

Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mr Dudley Hurley R.I.P. – A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Wednesday 9th December at 11.00am followed by the internment of ashes.

Mrs Patricia Actie R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels on Thursday 10th December at 11.30am.

Mr Norman Simons R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels on Friday 11th December at 1.00pm.

Mr Daniel Sullivan R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels on Tuesday 15th December at 12.00pm.

Mr Hurley R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 17th December at 2.30pm.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Bernard Perry, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Mary Bodman, Susanna, Martin, Gary Sutton, Chris Collins, Louise Macpherson.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jean Hayman, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Margaret Griffiths, Tom Hopkins, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Doreen Utley, Carina Foster, Maria Sullivan, Thomas Hyde (now living in Canada), Ivan Sadka, Mary D'Alpa, Richard Watson, Robert Partridge.

Consultation on Welsh Government Proposals for the new Religion, Values and Ethics Curriculum

I have previously highlighted the Church's grave concerns regarding the proposals of the Welsh Government which are currently published for consultation. Could I urge you to participate in the consultation process by logging in to the Catholic Education Service website and completing a short survey <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/welshschools>.

The CES has produced guidance to aid your responses. The indicators provide an obvious marker regarding the most dangerous ingredients in the proposals. It is not an overstatement to say that the Welsh Government proposals constitute a threat to the viability of our network of Catholic Schools.

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6th-13th December 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent Cycle B

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

This week's extract from the Book of Isaiah is taken from the second part of its prophetic writings, written by a disciple of the original Prophet. The hallmark of this 'Second' (Deutero) Isaiah is his provision of encouragement to the People of Israel as they endure exile in Babylon: "Console my people, console them." Just as God set his people free from their slavery in Egypt, so will he set them free from Babylon. The Lord will himself cross the desert at the head of his people. "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert." Valley's will be filled in and mountains will be laid low. Just as the proclamation of salvation was delivered on the heights of Mount Sinai, once again from a mountain top there will go forth a new proclamation of hope. We are to shout these words: "Here is the Lord God coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him." As in recent weeks, we once again encounter the imagery of a shepherd feeding his flock. It will be an awesome sight to behold the Lord at work, to hear his address to all peoples. As we prepare to hear the words of John the Baptist, the teaching of Deutero Isaiah reminds us to remain alert and receptive.

Psalms 79

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

II Peter 3:8-14

As we know, the first Christians initially expected an imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ in the fullness of his glory. This Second Letter of Saint Peter declares that 'a day' can mean a thousand years within the context of God's providential action, just as a thousand years can seem like a day. We should rejoice that God's apparent delay is, in fact, a display of his patience. Over recent week's we have been reflecting on how we must remain vigilant for the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, an event beyond prediction. "So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace." Our proclamation of faith in Jesus Christ must be made visible through the integrity of our moral behaviour. The false presumption of our 'pick-and-mix' culture is that faith and morals can be separated.

Mark 1:1-8.

According to the writings of Malachi, the return of the Prophet Elijah would herald the dawn of an apocalyptic age that would bring judgement to the face of the earth. Mark's Gospel opens with an account of the ministry of John the Baptist who would fulfil the role of the expected Elijah. "A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." The words of Deutero Isaiah are employed. John the Baptist would be the last Prophet of the Old Covenant by becoming the Herald of the New and Eternal Covenant. John wears a garment of camel-skin and he lived on locusts and wild honey. His appearance and the manner of his subsistence are reflective of his challenging message. He will not offer false comfort, nonetheless, the crowds gather round him on the banks of the River Jordan. The human soul longs for integrity and it is the call to repentance that captures and satisfies the human heart. The call to repentance is but the first step. John the Baptist makes clear that someone is following him, someone who is more powerful than himself, and it is he who will lead us beyond the cleansing water to the purification of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent (6th Dec.)

6pm Vigil Mass William 'Billy' Brown
11am Catherine Bearwish

Wednesday

11am Memorial Mass for Dudley Hurley

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent (13th Dec.)

6pm Vigil Mass Danny O'Driscoll
11am Mary Keeley

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent (6th December)

10am Michael Maher
12pm People of the Parish
6pm Sybil Durham

Monday: St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (7th December)

9.30am Pat Jones
12.15pm Fr Ambrose Walsh

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th December)

9.30am Ingrid & Daryl Lewis/Iris Singleton
12.15pm NO 12.15 MASS TODAY
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent (9th Dec.)

9.30am Bella Delacroix & Henry Fernandez
12.15pm

Thursday: St John Roberts, Priest and Martyr (10th December)

9.30am Madison Lane / Joseph Walsh
11.30am Funeral Service for Mrs Patricia Actie
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday of the 2nd week of Advent (11th Dec.)

