

Other News and Events

ST MARY'S NIGHT SHELTER

St Mary's participation in the Night Shelter project commences on Wednesday 18th December. Deacon Maurice has asked me to express his deep appreciation to those who have volunteered to assist in the delivery of this important pastoral service. We now have enough resources in terms of clothing etc. If we need more, we will make a request in the New Year. Financial contributions have also been generous and sufficient funds are already lodged. Undoubtedly we would welcome more contributions in the New Year. Please remember to pray for a blessing upon this undertaking. For more details contact Deacon Maurice on 07747038274. Many thanks!

2019 Crib Offerings

The Crib Offerings this Christmas have been designated to the Catholic Children's Society. You will recall that many Catholic children's charities lost their access to public funding because of the conflict between civil legislation and Church teaching. The Catholic Children's Society continues to function but is entirely dependent upon charitable giving. The Society provides family support and mental health services together with facilitating emergency grants for the needs of vulnerable children. When the crib is erected, I would ask that you be generous in supporting this important work. Registered charity 210920. www.cathchild.org.uk

Please collect your Knights of St Columba 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster from the back of church as a window witness to our faith this Christmas season.

Mary Immaculate news

Christmas Buffet Lunch

Senior citizens of our parish are cordially invited to the Annual Christmas Buffet Lunch at Mary Immaculate High School on Thursday 19th December from 12 noon to 3pm. If you wish to attend please call (029) 20593465 and leave a message for M Jeffrey or put your name on the list at the back of church.. The school needs to know who is going by 17th December.

Mary Immaculate High School

are **urgently** looking to train exam invigilators to work on a casual contract supporting students taking examinations, eg by scribing for them.

The School would arrange a DBS check, though anyone with a current DBS will be trained sooner. Others would be trained by the end of January.

If you are interested please contact gparsons@maryimmaculate.cardiff.sch.uk

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

At present, Mass is still not available via the webcam. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Dates for your Diary

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
	12-3pm	Christmas Buffet Lunch at Mary Immaculate
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

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP

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15th-22nd December 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

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In response to the questions of John, Jesus let his actions speak for him. Some people show by the way they live what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Who has given you such an example? Perhaps there have been times when you have done the same for others.

John made a journey of faith from an incomplete knowledge of Jesus to a deeper understanding of who he was. Recall similar steps in your journey of faith.

Faith is not primarily about answering abstract theological questions but about living the gospel. What in your life has helped you to get that sense of perspective?

John marked the end of an era, Jesus the beginning of a new one. In our lives how do we honour the past and yet be free to move on into a new era?

Third week of Advent-Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is given the particular title 'Gaudete' to reflect the Antiphon for the day, which commences with the phrase 'Rejoice O Jerusalem'. The sense of rejoicing gathers momentum with the readings from 17th December orientating us more specifically towards the Christmas Feast. Let us maintain our spiritual focus and guard against material distractions.

Rejoice!



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.

Holy Family Masses

Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass 6pm Lily Faggin
11.00 Mary Keeley
4pm Carol Service

Thursday

9.30 Veronica Irene Matthews

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass 6pm Cliff Jones
11.00 Veronica Irene Matthews

Confessions available before each Mass.

St Mary's Masses

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

10.00 Gwen, Fred & Susan Baker
12.00 For the health of Caleb & Oscar Roberts
6.00 People of the Parish

Monday (Weekday of Advent)

9.30 Salvo & family Grima

Tuesday (Weekday of Advent)

9.30 Int'n of Ann Neagle
12.15 Michael Thomas Sullivan & Joanna Wheeler

Wednesday (Weekday of Advent)

9.30 DWA & DR Utley
11.45 Funeral Service for Mrs Hilda Critcher

Thursday (Weekday of Advent)

12.15 Ceri Thomas & family

Friday (Weekday of Advent)

9.30 Private intention
12.15 Mary T Molloy

Saturday (Weekday of Advent)

12.15 Kenneth & Valerie Hopkins

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00 Constance W Lynch & family
12.00 John O'Malley
4pm Carol Service
6.00 Thomas family

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

News and activities from Holy Family Parish



Last chance this weekend to purchase Christmas Raffle Tickets, available after Mass. The draw will be made at the **Carol Service** which is at 4pm **this Sunday 15th December.**

Musical Recital We are very grateful to Mary-Jean O'Doherty for the wonderful recital last Monday. Many thanks also to all who attended and donated so generously.

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 C w/b 16th Dec.

Holy Family Carol Concert

This Sunday 15th December at 4pm

Carols and readings followed by mince pies and light refreshments. Christmas Raffle will be drawn after the service.



Please join us



Sunday Collections

Many thanks for your generosity

St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid: £221.92	Gift Aid: £261.14
Loose: £798.53	Loose: £264.76
SVP: £872.85	SVP: £420.90

Envelopes are available with this newsletter for your Christmas Offering to the Parish Clergy.



Applications to Holy Family Reception Class September 2020

Admission forms for Reception Class need to be returned to the school by **Monday 13th January 2020**. You will be notified on **Monday 20th April 2020** 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.**

Foodbank Collections

Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - this Sunday 15th December

Holy Family - the weekend of 4th/5th January

Notice for all Parish Volunteers

If you have DBS clearance prior to December 2012 (then called CRB) could you please see your Parish Safeguarding Representative as soon as possible with a view to redoing your DBS clearance. You will then be given forms to complete, some can be completed with your parish representative who will then email additional forms for you to complete and return via email. Contact elleryhennessy@hotmail.com.

Mass Intentions

It is an ancient tradition to have a Mass celebrated for our deceased relatives or for someone who is sick, or in gratitude for help received. If you wish to have a Mass dedicated please write 1) name of intention (2) date required and (3) a donation (known as a stipend). Please give it to one of the priests or sacristan. We will try to facilitate the date required but priority must be given to funerals and weddings, which means that Mass dates will sometimes change. **Please request a Mass intention as far ahead as possible as it is very difficult to accommodate requests at short notice. At present there is a wait of a few weeks before a Mass can be said in either parish. Thanks for your understanding!**

Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of **Mrs Hilda Critcher** whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th December at 11.45am 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.

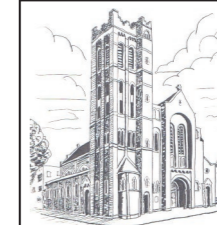
Christmas Message from Fr John

Fr John will be spending Christmas with his family this year, the first time he has been able to do so since his ordination 52 years ago. He will depart on 18th December and we wish him a safe journey. You will be able to collect a copy of a letter he has written which expresses his thanks for your prayerful support in the aftermath of his recent bereavement, the death of his brother Bennie.

A word of thanks to Mr Michael Howells

As many of you will know, Mike Howells retired from his role as Head Teacher of Mary Immaculate High School many moons ago. What many may not realise is that Mike continued to contribute enormously to Catholic education following that retirement. He served as a member of the Archdiocesan Schools Commission for 15 years and for the past 21 years has been Clerk to Governors at St David's Catholic College. He attended his last meeting as Clerk last Wednesday. On behalf of the Diocese, the College and the parish, I wish to express our greatest appreciation for his faithful service and invaluable expertise. A note to Michael himself-make sure this is a real retirement at last!

News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



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

The Rota for Christmas will be available soon.

Piety Stall before and after

10am Sunday Mass for all your celebratory cards, Advent calendars etc.

General Election

Regardless of how we voted, let us pray for our new parliamentarians and our new government that they may serve the common good in adherence to the principles and values of God's Eternal Kingdom, which holds sovereignty over all human affairs.



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