

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mrs Nancy Donovan R.I.P.** – Funeral Service at Thornhill Crematorium on Monday 20th December at 2.00pm

**Mrs Frances Stone R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 21st December at 12.00pm.

**Mrs Petrina Sedwell R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd December at 10.30am.

**Mr Terence Morgan R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Holy Family on Wednesday 22nd December at 2.00pm.

**Mr Anthony Little R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 23rd December at 10.45am.

**Mrs Mary Hatcher R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 5th January at 12.00pm.

**Mr George Tanti R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 7th January at 10.00am.



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



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**St Mary's Acc No: 03285375**

**Holy Family Acc No: 63656861**

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

### Parish Safeguarding Reps

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Mr Jack Meggitt-Phillips (St Mary of the Angels)

### Primary Headteachers:

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## Pray for the Sick

**Holy Family:** Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Joseph Stancombe, Zaid Saffo, Peter Macpherson.

**St Mary's:** Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin., Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones and Connie Greck.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

### Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4

The prophet Micah was a younger contemporary of Isaiah. We remember him most for his prophesying that the promised Messiah would be born at Bethlehem. We should take particular note of the fact that Micah was one of the first to emphasise that only a 'remnant' of God's Chosen People would remain faithful to the Law following the experience of exile in Assyria. This focus on a 'remnant' constitutes both a promise and a warning. Whilst it is comforting to know that there will be some who will prove worthy of their calling, it is unsettling to hear that there will be so few. The 'remnant' will be a faithful religious minority among the faithless masses. Micah presents a warning to ancient Israel and to ourselves: do not succumb to the temptations of complacency and presumption. The separate monarchies of northern Israel and of southern Judah had deteriorated into decadence and even idolatry. The mass of the people had adopted imported pagan practices, thus contaminating the sacrifices prescribed by the Law which were being offered within the precincts of the Temple. Unless the human heart is faithful to foundation principles then the practice of external ritual becomes a barren exercise. The Messiah will restore integrity to the hearts of those who hearken to his voice.

The Lord says this: "You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 79.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:5-10.

When the Letter to the Hebrews references the nativity of the Messiah, a link is forged immediately with the Cross. The entire lifespan of the Christ constitutes a single thread of obedience to the Father's will, from birth to sacrificial death. Unless the fabric of our lives reflects this same obedience then there can be no value or benefit in any sacrifice that we may offer.

"God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Luke 1:39-44.

The annunciation to Zechariah and the annunciation to Mary are bonded by what we hear today from Luke's Gospel. Mary travels south from Nazareth in Galilee to a town in the hill country of Judah to visit her elderly cousin Elizabeth. The journey, undertaken across rolling hills and along stony paths, would have taken at least a week. Mary could have been forgiven for concentrating on her own condition in pregnancy, but she chooses to serve others. The Mother of the Messiah will be his first and most perfect disciple. How willing are we to cooperate with God's grace?

"Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

"Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

**Christmas carols**  
with  
**St Mary's Music Group**

**Sunday, 19th December 2021**  
at 4:00 pm  
**St Mary of the Angels**  
Kings Road, Canton

**Refreshments in the Hall Afterwards**

## CHRISTMAS MASS IN WELSH

Mass in Welsh for Christmas/ Offeren y Nadolig:  
St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, 4pm, Friday December 24th Vigil Mass of Christmas.

Also live-streamed on the parish website. Welcome to all/ Croeso cynnes i bawb. Bilingual leaflets available.



### A WORD OF THANKS TO FR JOHN

Though 'retired', Fr John has recently reiterated his willingness to continue serving our parishes by assisting me with the celebration of Sunday Masses. This means that I will not need to restructure the Sunday timetable in the immediate future as previously envisaged. However, some alteration will be inevitable if and when Fr John is away for some reason. Assuming that Deacon Elliot remains with me following his ordination to the priesthood next summer there will be greater assurance regarding the future structure of our pastoral provision. I wish to thank Fr John for his generosity and support over the past year. He is happily embedded in the lives of us all and we offer the assurance of our prayers for himself and for his family.