9.30am Reg & Peg Palfrey
1pm Funeral Service for Mr Norman Simons

Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent (12th Dec.)

12.15pm Peter O'Rourke

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent (13th December)

10am Judy Butler
12pm Maurice Jones RIP
6pm Patricia Collins

Angelus and Prayer During the Day live-streamed at 12pm daily. Evening Prayer live-streamed at 7pm daily except Sundays.

Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer). Confessions 10-11am Saturdays (South side-gate) and on request.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 7th December – Memoria: St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.



Ambrose was born at Trier in the year 339, the son of the Pretorian Prefect of Gaul. His father died when Ambrose was an infant. His mother returned the family to Rome and it was here that Ambrose grew and received his education. He excelled in his studies and became a successful Advocate (Lawyer). Ambrose moved to Milan. He and his family had strong imperial connections and Probus, Pretorian Prefect of Italy, appointed Ambrose as Governor of Aemilia and Liguria in the year 370. The bishop of Milan at this time, Auxentius, had embraced the heretical teachings of Arianism. When this bishop died, in the year 374, there arose a great acclamation for Ambrose to succeed him. Ambrose was at that time still a catechumen and was therefore not yet baptised, not that unusual for the time – these were still the early days of Imperial Christianity. Ambrose proclaimed that he was not suitable, not worthy, but the local community was insistent. He was soon baptised and thereafter consecrated bishop. He acknowledged his lack of theological formation by recruiting Simplicianus, a priest of Rome, as his tutor. Ambrose had previously mastered the Greek language and he applied himself to the Scriptures and to the teachings of the Greek Fathers. As a bishop Ambrose continued to play a significant role in the life of the Roman Empire. He dissuaded the Emperor Gratian from adopting Arian heresies. Following Gratian's murder, in order to preserve peace, Ambrose persuaded the new Emperor, Maximus, to accept the rule of Gaul and Iberia only, leaving the rest of the Western Empire to Valentinian II. Ambrose confronted lapsation into old pagan ways as well as effectively eradicating Arianism. He scolded Valentinian, telling the Emperor that he was “within the Church and not above it.” Maximus, Emperor in Gaul and Iberia, became discontent with his lot and invaded Italy, the realm entrusted to Valentinian. Soon afterwards, the Emperor in the East, Theodosius, took control of the entire Empire. Courageous as ever, Ambrose did not fail to confront and reprove Theodosius for perpetrating a massacre at Thessalonica. Theodosius accepted the imposition of a public penance from Ambrose. It was Saint Ambrose who played a significant part in the final conversion of Saint Augustine of Hippo. Ambrose died in the year 397 and is counted as one of the four Great Latin Fathers of the Church, alongside Augustine, Jerome and Gregory the Great.

Tuesday 8th December – Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

In accord with the teachings of Sacred Scripture and with theological tradition, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 8th December 1854 through the papal bull entitled ‘Ineffabilis Deus’. The dogma is the declaration that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from original sin from the first instant of her existence. “The Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.” This is not to be confused with the virginal conception, which refers to Jesus being conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit, without male intervention. Nor does it mean that Mary herself was conceived virginally. Although not explicitly found in the Scriptures, the teaching directs us to various biblical texts. Genesis 3:15 – victory over the serpent. Luke 1:28 – the Angel Gabriel greets Mary as one ‘full of grace’. Luke 1:42 – Elizabeth offers her tribute to the one who is ‘blessed among women’. In the East a feast celebrating the conception of Mary was established from the seventh century.



The celebration came a little later to the West. St Anselm, St Bernard, St Thomas Aquinas and St Bonaventure believed that a claim for Mary's Immaculate Conception somehow removed her from the universality of Christ's redemptive work. It was Blessed Duns Scotus who defended the teaching as later defined by saying that Christ can save in two ways: firstly he rescues from sin those already fallen and secondly he can preserve someone from being touched by sin – uniquely demonstrated in Mary. It is Christ's redemptive power, according to the Father's will, that is the determining factor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, being itself enacted through the working of the Holy Spirit. The Council of Trent (1545-63) deliberately excluded Mary from its decree on original sin and taught in its decree on justification that she was free from all sins throughout her entire life. The religious meaning of this dogma centres on the victory of God's grace, freely given in Christ. Sin is universal, and the whole human race stands in need of salvation. This is offered because of God's love and mercy poured out in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, prior to any merits or deserving works on the part of human beings. The dogma of Mary's original sinlessness celebrates God's victory over the powers and principalities of this world as this woman comes into existence. In her very being, through the mercy of God, the grip of evil is broken. This gift is bestowed upon her because of her role in being the faith-filled Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. Her 'yes' to God enabled the incarnation of the Divine Word of God, through whom the ancient sin of Adam and Eve is overturned. That God generously bestows abundant grace upon Mary, enabling her to live in communion with God from her very origin – while not removing her from the sufferings of history – is congruent with divine mercy. We are able to conclude by saying that GRACE IS MORE ORIGINAL THAN SIN.

