

CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur

ARCHBISHOP OF CARDIFF

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19th December | Readings: Year C (Sunday) | Psalter: Week 4

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve

4:00pm—Vigil Mass of Christmas

6:00pm—Vigil Mass of Christmas

9:00pm—Mass During the Night

Saturday 25th December—Christmas Day

9:00am—Mass at Dawn

11:00am—Mass During the Day

NB No evening Mass

Sunday 26th December—Feast of the Holy Family

11:00am—Mass

5:30pm—Mass

Fortnightly Collections: 28th November & 5th December

5:30pm Vigil: £155.05

11:00am: £417.11

5:30pm: £122.19

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff: 1177272

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

LORRAINE STONE, RIP

I received the sad news this week of the death of a loyal Cathedral parishioner, Lorraine Stone. I ask that you keep her and her family in your prayers at this time.

Provincial Directory & Yearbook

The Directory and Yearbook for 2022 is now available for purchase. £3.00 each. (£4 for ring bound)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

On the front of the newsletter, you will find the Christmas Mass Schedule. There are two Vigil Masses, as well as the Mass During the Night on Christmas Eve. I am hoping that this will encourage more people to come and 'spread out' to ensure social distancing. At the Vigil Masses, if necessary, the choir loft will be used as extra seating. I'm sure you will forgive me for not having an evening Mass on Christmas Day. Apart from not having a Vigil Mass, Sunday will be as normal.

There is no need to book for any of the Masses of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the entrance to the Cathedral. The Christmas and Easter offerings contribute around half of a priest's annual income. I am very conscious of the financial difficulties which many people are continuing to face as a result of the pandemic. I would like to thank you most sincerely for your contributions and your continued generosity and support at this time.

If you would like to use the Donation Station please press "Other" and type "Christmas"

2022 MISSALS

I have ordered 100 Missals for 2022. Unlike previous years we will not be able to distribute them every week. If you take a Missal you will have to take it home with you and bring it weekly. With this in mind, if you feel able to contribute to the cost of the Missals I would be most grateful. The cost of each Missal is £5.90.

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY

A Synod is perhaps something you have not heard about, but they have featured in the life of the Church since her beginnings. In these isles, various Synods were held among the local bishops to decide such things as the date on which Easter should be kept, eventually agreeing that they should be in line with the Church of Rome.

Synods have featured in a more poignant way since the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, they differ from an Ecumenical Council, in that Bishops' Conferences send representatives from the Bishops' of a country to speak. They usual focus on a particular theme: we think of the recent Synods on the Youth and the Church in Africa.

Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality. The word Synod comes from the Greek word σύνοδος (pronounced sinodos) and means 'meeting' or 'assembly'. Part of the call of the Holy Father is that we reach out to the wider community, but also that we listen to one another. To help in the facilitation of this, we have been asked to provide parish representatives who will coordinate the initial stages of the Synod in Parishes, before submitting a report to the Diocesan Coordinators, and then on to Rome.

Our Parish Representatives are Trudy McBride and Patrick Smalley, I thank them for their willingness to participate in this. In the coming months they will begin the process of listening in the Cathedral Parish, this will take the form of meetings, but also one-on-one conversations. We are being asked by Holy Mother Church to engage with this process. I ask that we do so with patience and humility.

EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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ALTAR SERVING

If you're interested in serving on the altar, please speak to Fr Robert or one of the servers.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team: (029) 2074 3230

Chaplains:

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am—5pm; Sat & Sun: 9am—6:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available Monday to Friday 12noon - 12:25pm & Saturday at the advertised times.

Saturday 18th December

Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10:30am—5:15pm

5:30pm	Vigil Mass: Kathleen & Reginald Snow	MN
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Sunday 19th December—Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00am	Mass: Gail & Ian James—40th Wedding Anniversary	RMJ
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5:30pm	Mass: Cathedral Community	
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Monday 20th December

12:45pm	Mass: Intentions of the Donor	
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Tuesday 21st December

12:45pm	Mass: Robert & Dorothy Guinee	
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5:00pm	The Light is on for you: Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation 'til 6pm	
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Wednesday 22nd December

12:45pm	Mass: Parakulangara Family	
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Thursday 23rd December

12:45pm	Mass: Margaret (Theresa) & William Rogers	
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Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve

NB 10:00am	Mass: Fr John Fahy, RIP	
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MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

4:00pm	Vigil Mass: Holy Souls	
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6:00pm	Vigil Mass: The Cathedral Community	
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