

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading Cycle C

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 17th DECEMBER 2021

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	18 TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Maria Rosario
SUN	19 TH DEC		10.00am	William Mooney, Abbe, Philomena and Alex Cohen
MON	20 TH DEC			
TUES	21 ST DEC	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Advent	10.00am	Bernard and Brigid Johnson
WED	22 ND DEC	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Advent	10.00am	Fr Fahy, Carmela and Leonardo Foti Domenico Malaccrino
THURS	23 RD DEC	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Advent	10.00am	Con and Muriel Callaghan
FRI	24 TH DEC	FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Booked seats only)	7.30 pm	People of the Parish Fr Fahy
SAT	25 TH DEC	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00am 10.30am	
SUN	26 TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	10.00am	Maldwyn and Helen Evans

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, Josephine McCarthy, Margaret Rose Murray, Hugh Kildea, Thomas McTighue, Jane Daly, Daniel Callan, Kevin John McCarthy, Elizabeth and Edna Hurley, Dorothy Irene Johnson, John 'Bena' Donovan, Eileen and Fred Calford, Roy Prew, Carol Micallef, Lawrence Jones, Brynley Hudd, Thomas Spear, Domenico Malaccrino, Betty Muscat, Francis Jenkins, Patrick Middleton, Vivian Taylor, Richard Mulhall, Teresa Ramos, William Woodman, Charles Donaldson, Fr Jack Fahy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please 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 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 Eddie Hall and Albert and Olwen Hall

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Thank you to all who gave so generously. It is much appreciated in these difficult times.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The First Mass of Christmas (7.30pm Christmas Eve) is now FULLY BOOKED. There is a seating plan so if you have booked for this Mass please collect your seating information from Christine. There are places available for the 9.00am Mass and 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day. Mass on Boxing Day (Sunday) will be 10.00am as usual,

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022: Thank You to those parents who have already registered their children to join the preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2022. You should have received an email from me containing more information. If any other parents wish to register their children, registration forms will be available at the Masses this weekend. Thank You. Mary Taylor (on behalf of the Catechetical team).

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

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

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.

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

PARISH WEBSITE [Daily Mass Readings](#) **Catholic People:** [DECEMBER EDITION](#), **Caritas:** [DEC_- JAN BULLETIN](#),

CONGRATULATIONS: Msgr Canon Bob Reardon celebrates 50 years of Priesthood this weekend. He's been a true friend to me these past 40 years. I thank the Lord for his dedication and service to the people of this Archdiocese. May he be blessed with good health and humour as he enjoys his retirement.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This Sunday we enter into the fourth week of Advent leading to the Feast of Christmas on Saturday December 25th. What a journey it's been for us, and for Mary and Joseph ! Both journeys have been arduous, full of twists and turns, exhausting and sometimes fearful. Since the start of 2020 we've been looking over our shoulders afraid that Coronavirus would catch us up and destroy us in body and soul, and now there is the new Omicron Variant for us to avoid. Stoically we plod on knowing that at some stage of our journey, the vaccines and the care we are taking will enable us to take a breath, hopefully without masks and restrictions.

Mary and Joseph had their gruelling journey. Most of the time it was demanding and challenging as they set out to Bethlehem. After many set-backs they arrived, afraid, not of Coronavirus, but of Herod. Many people of our time have lost their lives to the infection and two thousand years ago through the jealousy and resentfulness of Herod, the life of Jesus was at stake. The journey was physically demanding: treacherous tracks, fearful robbers, all in the heat of the mid-day Sun. Thank God they did not give up, but arrived at their destination, Bethlehem, then found they were without shelter. Great emphasis is placed upon Jesus and Mary, but the 'Quiet Man' Joseph, the dependable one was at the front guiding, encouraging, supporting, always being positive when all around were finding it hard to continue.

Our journey has brought us to the Crib, for today all roads lead to Bethlehem. Joseph, with the pregnant Mary, heard the encouraging words of the Angel and now the world rejoices at the Birth of the Saviour.

Humanity gives thanks for the gift of the Vaccine as we give thanks, honour and praise for Jesus.

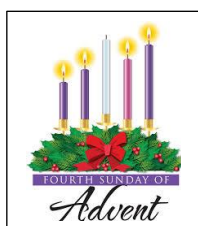
So this Christmas let us with gratitude and deep appreciation continue our journey as did Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

These gifts are to be shared with all of God's Children, they are both life-enhancing for the whole world.

They say "All Roads lead to Rome" but for us friends and family "All Roads lead to Bethlehem" As we Journey Towards the Stable, the "House of Welcome" we find a place of refuge, of welcome and of security, It's Home.

Like any organisation every parish has its volunteers, the "Back room Workers" You might not see them but they are unsung heroes. Week in week out they carry on where others "fear to tread" : they have cleaned, sanitised and made the Church as safe as it can be. I'm afraid to start naming them in fear of leaving any one out. This Parish cannot function without you. There are some of you who are capable of helping out, but afraid to volunteer, please come forward as "many hands make light work!" And to those who have, a sincere Thank-You. As I take stock of the past year, I find I have taken many a wrong road, a road that has taken me away from the "Straight Highway of the Lord" I must ask not only the forgiveness of Him but of you my fellow pilgrims, my fellow companions. There have been times when I've not been the most genial travelling-companion but that part of the Journey is in the past. What is of importance is that is that we encounter the Great Gift of the Holy Family full of understanding and sensitivity and share it with each other. I'm proud to be a fellow traveller and with God's help will Journey with you into the New Year. Let St. Patrick's be a Parish alive with the word of the Angels

"Glory to God & Peace to People of Good will" God is with us, let us rejoice, Emmanuel...



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

