 2074 3230. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

First Reconciliation will take place in **Holy Family on Saturday 9th Dec. at 10.30am**. Please bring along your extended family, especially the grandparents..

On Tuesday 5th Dec. there will be the First Session for Holy Communion in Holy Family Primary School at 6.30pm.

On Thursday 7th Dec. a repeat session will be held in St. Mary's Primary School. Also at 6.30pm

During these sessions the First Communion book (We share in the Eucharist) will be given out so you need to be there to collect it. You are also asked to surrender your attendance card as there will be new ones issued for First Communion.

All parents who haven't yet contacted Fr Maguire need to do so discuss the Holy Communion.

Email: johnpmaguire67@gmail.com or telephone 2023 0492.

SVP Food Bank Collections

SVP monthly collections of food are as follows:
St Mary's - Sunday 17th December.
Holy Family - this weekend 2nd/3rd December
 Please don't leave food in the church at other times.

Zimbabwe Cardiff Catholic Community- Prayers every Thursday in St Mary's 6-7pm. Further details from bmuvirimi@hotmail.co.uk



**Christmas Bazaar
9th December
in the Parish Hall.**

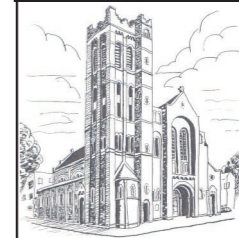
Doors open at 1.00 pm

Jewellery - Games - Raffles - Fruit Baskets - Handicrafts - Bottle Stall - Candles - Groceries - Toys - Cakes and more

Come and meet Father Christmas in the Grotto



News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



Children's Liturgy for Primary School children takes place during the 10am Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy adapts the Liturgy of the Word to suit the ages of the children involved.

APF Mission Boxes Would all APF/red box holders please bring their boxes into the sacristy for collection and counting. It would be good to have as many as possible so that we can round up all the old pounds and fivers that may be out there. Many thanks.

St Mary's Grand Christmas Prize Draw
 Tickets £1 a book are on sale at all Masses. Please take some books and sell to your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Draw will take place during the Parish Bazaar. If anyone would like to donate a prize please contact the Finance Committee, or the clergy. Items for the raffles such as Christmas Dinner, Chocolates, Cheese, Wine will be most welcome. Many thanks.

Parish Christmas Bazaar Donations. Today is your last chance to bring in your donations of good quality items such as high-end items that you would like to buy yourself: Toys, books, bric-a-brac, dvds, computer games etc. **No** electrical items or broken toys. Help to make this year's Bazaar a special event. Many thanks.

Please Note that St. Mary's side-door on Kings Rd will be opened every day from 8.30am to 4pm during Advent.

APPLICATIONS to Non-Catholic Schools

I have received correspondence from a number of non-Catholic Church Schools asking for a written letter to support the parents' application. In order to reply I need to know certain information to provide a reference. I have prepared a form for parents to complete and return to the Priory as soon as possible. May I emphasise that there are two excellent Primary Schools (Holy Family & St. Mary's) plus two excellent High Schools (Corpus Christi and Mary Immaculate) within our catchment area. All these schools are highly respected and have achieved top results over the last few years.