### A WORD OF THANKS TO DEACON MAURICE

Deacon Maurice continues to contribute so generously to the life of our parishes and to the wider diocesan community. He is pivotal to the provision of the night-shelter (though our parish participation is temporarily suspended) and to the reaching-out project. Over the past year Deacon Maurice has played a central role in the establishment of the St Vincent's Centre on Ely Bridge. He was critical in fashioning the vision for this wonderful project that has been financed by the Archdiocese in combination with the national office of the S.V.P. and with further contributions coming from the Welsh Government and the Local Authority. We offer him our thanks and our congratulations for the success of his endeavours. I also thank him for his continuing service as Chair of the Governing Body of Mary Immaculate Catholic High School. Deacon Maurice undertakes his ministry within the context of his responsibilities and commitments as a husband, father and grandfather. We offer him and his family the assurance of our prayers.

### A WORD OF THANKS TO DEACON CHRISTIAN

Deacon Christian recently celebrated the first anniversary of his ordination as a permanent deacon. Beyond his contribution to the Sacred Liturgy, Deacon Christian has assisted me with catechetical preparations for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. He has also been celebrant at a number of baptisms and funerals. Beyond his ministry within our parishes, Deacon Christian contributes enormously to the life of the Archdiocese through his role as Chair of Governors at St David's Catholic Sixth Form College. He also serves as the archdiocesan representative to the national committee on spirituality of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Deacon Christian undertakes his ministry within the context of his responsibilities and commitments as a husband and father. We offer him and his family the assurance of our prayers.

### A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Although I do not have the space here to list the names of all the volunteers who serve our two parishes, I wish to offer them my sincere gratitude for the generosity of their service over the past year. Our parishes could not function without their dedicated participation, week-in and week-out. Our volunteer network is extensive yet intricately woven. More and more people are stepping forward to make a contribution to our communities. As well as the established arenas of service, a number of new arenas will have to be addressed in the New Year and I am confident that there will be opportunities to further expand our cohort of volunteers. My thanks to one and all for the service so willingly and consistently delivered, seen and unseen. I offer you all the assurance of my prayers.

### A WORD TO ALL OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Because home visitation is still so severely restricted, I wish to offer the assurance of my prayers to all parishioners who are sick and housebound. As I celebrate the structured daily offices of the 'Prayer of the Church', you are always included in my prayerful intentions and petitions. I pray that God's grace will continue to sustain your faith and strengthen your resolve in bearing the burdens of your sufferings. As you battle with the anxieties of enforced isolation be assured that we are all held secure in the embrace of the Good Shepherd. Christmas greetings and blessings to you all.

### A WORD OF WELCOME TO DEACON ELLIOT

The Reverend Deacon Elliot Hanson is now in residence at The Priory. Deacon Elliot began post-graduate studies in Paris last September but has had to return to Wales for family reasons. I am most grateful to Archbishop George for placing Deacon Elliot with me here at The Priory. I am hopeful that he will remain here following his ordination to the priesthood next summer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

### NEWS OF A VISITOR - CANON CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

Canon Christopher is a native of Swansea who went to Nottingham University to study engineering. Whilst there he became a Catholic. Following the completion of his doctorate and a working career, he entered seminary formation and became a priest of the Diocese of Nottingham. He is currently serving as General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Canon Christopher is visiting family over Christmas and will be in residence at The Priory over Christmas. We extend a warm welcome to him and I offer my thanks for his willingness to assist with the celebration of Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



We are now taking admissions for Reception September 2022. The closing date is Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 and offer letters will be sent out on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

We also have Nursery places available. If your child is 3 before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 then please apply for a place before 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for a January start. If your child is 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 then please apply now for an April start.

Application packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website:

[stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.uk](http://stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.uk) – key info - admissions

You are very welcome to visit the school, please phone to arrange a walk around the school with the headteacher (02920 225680).

### Admissions to Holy Family RC Primary School September 2022



Application forms for admission to Reception Class for September 2022 are available from the School Office. Visits to the school are welcome, please telephone **02920565354** for an appointment.

The closing date for applications is **Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**. You will receive notification of whether the application was successful on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, this is in line with all Cardiff schools.

### USED STAMPS

There is a box in the entrance to Holy Family where you can put any used stamps you may accumulate at this time of year. This will help to raise funds for the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People).

### FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:  
12th December - Gift aid £56.50 Loose £689.89  
SVP collection - £836.03

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:  
12th December - Gift aid £177.01 Loose £177.22  
SVP collection - £406.41

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

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### CHRISTMAS CLERGY ENVELOPES

The envelopes for your Christmas Offerings to the Clergy will be available for collection from this Sunday.

