

## Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mr Antonio Perez R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Pidgeon’s Chapel on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm.

**Dr Richard Watson R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm.

**Mrs Kathleen Reeves R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm.

**Mrs Mary ‘Madge’ O’Keefe R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 11.00am.

**Mr Bernard Stanton R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am.

**Mr Domenico Malacrino R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11.45am.

**Ms Helene Kydd R.I.P.**



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

## Prayer 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, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Thomas Hyde (now living in Canada), Ivan Sadka, Mary D’Alpa, Robert Partridge.

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**Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff**

**Sort code: 20-18-23 (for both)**

**St Mary’s Acc No: 03285375**

**Holy Family Acc No: 63656861**

**St Mary’s SVP contact number 07731847622.**

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The Sunday Cycle is Year B.  
The Weekday Cycle is Year 1.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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10th - 17th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord B

## The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-11.

This beautiful text from the Prophet Isaiah provides us with some of the most memorable phrases in the Old Testament. “Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!” The gracious call goes out to all peoples. Jesus is the one who fulfils all the expectations that depict the awaited Messiah, indeed, he surpasses all those expectations. “I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you ...” These words rightly remind us of the Epiphany of the Lord, when the Wise Men came from the East. The Wise undertake the ‘Great Procession’, symbolic of the Church’s entire Sacred Liturgy. In the company of the Wise, we must undertake the pilgrimage of faith, we must participate in the procession that leads us to offer our own adoration. “Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.” These words remind us of the imperative of faith; time is short, the moment of opportunity is fleeting. Yet, despite our slow response, the Lord God perseveres: “... the word that goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.”

Psalm – Isaiah 12:2-6.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

I John 5:1-9.

“This is the victory over the world – our faith.” Our faith is in Jesus Christ, who offers his Divine testimony by water, by blood and by the Spirit. By no other means are we saved. Our allegiance must be given to the great commandment, to love of God and to love of our neighbour.

Mark 1:7-11.

Saint Mark’s account of the Baptism of the Lord, the first to have been written, differs from Saint Matthew’s later account. Matthew describes how the scene, wherein the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus and the Father’s voice makes its proclamation, is witnessed by the crowd as well as by Jesus himself. Mark’s description makes the whole event far more intimate: “No sooner had Jesus come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.” Mark’s Gospel accurately depicts the process whereby Jesus grows in his understanding, for the Divine Person is subject to the constraints of the human condition. Jesus has engaged in a lifelong process of learning, needing to foster an inner growth of realisation and deepening understanding. He has awaited the sign he needs which will further empower and enlighten him. From his childhood, nurtured by the faith and example of Mary and Joseph, Jesus has embraced the Sacred Scriptures. Taught by the Servant Songs from the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus has come to recognise and accept that he is the Messiah. The Divine Son, the Word Incarnate, learns that he is called to suffer for the sake of God’s Chosen People. Furthermore, our recent celebration of the Epiphany (according to the text of Saint Matthew) reminds us that ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS are called to Redemption in Christ.

## Holy Family Masses

**Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (10th January)**

6pm Vigil Mass William ‘Billy’ Brown  
11.00 Michael Gerard McMahon

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (17th January)**

6pm Vigil Mass Cliff Jones  
11.00 Dorothy Faiers

## St Mary’s Masses

**Sunday: Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (10th January)**

10am Matthew Thomas  
12pm Sheila Sage  
6pm Benedict Foster’s recovery

### CHRISTMAS SEASON ENDS

**Monday: First Week of Ordinary Time (11th Jan.)**

9.30am Sean Kemble  
12.15pm

**Tuesday: (12th January)**

9.30am Maisie Molloy  
12.15pm  
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Wednesday: (13th January)**

9.30am Michael & Mary Walsh  
12.30pm Funeral Service for Dr Richard Watson

**Thursday: (14th January)**

9.30am Lilliana & John Conti  
12.30pm Funeral Service for Mrs Kathleen Reeves  
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Friday: (15th January)**

