

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading Cycle C

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	27 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6.30pm	George Gould and Holy Souls
SUN	28 <sup>TH</sup> NOV		10.00am	Vincenzo and Assunta Forte and Carmine Ciaranello
MON	29 <sup>TH</sup> NOV			
TUES	30 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	<b>ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</b>	10.00am	Edward and Violet Barry Holy Souls
WED	1 <sup>ST</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in ADVENT</b>	10.00am	Joseph Long
THURS	2 <sup>ND</sup> DEC	<b>Weekday in ADVENT</b>	10.00am	William and Laura Timothy
FRI	3 <sup>RD</sup> DEC			
SAT	4 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	6.30pm	Bernadette
SUN	5 <sup>TH</sup> DEC		10.00am	Lu Mooney 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Veronica Seignott

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We also pray for, Sidney Dorgan, James Thomas, Irma Davies, Edward Brocklebank, Michael Molloy, Alma Mackie, Jean Thomas, Reginald Paul, Veronica Harrington, Patricia Gerrard, Mary Camilleri, Maria Pratt, Josef Kowalewski, Joseph Moon, John Roberts, Catherine Feeney, Alma Davies and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

**This week's candles will be lit for Albert and Olwen Hall and Amelia Halligan**

**CANDLES** You will have an opportunity to buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5.

**This week's candles will be lit for November Dead List**

**Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.**

**HONOURING SUNDAY:** (An extract from the Letter from the Archbishops of England and Wales. Please see the website for the letter in full.) "At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass. Responding to the Gift of the Sunday Eucharist, we now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass"

**PASTORAL LETTER:** There is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop George Stack. Please see the last page of the newsletter and website.

**SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** We will be making our annual Christmas Collection over the next two weeks. Please place your donations in the bucket as you enter the Church. We thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** As last year, we need to know how many people would like to attend our Christmas Services so that we can make plans to accommodate all who wish to come. The First Mass of Christmas is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm. Christmas Day Masses will be 9.00am and 10.30 am. Please let Christine German know so that your place can be booked.

**MISSIO:** - if anyone would like their Red Box to be emptied before Christmas, could you please bring to Church or telephone me on 029 20650330 and I will arrange to collect it from you. Thank you all for your donations this year. Gerry McCarthy.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2021 : RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion continues to be parish based. Parents of Baptised children in Y3 and above who wish their child to receive these sacraments need to be attending Mass on a regular basis with their child/ children. Parents can register their child by speaking with one of the Catechists (Mary Taylor, Renata Harmsworth, Christine German) or Canon Mike before or after weekend Masses. Arrangements for those children currently in Y3 will be made in the new year. Families will need to be attending Mass regularly. Again, if you wish to enrol your child to be prepared for these important Sacraments, please speak with one of the Catechists or Canon Mike . Thank You.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** : As the weather is getting much colder we will celebrate the Masses during the week in the Sacristy.

**MASS BOOK FOR 2022 IS NOW OPEN:** Please use the brown envelopes at the back of the Church and please include a phone number so that you can be contacted with the date.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let Canon Mike know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

**CONTACT:** If you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

**PRAYERS:** It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

**CONFESSIONS:** For those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation ( Confession), I will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

**SAFE SPACES** is a free, independent support service, providing confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Catholic Church of England and Wales, Church of England or Church in Wales.  
Free Helpline 0300 303 1056 or e-mail [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.  
Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'

**National Abuse Helpline** 0808 80 10 800 or <https://gov.wales/live-fear-free>

**Respect:** A confidential and anonymous helpline for anyone concerned about their violence and/or abuse towards a partner or ex-partner. 0808 802 4040 or [respectphonenumber.org.uk](https://respectphonenumber.org.uk)  
Men's Advice Line 0808 80 10 327 or [mensadviceline.org.uk](https://mensadviceline.org.uk)

**ON-LINE MASS:** There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.  
<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass ( On Demand)  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

**MASSES IN OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN CARDIFF:** <https://weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/area/cardiff/churches>

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?** Catholic People: **NOVEMBER EDITION** Caritas: **NOV – DEC BULLETIN**

## **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

Hello, Just arrived home from my daily walk via Grange Gardens only to be stopped by a lady who had a complaint. She thought I was the Park Keeper. I explained that the last Park Keeper to work and care for the gardens left a few years ago. Maybe it was the flower-pot that I had under my arm that gave her the impression I was a man of importance !  
I hope you all had a good week and are keeping Covid 19 far from your front door.  
I remembered writing a few words during Lent and saying that we were all going into the wilderness during this difficult time, making the journey into the Desert a reality.  
This weekend we start the journey of Advent: a time of preparation, of going out again into the Desert of oneself.

These next few weeks of preparation, not for Santa, but for Jesus, Mary and Joseph, will be again be different from former years. With all these restrictions we will focus upon the importance of hearing from John the Baptist calling us to prepare for the coming of the Lord, stripping away all that hinders us from this encounter.