Thursday 10th December – Memoria: St John Roberts, Priest and Martyr

John Roberts was born at Trawsfynydd, Merionethshire. He was a student at St John's College, Oxford for two years, leaving in 1597 to become a student of law at the Inns of Court. At this time he was a conformist to the new religious order, but in 1598 he travelled to the continent and was converted to Catholicism by a fellow countryman in Paris. He then travelled on to Spain and entered the Pontifical and Royal English College at Valladolid on the 18th October 1598 – the seminary where I trained. He remained for one year but felt a calling to the Benedictine life. He first transferred to the Monastery of St Benedict in the City of Valladolid and then on the Abbey of St Martin in Santiago de Compostela. He made his religious profession on the 6th April 1600. In 1602 he was ordained to the priesthood in Salamanca and left for the 'English Mission' on the 26th of December. For ten years he laboured in various places. On four occasions he was arrested and sentenced to banishment from the country. Three times he was forced into exile, on one occasion he managed to remain in the country. Following each imposed exile, John Roberts soon returned to England so as to continue with his ministry. Following a banishment imposed on him in July 1606, John Roberts spent some fourteen months in Douai where he founded a house for English Benedictine Monks. This would become the Abbey of St Gregory, the Mother House of the English Benedictine Congregation. I like to highlight the fact that the habit adopted by the E.B.C. is a copy of the habit worn by John Roberts whilst he was a member of the Castilian Benedictine Congregation. John Roberts was arrested for the fifth and final time on the 2nd December 1610, the First Sunday of Advent. He was arrested whilst celebrating Mass. He was brought to trial just three days later, found guilty and condemned to death. He was offered a reprieve on the condition that he took the Oath of Allegiance, which would amount to a denial of the Catholic faith. He adamantly refused the Oath. 'Luckily' he was hanged until dead and only then was his body taken down – the body was then disembowelled, beheaded and quartered. Relics were retrieved but most were lost in subsequent history. However, two of his fingers remain, one is treasured at Downside Abbey and the other at Erdington Abbey (one time a Benedictine House but now belonging to the Redemptorists).



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

We rejoice that our Candidates for First Holy Communion at Holy Family were able to celebrate their First Confession on Saturday 5th December. First Holy Communions will be celebrated across the Sundays of January and February 2021.

MORE STEWARDS REQUIRED

Our cohort of stewards at both churches have all been true stalwarts in their service to our parish communities over recent months. Inevitably, our established pattern of operation is going to remain the norm for the foreseeable future. The contribution of our stewards is critical to enabling access to the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments. We must expand the number of stewards to alleviate the pressure on those who are currently active.

COULD I ASK FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST IN BOTH OUR PARISHES.

The necessary training can now be undertaken on-line, though we will provide on-site training for those who cannot access the internet. Could new volunteers please contact Fr Nicholas or myself for details.

PRAYERS WITH PARTICULAR RELEVANCE DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary,

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary,

V. And the Word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary,

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Baptism news

Two celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism will be held on Sunday 6th December, at 1.30pm and at 2.30pm. Please pray for the two families.

ACTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Prayer by St Alphonsus Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A Prayer by St Thomas More.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ... give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER OF SORROW / ACT OF CONTRITION

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. Psalm 50:4-5.

Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke 15:18; 18:13.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

LET US DAILY OPEN OUR HEARTS IN CONTRITION TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND REMIND OURSELVES HOW ESSENTIAL IT IS TO GRANT MERCY IF WE EVER EXPECT TO RECEIVE MERCY.

PRAYER FOR WALES

O Almighty God, who in your infinite goodness have sent your only-begotten Son into this world to open once more the gates of heaven, and to teach us how to know, love and serve you, have mercy on your people who dwell in Wales. Grant to them the precious gift of faith, and unite them in the one true Church founded by your divine Son: that, acknowledging her authority and obeying her voice, they may serve you, love you, and worship you as you desire in this world, and obtain for themselves everlasting happiness in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for Wales.

Saint David, pray for Wales.