9.30am Margaret & Roy Jones, Bridget & Michael Scannell  
12.15pm Eileen Lane

**Saturday: Votive Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary (16th January)**

12.15pm Antonino d’Alpa

**Sunday: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (17th January)**

10am Dr Richard Watson  
12pm People of the Parish  
6pm Maisie Molloy

**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).**

**NO CONFESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## Celebrating First Holy Communion

Having accompanied our children through their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, we have scheduled dates for the celebration of their First Holy Communion, starting from 17th January. As both our churches are able to remain open, according to national guidelines, I intend to continue with these celebrations, all other things being equal. Two children at each of the 10, 11 and 12 o'clock Masses are due to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Some families have preferred to reschedule, and this will be accommodated with dates yet to be decided. Please keep the children in your prayers, together with their families.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

To accord with recent guidance, we will not be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday mornings. We will inform you of any changes as they arise.

## Recommencing our celebrations of Adoration and Benediction

From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, we will re-establish our twice-weekly periods of Adoration and Benediction. We will also recommence our daily celebration of Prayer during the Day and the Evening Prayer of the Church.

## Churches Together

This message was sent on behalf of our parish by our Ecumenical Representative, Angela Graham:

“The clergy and people of the parish of St. Mary of the Angels send warm New Year greetings to all the congregations in Canton Churches Together, with our prayers for a happy and blessed 2021 for all of us.

At this season of epiphany may we open our eyes to the message of God.

Canon Peter Collins, Fr Nicholas Williams, Deacon Maurice Scanlon, Deacon Christian Mahoney”

## A NOTE FROM DEACON MAURICE

**‘REACHING OUT’:** Many thanks to all who have made donations over the last few weeks and to all our volunteers who have enabled us to provide food parcels, hampers, children’s toys and food vouchers over the Christmas period to those in need in West Cardiff. We now wish to continue this weekly food distribution programme for which we need ongoing funding so please continue to help if you can with money or food donations or both. Might you may be able to make a regular weekly or monthly donation? If you are willing and able to contribute with a one-off donation or on a more regular basis please contact me on 07747038274 or email: [mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk). Thanks for your ongoing generosity in these troubled times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient for just a few more months!

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary’s:

20<sup>th</sup> December - £ 982.45.

27<sup>th</sup> December - £ 361.21.

3<sup>rd</sup> January - £ 280.19.

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

20<sup>th</sup> December - £443.10

27<sup>th</sup> December - £144.70

3<sup>rd</sup> January - £225.55

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

## WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

## Christmas Offerings and Messages

On behalf of Fr Nicholas and myself, I wish to offer our gratitude for your great generosity expressed through your contributions to the Christmas Offerings. Many gifts were also delivered, together with a mountain of cards and appreciative messages. One such message represents a multitude: “Thank you so much for your pastoral care throughout such a challenging year. I am amazed how much stamina you both have to ensure that our Catholic hub can support its family. God bless you both and have a peaceful and holy Christmas in the bosom of our community.” Such thoughts and words have sustained us both. We offer you all the assurance of our prayers.

## MAINTAINING OUR VIGILANCE AS WE STRIVE TO REMAIN OPEN AND ABLE TO CELEBRATE PUBLIC MASSES

The conditions of our current ‘Lock-Down’ have allowed for the continuance of our public masses. Our ability to thus celebrate is facilitated by the continuing generosity of our cohort of Stewards at St Mary’s and at Holy Family. I once again express my gratitude for their substantive service. In order to minimise the risk to one and all, our adherence to guidelines has proven to be outstanding. As I mentioned some weeks ago, the various Funeral Directors who have visited our two parishes over the past months have been eager to express their appreciation for the quality of our operating protocols. They have repeatedly said that our systems are the best they have seen in any church across the denominations. Particular thanks for this achievement should go to Fr Nicholas. We must continue to exercise the greatest vigilance over the coming weeks as we confront the threat of increased transmission resulting from the spread of the new strain of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Needless to say, we will respond rapidly and appropriately to any change in circumstances.

