

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading Cycle C

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Psalter Week 2

Sunday 8TH DECEMBER 2024

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SAT	7 TH DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	8 TH DEC		10.00am	Deceased members of the Desmond Family In Thanksgiving. Carmine and Rosa Forte 55 th Wedding Anniversary
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	10 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	★ 10.00am	Haydn Trow R.I.P
WED	11 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	Denis McCarthy R.I.P
THURS	12 TH DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00am	Christine Church R.I.P
		SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH		5.30pm
FRI	13 TH DEC	MEMORIAL OF ST LUCY	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	14 TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Well Being of the Cantlay Family
SUN	15 TH DEC		10.00am	William Mooney R.I.P John Burns R.I.P Ray Humphries R.I.P

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sharon Hippolyte, Sascha Hippolyte, Malcolm Osbourne and Martin Jones. May they rest in peace

We also pray for Gino Dimech, Antonin, Kawycz., Doreen McGrath, Antonio Aviles, Raymond Udry, John Harris, Jane Goodridge, Gloria Jean Webber, Denis McCarthy, Irene Matthews, Terrence Webber, Michael Murray, Giulia Camisa, Helen Wedlake, Anne Hawkins, Beatrice Farrugia, Johanna O'Sullivan, William Melville, Cynthia O'Shea, Natalie Clarke, Joe O'Reilly, Michael John Burns, Fr John Owen and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Janet Underwood, Well Being of Jeffrey and Family and a Special Intention**

CHRISTMAS PARISH EVENT: Sunday 15th December Latest news! All the tickets have now been allocated. If for some reason you are unable to use your ticket please tell Chris. **RAFFLE TICKETS** are now being sold. £1 a strip.

£100 First Prize, £50 Second Prize and lots of other lovely prizes. Have a look at the picture on the noticeboard.

WALK WITH ME ADVENT REFLECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE £1.00.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Thank you to Fr Donatus who joined us last Tuesday for this special way of preparing for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation please see one of the priests after any Mass.

NEW WINESKINS INVITES YOU TO A MORNING OF PRAYER, PRAISE & HEALING

Saturday 14th December 2024 10am-12noon St. Dyfrig's RC Church, Pontypridd. CF37 1DB

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION. Without your help we could not support those in need during the year. If you forgot last week, don't worry. We take donations at any time.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVENT MASS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. St David's College 19th December 12pm-2.30pm
RSVP Claire Kelly on 02920 431857 or ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk Transport is available for those who need it.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: *We can still defeat assisted suicide!*

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. *Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.*

There are cards at the back of the Church for guidance with this.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website

LONGING FOR LIGHT -- CARDIFF-MENEVIA CATHOLIC YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT Please see Poster at the back of the Church on the Event's Board, also on the Parish Website. Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to attend.

MASS INTENTION DIARY FOR 2025 IS NOW OPEN Please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church for the names and your donation and indicate if the person is deceased. Put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Please remember that attendance at weekly Mass is a requirement. You will need to get your attendance sheet signed.

MISSIO RED BOXES: I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until mid December. This will be the final collection for 2024. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers. Gerry McCarthy

STALL: Christmas stock is in !! Boxes of Cards, candles, gifts, stocking fillers. Lovely Christmas rosaries. Take care on the step if you look in the wall cupboards.

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2025 has begun. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, not just a request over the phone, so that he knows who you are.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members. The next meeting will be in January.

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 30th November/ 1st December £644.94

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. It's the day when we light the second candle on the Advent wreath—the Faith or Bethlehem Candle. How often have you heard it said that so many of us are selective in what we hear. We may hear the words but we have difficulty in listening to what is being said. Listening requires more than just hearing spoken words.

In the distant past, listening and repeating was the order of the day. That is how messages and stories were passed on. If we are honest, a comment about our poor listening skills would be found in many school reports throughout the land. Any teacher will tell you that listening skills are getting poorer year on year. Today we hear about a Messenger, who had a very important message to pass on.

That Messenger is John the Baptist who was bringing a Message to the people of his time but sadly not everyone wanted to listen to his words, let alone act on them. If **you** wanted to pass a verbal message on, you would choose someone who could deliver it accurately. John the Baptist was one such person, chosen by God to be a very special Messenger indeed. He was a Herald, an announcer, a proclaimer. The message he had to deliver is of vital importance, and the voice of John the Baptist travels through time to us, here and now.

**"This is the man who the prophet Isaiah spoke about ,
'A voice cries in the wilderness, Prepare a way for the Lord ,
Make His paths straight . . . ' "**

The people of the time of Jesus would be very familiar with the prophecies of Isaiah, but even though they heard what was being said, listening and taking to heart is a different thing. For us this is where Faith begins.

John is telling us that the Messiah is here, amongst us NOW. If only we would listen and take heed: the World and We would change for the better .

The word 'listen' contains the
same letters as the word 'silent.'