Saint Winefride, pray for Wales.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note that there are no available Mass intentions in either parish until January.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's amounted to £ 601.17

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family amounted to £ 357.73

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

A NOTE FROM DEACON MAURICE

- 1) I am hoping to raise money to help those in need in our community over the winter months. The fund will be used for such things as food parcels, Christmas hampers, children's toys and food vouchers. We are also looking into the possibility of starting a temporary food bank based at St Mary's to complement that which is already in operation through Phil Smith and Neil O'Toole ('Feeding Fairwater') at Holy Family. If you are willing and able to contribute to this fund please contact me on 07747038274 or email: mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or contact either Canon Peter/Fr Nick.
- 2) If you can donate food items (Tinned meals, soup, vegetables, chopped tomatoes and/or cereals, long life milk, biscuits, crisps, squash etc) please contact us as above or Phil Smith on 07305571513 or 02920306210 or bring along to St Mary's priory. With many thanks for your ongoing generosity in these troubled times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient.

2021 EDITION OF THE ARCH-DIOCESAN AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORY AND YEARBOOK

Copies of the 2021 Directory and Yearbook are now on sale for £3.00. Every Catholic home should have a copy!

ST VINCENT'S, THE SVP COMMUNITY SHOP in Tremorfa, is seeking volunteers to help with several tasks but mainly sorting donations of clothing, toys, books and household objects. Any volunteer with an ability to help with minor 'odd-jobs' would also be welcome. If you are able to give a few hours or more per week, please phone the manager, Anna Styles, on 029 2049 0124.

RED MISSION BOXES

St Mary's Would all holders of red Mission boxes please count and bag the contents of your boxes, writing your name, parish and the total amount on a slip of paper in the bag, then return them to church after Mass or directly to the Priory. Many thanks for your assistance.

Holy Family Please either bring the boxes, or ideally the counted contents to Mass on Saturday or Sunday up until Christmas, or contact Phil Smith on 07305571513, 02920306210 or pwsprint@hotmail.co.uk and he will collect them from their homes, following Covid guidelines. Anyone wishing to become a box holder should contact Phil. If any one should wish to make a one off donation it would be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS TREES

We would like to thank Morlanga Farm for their very kind donation of Christmas trees for both churches. In these difficult times, it is wonderful to see yet another example of outstanding generosity. They are a new business, based in Peterston-super-Ely, and as well as selling trees they have a Christmas shop with a wide variety of decorations, wreaths, flowers and many other gifts. They also offer a delivery service.

Many thanks, Morlanga Farm.



BOOKING SYSTEM FOR PLACES AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please book a place at one of the Christmas Masses that will be celebrated in both parishes. The stewards will take your name and telephone number after Mass today. The schedule of Masses will be as follows:

*** Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve.

6.00pm Vigil Mass at [St Mary's](#).

6.00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family.

9.00pm Night Mass at St Mary's.

*** Friday 25th December – Christmas Day.

10.00am Mass at St Mary's.

10.00am Mass at Holy Family.

12.00pm Mass at St Mary's.

12.00pm Mass at Holy Family.

*** The Mass schedule for Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th will be as normal.

We are extremely grateful for those parishioners who have signed up in both our churches for Christmas Masses. This has allowed us to create quite an accurate plan of capacity and seating arrangements for each Mass. By and large, we are pleased that we have generally been able to accommodate people at their preferred Mass times, though it has been necessary to allocate preferred alternative slots for some. We will shortly be releasing the lists of names and allocated spaces at the back of our churches. Due to the fact that Canon Collins and Father Nicholas are overseeing the planning for these arrangements largely by themselves on top of their other activities, it is impossible for us to contact each person individually. As a result, we ask that, as the primary point of reference, parishioners kindly check their seating allocation with the stewards at the back of Masses if possible.

For those unable to check their name themselves after Sunday Mass, we would be grateful if you could kindly email Fr Nicholas or leave a message via telephone or voicemail and we will endeavour to get back to you with confirmation. In which case, we would kindly ask you to be patient in awaiting a response, since both priests are extremely busy at the moment. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all.

A NEW RESIDENT AT THE PRIORY - REVEREND FATHER DWAYNE BEDNAR

I was recently asked by the Archbishop to provide accommodation for Fr Dwayne, who is currently assisting Canon William Isaac at St Teilo's in Whitchurch and Our Lady of Lourdes in Gabalfa. Canon Isaac is currently anticipating major surgery. Fr Dwayne was born in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., the youngest of four children. His grandparents were Polish immigrants. His sisters are identical twins: Judy has four children and Joyce has six. His brother, Jerry, is also a priest and is currently Vice-Rector of St Mary's Seminary in Cleveland. Fr Dwayne first read economics at the University of Notre Dame. Following graduation, he went to Cracow in Poland to undertake a course to improve his Polish language skills. In 1986 he was accepted for seminary formation and was a student at the Catholic University of Lublin. Since ordination he has worked in Lviv (Ukraine), back in his home city of Cleveland and at Westminster Cathedral in London. Most recently he has served in St Anthony's Parish in Lublin. He is currently working on a book of reflections based on the Cycle of Sunday Readings. We are delighted to welcome Fr Dwayne into the Priory Community for the next few months.