

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 4**

Sunday 18TH DECEMBER 2022

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	17 th DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Bernard and Brigid Johnson
SUN	18 th DEC		10.00am	William Mooney , Domenico Malacrino Eileen and Fred Calford
MON	19 TH DEC			
TUES	20 TH DEC	SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH	10.00am	Staff and Children of the School
WED	21 ST DEC	COMMEMORATION OF ST PETER CANISIUS	10.00am	Intention of the Nico Family
THURS	22 ND DEC	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Advent	10.00am	Paul and Nicholina Mallia
FRI	23 RD DEC			
SAT	24 TH DEC	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	6.30pm	People of the Parish Fr Jack Fahy
SUN	25 TH DEC		10.00am	People of the Parish

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 Arthur Dacey, Reginald Hodge, Josephine McCarthy, Margaret Rose Murray, Hugh Kildea, Thomas McTighue, Jane Daly, Daniel Callan, Avril Barnes, 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 Malacrino, Betty Muscat, Francis Jenkins, Patrick Middleton, Vivian Taylor, Fr Jack Fahy, Richard Mulhall 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. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Burns, Terry Webber and Gloria Webber who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

CANDLES You can 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 the children who died in Solihull**

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.

THANK YOU : The Conference of St Vincent De Paul would like to thank all those who gave so generously to our annual appeal. In these difficult times it is so heart-warming to know that St Pat's Parishioners always 'dig deep'. Thank you again.

WEAR WARM: Disaster struck our heating system at the end of last week so the Church is cold. We have some temporary heaters but please take care and do NOT go near them. Please do not let children wander around the Church.

DOORS : Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE TWO ARCHBISHOPS: Archbishop Mark and the Archbishop of Wales have written a joint Christmas Message which is available for you to read on the Parish Website.

"WALK WITH ME" ADVENT Bks These have a forward by Archbishop Mark and are on sale as you come into Church . £1.00.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH senior parishioners are invited to our Community Mass and Christmas Celebration at St David's Catholic College on **Thursday 22nd December from 12.00pm until 3.00pm.** Following the Mass, a buffet and a full entertainment programme with prizes and small gifts will be provided. For the housebound, it is a lovely opportunity to meet new friends or connect with old friends. For the more active, it is an entertaining and vibrant social occasion where young and old enjoy each other's company.

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2023 : These are on sale as you come into Church £3.00

DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS: The diary for 2023 is now open. Please give your requests to Pat Johnson or Chris German.

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)

PIETY STALL: Get your last minute Christmas Cards, Nativity Sets, Candles and Christmas Gifts
Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards.
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.

FACEBOOK : Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Weekend 10th /11th DECEMBER £602.90

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

PARISH WEBSITE Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. The Caritas Bulletin for **DECEMBER**. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message. Also the Christmas Message from the two Archbishops and the Catholic People Newspaper for **DECEMBER**

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This Sunday we enter into the fourth week of Advent leading to the Feast of Christmas on Sunday December 25th. What a journey it's been for us, and for Mary and Joseph. For them it would have been challenging enough, but for an expectant mother riding on a donkey on the roughest of pathways, the journey must have seemed endless. The way to Bethlehem was physically very demanding: treacherous tracks, fearful robbers, all in the heat of the mid-day Sun and very cold nights. After many set-backs they arrived, afraid, not of the imminent birth of the child but of Herod. Thank God they did not give up, even when they 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.

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. 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...

