

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**Reading Cycle B****Psalter Week 1****Sunday 10TH DECEMBER 2023****Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies**peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk

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SAT	9 TH	DEC	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Denis McCarthy + R.I.P
SUN	10 TH	DEC		10.00am	Joseph Long R.I.P
MON	11 TH	DEC			
TUES	12 TH	DEC	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	6.30pm	People of the Parish
WED	13 TH	DEC	MEMORIAL OF ST LUCY	6.30pm	Sick of the Parish
THURS	14 TH	DEC	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	10.00am	Terrence Webber R.I.P
			SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT (in Church)	5.30pm	
FRI	15 TH	DEC	Weekday in the Second Week of Advent	10.00 am	Joe and Edna O'Reilly R.I.P
SAT	16 TH	DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Bernard Bradley R.I.P Eileen and Fred Calford + R.I.P
SUN	17 TH	DEC		10.00am	William Mooney R.I.P Filomena and Domenico Dimonaco 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.

We also pray for, Doreen McGrath, Antonio Aviles, Raymond Udry, John Harris, Jane Goodridge, Gloria Jean Webber, Denis McCarthy, Irene Matthews, Terrence Webber, Giulia Camisa, Helen Wedlake, Johanna O'Sullivan, William Melville, Cynthia O'Shea, Nathalie Clarke, Joe O'Reilly, Michael John Burns, Cyril Union, Arthur Dacey, Reginald Hodge, Fr Dewi Davies, Fr John Owen, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Susan Crabtree and Josephine Reece who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Joseph Long and a Special Intention**

If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

WALK WITH ME ADVENT BOOK Available at the back of the Church £1.00

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Please take a leaflet with all the times of the Christmas Services. These are at the back of the Church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: There will be a Penitential Service and the opportunity for personal Confession on Wednesday 20th December from 5.30-6.30pm. This will be followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend. Your donations will help us support people throughout the year. We are always looking for new members so if you feel you would like to join our group, please ask Philip Mackie or Chris

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOK : **Bargain! £4.00** Available at the back of the Church

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS: All the names left in the basket during the month of November, have been placed on the Sacred Heart Altar for the duration of the year (until November 2024). Donations left with the envelopes will be used for Masses throughout the year. **Last year's memorial lists will be blessed and burnt.**

NOVEMBER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE Have a look. Lots of exciting things happening in our school

WEEKDAY MASSES: Now that the weather is getting colder, most of our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Sacristy.

COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE !. Everyone is welcome but please give a monetary donation toward the cost of the refreshments. All donations are most welcome. **RAFFLE THIS WEEK in the café.** Even if you can't stay for a coffee, please buy a ticket.

MISSIO RED BOXES - I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until the beginning of December. This will be the final collection for 2023. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers. Gerry McCarthy

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 put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church. The new Mass Diary for 2024 is now open.

CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT: 13-18 years Saturday 16th December Stella Maris Convent Swansea. £10 for the day. Please see poster at the back of the Church for more details.

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.

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Thank you to all who are helping to support the Fair-Priced Food Shop with donations of tinned goods and toiletries. Goods can be left by the table at the back of the Church and then they will be taken to the School.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

PIETY STALL: Christmas Stock . There are packs and boxes of Christmas Cards, Diaries, and many gift ideas, Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !

ONLINE DONATIONS: On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

GIFT AID If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this.

QR CODE: Many of you will have seen the poster displaying the QR Code for the Parish. This is another way you can donate to the Parish. You will need a QR Code reader on your Phone.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 2nd/ 3rd December £480.42

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 hear 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, if only we would listen and take heed, the World and We would change for the better

Dear Lord, you gave us the words of Scripture to guide us on our journey towards your Heavenly Kingdom. Help us to listen carefully, reflect on the words and rise to the challenges that are set before us. Help us to be still, because it is in the stillness that we can find our way to you, and help us to carry you throughout each day, knowing that you are always there in everything we do.