## 2021 - A Year Dedicated to St Joseph

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, His Holiness Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, entitled *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart). The Apostolic Letter declares 2021 to be a Year of Dedication to St Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

### A Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you, Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
Show yourself a father  
And guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
And defend us from every evil. Amen.



### 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.

## 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.

## THE DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

I was mesmerised, profoundly disturbed and deeply saddened by the remarkable broadcast images of the appalling events that unfolded at The Capitol in Washington D.C. during the evening of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Although eternal truths cannot be determined nor verified by the simple mechanisms of a democratic vote, nonetheless, the mechanisms of democracy offer the best practical means of expressing and servicing human social inter-dependence. Despite its deficiencies, the democratic process is the best political system yet devised that holds the promise of serving the 'common good'. It is interesting to witness how many totalitarian regimes have been swift in offering criticism of 'American Democracy' in the wake of Wednesday's riot.

The health of a democratic nation state requires a vision that is shared by a critical mass of the population, even if that vision is defined in terms of allowing for the greatest possible accommodation of conflicting opinions. The 'soul of the nation' is a rather nebulous concept but the phrase has value. What has been demonstrated by recent events in the United States, throughout the pre-election and post-election periods, is that the denial of facts combined with the promulgation of unfounded conspiracy theories constitutes the greatest threat to the wellbeing of society at large.

The United States is not just A.N.Other country. Whether we like it or not, the U.S.A. still exercises the greatest influence over world affairs, in political and economic terms. Therefore, we should all be concerned with how the present situation is resolved. Undoubtedly, there will be short-term, medium-term and long-term consequences that require profound reflection and assessment beyond immediate reactions. We should rightly take comfort in the fact that both Houses of Congress reconvened following Wednesday's 'disruption' and the Senate completed its final ratification of the election result.

Due-process is often convoluted but necessary. Despite the incitement of the incumbent President and the actions of a rioting mob, the United States has not become a so-called 'Banana Republic'!



## “WHOSE CHILDREN ARE THEY ANYWAY”

The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill currently before the Senedd will effectively remove the rights of parents as the first educators of their children. It will threaten the nature and purpose of Catholic schools as well as being an affront to devout Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in Wales.

In the provisions concerning Human and Sex Education, the responsibility and privilege of parents to choose the right moment and language to discuss love and human sexuality with their children will be overridden by the imposition of a curriculum not in conformity with Christian teaching and that of many other faiths. The right of parents to remove their children from such classes will be removed.

The implications of this Bill places the right of the State before that of the parents of a child in such an important part of life. Should this ideologically driven Bill become law, it will remove the ancient freedoms and duties of parents in the education of their children. It would restrict freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of worship and conscientious objection. These are fundamental human rights which should be respected in a pluralistic society. They are not being upheld by this proposed legislation.

The assertion of power by Welsh Government in the lives of its citizens is not always malicious, but it cannot go unchallenged. The responses to the consultation on this Bill have been largely ignored. The First Minister of Wales and the Members of the Senedd need to be reminded very clearly that they were elected by us in order to represent us. We do not elect members of the Senedd to usurp our role as parents, grandparents and families. The rights and duties of parents are more significant and profound than party view and politics. This abuse of government power cannot go unchallenged. If we remain silent, there will be no appeal.

**ACT NOW AND URGE YOUR LOCAL MS  
TO REJECT THE CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT (WALES) BILL  
BY USING THE LINK BELOW:**

<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents?tmpl=component&print=1>

This link will take you to a pro forma from the Catholic Education Service, they will provide you with details of your local MS on the basis of your postcode. Individual letters registering your objection to this proposed legislation are better than copied circulars.