

Other News and Events

ST MARY'S NIGHT SHELTER

Our night shelter for the homeless will open up again soon, providing food and overnight accommodation for the homeless on a Wednesday night over the winter months. We would be grateful for any donations of sensible warm clothing, new underwear, warm socks, belts, toiletries and duvets. Please leave at the presbytery and/or contact Deacon Maurice on 07747038274. Many thanks!

A message from Deacon Maurice:

On Monday 9th December at 1pm, Mary-Jean O'Doherty will give a musical recital in Holy Family Church. The proceeds will be in aid of our Nightshelter Programme. All are invited!

St David's Catholic College, Ty Gwyn Rd
invites you to their
Community Mass & Christmas Tea Party
for the senior citizens of our parishes
on Thursday 19th December from 12-3pm
Mass, buffet & entertainment
Transport available if needed. Please put your names on the list at the back of each church.

The webcam server has identified an access problem at their end which they are attempting to rectify. At present, Mass is still not available via the webcam. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st December		First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 4th December	10am	St Mary's School (Foundation Phase) Nativity Service
Friday 6th December	7pm	Quiz Night in St. Mary's Community Room
Saturday 7th December	8pm	Welsh Camerata Choir Christmas Concert
Monday 9th December		Celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception transferred to today
	1pm	Musical Recital in Holy Family Church
Friday 13th December	2.30pm	St Mary's School Christmas Craft Fair
Sunday 15th December	4pm	Carol Service in Holy Family Church
Wednesday 18th December		Commencement of Night Shelter at St Mary's Hall
Thursday 19th December	9.30am	Holy Family School Carol Service
	2.30pm	St Mary's School Carol Service (at St Mary's Church)
	12-3pm	Mass & Christmas Tea Party, St David's Catholic College
Sunday 22nd December	4pm	Carol Service in St. Mary's by the Music Group
Christmas Eve	6pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Holy Family
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Carols in preparation for Midnight Mass in St Mary's
Christmas Eve	11.55pm	Procession to Midnight Mass in St Mary's
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Day Mass in St Mary's
Christmas Day	11am	Christmas Day Mass in Holy Family
Christmas Day	12 noon	Christmas Day Mass in St Mary's

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Corpus Christi

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Mary Immaculate

Headteacher Huw Powell Tel: 2059 3465

St David's 6th Form College

Principal Mark Leighfield Tel: 20461920

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP

Kings Rd, Canton CF11 9BX

1st-8th December 2019 1st Sunday of Advent Year A

First Sunday of Advent (A)

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The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace?

One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

In both parishes there will be a second collection on the Second Sunday of Advent 8th December in support of the SVP. The St Vincent de Paul Society quietly yet consistently attends to the needs of many lonely and vulnerable people. We keep the membership in our prayers and thank them for the generosity of their time and effort. Please be generous in support of this important work.



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.

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Holy Family Masses

First Sunday of Advent

6pm Vigil Mass M T Joseph
11.00 Fr Dewi Davies

Thursday

9.30 Patrick Treanor

Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass 6pm Catherine Bearwish
11.00 Brian Collins

Confessions available before each Mass.

St Mary's Masses

First Sunday of Advent

10.00 Frances & Stan Trigg
12.00 Thanksgiving (CL)
6.00 Harry Hogan

Monday (*Weekday of Advent*)

9.30 Muscat & Kift family

Tuesday (*Memoria, St Francis Xavier*)

(Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees)

9.30 Mary, Arthur & John Sparkes

12.15 Bonny Harvey (née Greener)

Wednesday (*Weekday of Advent*)

9.30 Sr Josephine & sisters

12.15 Carlo Toscana

Thursday (*Weekday of Advent*)

9.30 Colin Chambers (*Mass time changed due to Archdiocesan Day of Recollection for the Clergy*)

Friday (*St Nicholas*)

9.30 Thanksgiving (MM)

12.00 Funeral Mass for Mrs Ellen Mary
Veronica Rowlands

Saturday (*St Ambrose*)

12.15 Pat Jones

Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 Paul Garcia

12.00 People of the Parish

6.00 Liam Fry (anniv)

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

News and activities from Holy Family Parish



Christmas Raffle Tickets are available after Mass. The draw will be made at the **Carol Service** which is at 4pm on **Sunday 15th December.**

Carol Service at Holy Family School on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am. All are welcome.

Red Mill Hill Mission Boxes Would you please count and bag the contents (with name and amount) and return to Phil Smith or Chris Davey at the end of Mass.

Church cleaning - Group A w/b 2nd Dec.