### INVEST IN MY COMMUNITY

Those of you who have donated in the past via Virgin Money Giving will be aware that this is no longer available. However, it has been replaced by a new scheme called Invest in My Community. If you would like to make a donation online, please go to the parish website where you will find a donate button for each of the parishes.



### St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent (19th December)**

10am Margaret (Peggy) Dooley

12pm Peter O'Rourke

**4pm Christmas Carol Service**

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

**Monday: Weekday in Advent (20th December)**

9.30am Rita Aquilina RIP

**Tuesday: Weekday in Advent (21st December)**

**12.00pm** Funeral Mass for Mrs Frances Stone

**Wednesday: Weekday in Advent (22nd December)**

**12.15pm** Baker Family & Betty Lee

**Thursday: Weekday in Advent (23rd December)**

**10.45am** Funeral Mass for Mr Anthony Little

**Friday: Last Mass of Advent (24th December)**

9.30am Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

**10am - 12pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation

**CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24th December)**

**Solemnity: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**9pm Christmas Night Mass**

For the People of the Parishes

**CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25th December)**

**Solemnity: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**10.00 am** For the People of the Parish

**12.00 pm** Intentions of the Holy Father

**Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family (26th December)**

10.00 am Sam Cross

12.00 pm

6.00pm Antonino & Joseph D'Alpa

**Monday: St John the Apostle (27th December)**

9.30am Conor Lane, Ireland RIP

**Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (28th Dec.)**

9.30am Repose of the Soul of Brian Nicholls RIP

**Wednesday: St Thomas Becket (29th December)**

9.30am Christian Andrew Baker

**Thursday: 6th Day of the Octave (30th December)**

**Friday: 7th Day of the Octave (31st December)**

9.30am David & Maria Lewis

**12.00pm** Sacrament of Marriage

**Saturday: Solemnity: Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**(1st January, New Year's Day)**

12.15pm Marjorie Belt RIP

**Sunday 2nd Sunday of Christmas (2nd January)**

10.00 am John Caveney RIP

12.00 pm Margaret Green (née Crowley) RIP

6.00pm Michael Maher

**Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (3rd January)**

9.30am Ian McCabe RIP (Anniv.)

**Tuesday: Weekday before Epiphany (4th January)**

9.30am Holy Souls

### St Mary's Masses cont'd

**Wednesday: Weekday before Epiphany (5th January)**

**12.00pm** Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Hatcher

**Thursday: Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**(6th January)**

9.30am

12.15pm

**Friday: Friday after Epiphany (7th Jan.)**

NO MASS

**Saturday: Saturday after Epiphany (8th Jan.)**

**10am - 11am** Sacrament of Reconciliation

12.15pm

**Sunday: Feast: The Baptism of the Lord (9th January)**

10.00 am W Lynch & Deceased Family Members

12.00 pm

6.00pm

### Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent (19th December)**

6pm Vigil Mass Lily Faggin

11am Joseph O'Leary

**Wednesday**

**2.00pm** Funeral Service Mr Terence Morgan

**CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24th December)**

**Solemnity: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**6pm Christmas Vigil Mass**

For the People of the Parish

**CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25th December)**

**Solemnity: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**11.00 am** For the Intentions of the Holy Father

**Sunday Feast of the Holy Family (26th December)**

11.00am Eddie Alm RIP

**Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (28th Dec.)**

9.30am Dan & Mary Fitzmaurice

**Thursday: 6th Day of the Octave (30th December)**

9.30am Josephine O'Grady RIP

**Sunday 2nd Sunday of Christmas (3rd Jan.)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Joe Sullivan

**Tuesday: Weekday before Epiphany (4th Jan.)**

9.30am

**Thursday: Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**(6th January)**

9.30am

7pm

**Sunday: Feast: The Baptism of the Lord (9th Jan.)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11.00am

## Christmas greetings from The Parish Clergy



On behalf of Fr John, Deacon Maurice, Deacon Christian, Deacon Elliot and myself, I offer our Christmas Greetings and extend to you all the assurance of our prayers at this blessed and joyful time. As we journey through these last days of the Advent Season may we approach the Nativity of the Lord with the deepest reverence and thanksgiving.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to all people who enjoy his favour.”