The Silence of the First Christmas will be found this year in the silence of our Christmas Liturgy . The only voices raised in song will be that of the Angels

**“ Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to people of Good Will”**

The starkness of the stable gives way to the Brightness and Glory of the Christ Child, as will our Church and our lives this second year of Coronavirus. This year, there will be little adornment, an austerity, but through this ordinariness, this unpretentiousness, we will encounter Jesus, the Word made Flesh, Son of God, and Son of Man.

So let us take our first steps into Advent which will bring us to the stable and the family home, the home of all God’s children.

At our weekend Mass next Sunday , our children will make their First Holy Communion. Unlike past celebrations it will be low-key, no singing or dancing, but the quiet invitation to the Lord and the acceptance of the children to

**“Come and Eat, for this is MY BODY”**



## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

Two men working in a factory were talking: “I know how to get some time off” said one. “ How are you going to do that?” “ Watch” he said and climbed up onto a rafter. When the foreman arrived and asked what he was doing up there, the man replied “ I’m a light bulb.” “I think you need some time off.” The foreman said and the first man walked out of the factory. After a moment the second man followed him “ Where do you think you are going? the foreman shouted. “ Well, I sure can’t work in the dark !” he replied.

After trying a new soup for the first time, a man wrote an enthusiastic letter of approval to the manufacturer. Several weeks later he came home from work to a large box in the middle of the floor. Inside were free samples of the many products the company produced: biscuits, drinks, snacks and fancy goods. “ Well, what do you think?” his wife asked smiling. “Next time” he replied “I’m writing to Ford.”

A husband and wife were with some friends when the subject of marriage counselling came up. “Oh, we never need that. My husband and I have a good relationship” the wife explained

“It’s all about education” she continued.

“He did a communications course in college and I studied drama. He communicated very well and I act like I’m listening “





## PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 28 NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Sisters & Brothers Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new year in the life of the Church. It is a season of hope and joy that the promise made by God through the prophets would be fulfilled. We believe that promise of a Messiah is fulfilled in abundance through the Incarnation of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. During this liturgical Year C we shall listen to extracts from the Gospel of Luke Sunday by Sunday.

Luke teaches that all human beings are sinners and in need of salvation by Jesus Christ. You will not need me to tell you that we have lived through an extraordinary year. It has been full of crisis and challenge for us all, personally and publicly, nationally and internationally. Every institution has been affected, not least the Church. Much of what we have traditionally taken for granted has been taken away or radically altered.

The word 'crisis' has two meanings. It is on the second meaning – that of opportunity – which I wish to reflect with you.

Pope Francis has invited the Church at large, its dioceses and parishes and people throughout the world, to join him in a synodical process by which we "Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches"(Revelation 3:22). He is summoning bishops of the world to a Synod in Rome in 2023 to receive their responses.

In the meantime, the Holy Father has presented three headings under which he would like bishops, clergy and laity to reflect and respond. These are: **Communion, Participation, Mission.**

Ten questions have been prepared to explore these themes. The responses will undoubtedly influence the shape and pattern of parish, diocesan and Church life in the future.

So far, in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, seventy-six people from thirty parishes have volunteered as parish representatives for these discussions in their parishes.

It is important that the remaining parishes nominate representatives too, so that they do not feel disenfranchised when proposals and decisions are made. Training and preparation has already begun by means of Zoom and there is a great deal of material to assist with the task.

Parish responses will be co-ordinated by Diocesan representatives and presented to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. These responses will form part of our submission to Rome in preparation for the Synod. This First Sunday of Advent also marks the official re-opening of our churches for full public worship following the pandemic. I realise that "following the pandemic" may be incorrect language. Nonetheless, many people have been anxious to return to Mass on a regular basis, recognising that whilst Live Streaming of services has been valuable, it does not replace the "Communion and Participation" of which Pope Francis speaks and in which we believe.

Other people are equally anxious about the prevalence of the virus and are hesitant about returning. Either way, vigilance and health and safety precautions will need to be part of the life of every church for some time to come. Lessons have been learnt which will stand us in good stead for the future.

"Honouring Sunday" is the name of a document published by the Bishops of England and Wales. It has been sent to each parish and is available either in the newsletter or on the parish website.

It invites people to come back to Mass at the beginning of this new year.

It gives the theological foundation for all the baptised members the Body of Christ to be one with Him and each other in the Communion of Faith.

In the Archdiocese of Cardiff, I hope we shall express this by initiatives such as "Welcome Home" "Come Home for Christ" & "The Light is on for You in Advent".

I hope initiatives such as these will be a springboard towards inviting others back into a living relationship with the Church. This is the "Mission" which Pope Francis proposes in the forthcoming Synod. With every blessing for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

With every blessing

Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff & Apostolic Administrator of Menevia