Churches Together Advent Carol Service Sunday 1st December at 6pm St Peter's Church, St Fagans Rd

This year there are two children from Holy Family School doing readings. Please support this event if you can as a huge amount of effort goes into the preparations and it is always a special occasion.

Sunday Collections

Many thanks for your generosity

St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid: £232.62	Gift Aid: £189.00
Loose: £897.84	Loose: £334.56

Foodbank Collections

Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - Sunday 15th December

Holy Family - weekend of 7th/8th December

The God Who Speaks

The Year of the Word in the Catholic Church in England and Wales 2020

The formal launch of the Year of the Word will come on the First Sunday of Advent when we commence Cycle A, which focuses on St Matthew's Gospel. Our parish sessions offering some reflections on Sacred Scripture commenced last Thursday. The third session on Thursday 5th December will be a reflection upon the readings that prepare us for Christmas. The fourth session that was scheduled for Thursday 12th December I have cancelled, due to the date now being designated as the election day. I am very grateful to the members of the Forward in Faith group, who will assist me in the preparation and delivery of this initiative. The venue will be the community room at St Mary's hall. The session will commence at 7.30pm and conclude at 8.45pm.



Applications to Holy Family Reception Class September 2020

Admission forms for Reception Class will be sent out to parents who have their names on the waiting list on **Monday 18th November 2019**. If your child is not on the list please contact the school **immediately** for a form. Forms need to be returned to the school by **Monday 13th January 2019**. You will be notified on **Monday 20th April 2019** if you have a place for your child in September 2020. Priority for admission will be for those children who are baptised. The school admission policy is available on the school website- www.holyfamilyprm.cardiff.sch.uk. Visits to the school are welcome; please telephone for an appointment with Mrs Mills- **02920565354**. **If you already have children in the school you still need to complete an admission form.**

Holy Family Scouts



Scout Post Stamps are on sale at the back of church at the fantastic price of 30p each. **LAST CHANCE!**

Last posting date Monday 2nd December (cards can be posted at the back of the church up to Sunday 1st December)



Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Mrs Ellen Mary Veronica Rowlands** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 6th December at 12pm in St Mary of the Angels.

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Mrs Veronica Margaret Buckingham** whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Monday 9th December at 10.30am in St Mary's.

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Mr Ceri Thomas** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 12th December at 12.15pm in St Mary's.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Chris Collins, Hanna Marengi, May Dalet.

St. Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Madison Lane, Jean Allen, Jean Hayman, Heugette Skinner, John & Marian Lamb, Will Johnson, Ivan Sadka, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Teresa Francis, Tom Hopkins, Anthony Jackson and Joanne Coakley.

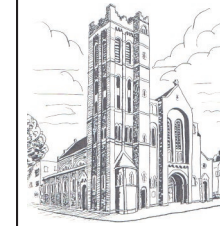
Marking the Year of the Word

To mark the commencement of the Year of the Word, Archbishop George will be presiding at the solemn celebration of Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December, at 3.30pm. This is a diocesan event and I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Smoky the Priory Cat

Smoky gave Fr Nicholas and myself a great deal of concern on Thursday evening. We interpreted his symptoms as him having been poisoned by some substance. Fr Nicholas took him to the emergency veterinary service and the diagnosis was a seizure caused by a heart murmur. We were not previously aware of this condition. Thank goodness he recovered and now looks as if nothing had happened. Let us hope that he will remain stable. He is still eating me out of house and home and I have warned him that any more vet's bills and he's going on the street!

News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



St Mary's Christmas Bazaar
I wish to express my appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Organising Committee which ensured that our Christmas Bazaar was a great success

once again. My thanks to the cohort of workers and to everyone who supported the Bazaar and the Raffle. The list of Raffle Winners will be posted on the noticeboard.

Piety Stall before and after 10am Sunday Mass for all your celebratory cards, Advent calendars etc.

The Rota for Christmas will be available soon.

St Mary's Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm.

St Mary's Primary School will see Foundation Phase children celebrate their Nativity Service on Wednesday 4th December at 10am.

St Mary's Primary School will host its Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 13th December at 2.30pm and its Carol Service in the church on Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm.

An Hispanic Christmas

Christmas Choral Music from across the Hispanic world.



8pm Saturday 7th December in St Mary's Church.

The Welsh Camerata Choir directed by Andrew Wilson-Dickson.

Fundraising Quiz Night

Friday 6th December at 7pm in the Parish Hall organised by St Mary's Music Group. Teams of 6 or come and join another team. £5 per person includes light refreshments. Come and join the fun. 