

CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✚ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28th November | Readings: Year C (Sunday), Cycle 2 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 1

The last 20 months have been the most difficult in the lifetimes of most of us. We have lost loved ones, some may have lost their income; it has been a trying time mentally and spiritually. We are sustained, in part, by our faith in Jesus Christ, who foretold that there would be times of great difficulty, but our faith compels us to trust in Him.

Many of us did not expect that the events of March 2020 and the months prior to it, would have such lasting consequences, perhaps we thought that the initial lockdowns would last but a moment and then 'normality' would return.

The lifting of the Sunday Obligation by the Bishops' Conference was a decision that concerned some, but also brought relief to others, as they knew that the decision to lift the obligation—which should never be viewed as a burden—allowed them to keep safe, with a clear conscience.

As you know, the Bishops have not brought the Obligation back, however, His Grace is encouraging us to come to Mass, to come to church, to re-discover that relationship with the Lord and His Church. More information is contained in this newsletter regarding how the Cathedral will approach this, with a particular emphasis on the Season of Advent.

Fortnightly Collections: 14th November & 21st November

5:30pm Vigil: £123.55

11:00am: £274.58

5:30pm: £109.87

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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.

WELCOME HOME

Following the recent statement from the Bishops' Conference it would seem appropriate that life at the Cathedral returned to some 'normality'. As such, the Cathedral will now be open for private prayer from 9am—5pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; on Saturday and Sunday the Cathedral will open at 9am and close after the evening Masses.

For the season of Advent the Cathedral will be open until 6pm on Tuesdays to allow for some time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. On 18th December, the last Saturday before Christmas, Confessions will be heard from 10:30am—5:15pm.

PASTORAL LETTER

His Grace has released a Pastoral Letter to be read at Masses this weekend. The Letter is also available on the website, and some copies are available in the porch.

YOUNG CATHOLICS SOCIAL SUNDAY 28TH

This Sunday at Central Bar on Windsor Place, starting at 6pm.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

As the shops have already started celebrating Christmas, perhaps you will forgive me for this 'plug'. We are now selling Christmas cards at the Cathedral. Mike Quirke, an artist from London, designed three Christmas cards for the Cathedral. We are selling them in packs of six, with three designs in each pack. They depict the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi, and the Flight into Egypt. The packs will sell for £3.50.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALTAR

As you will have seen, the new Altar is now in place on the sanctuary. His Grace the Archbishop will consecrate the Altar at a Mass celebrated on the 8th December— the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our Diocese, at 6pm. This is a most important day in the life of any church, but most especially in the life of the Cathedral and the wider Diocese. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the great solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING (VMG)

From the end of the month, VMG will cease its operation as a charity platform. The diocese will be moving over to a different platform, which works in a similar way. If you have been contributing to the running of the Cathedral via VMG, you will have to move over to this new platform from December. I have been assured that it is similar to the easy-to-use VMG style. If you have been contributing a regular monthly donation via VMG this will also cease and will need to be transferred to the new platform.

COLLECTION

From this Sunday, the collection will return to its usual place, as the Altar is prepared at the Offertory. Until future notice, the Offertory procession continues to be omitted.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your Holy Church.

Teach them that to serve you is to reign, to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the young hearts of your sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth.

Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.
Help our seminarians who are preparing for Priesthood.

EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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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

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am-5pm

Tues 9am-6pm

Weekend: 9am—after the evening Masses

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday 27th November

4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm	
5:30pm	Vigil Mass: Frank Naughton	MN

Sunday 28th November—First Sunday of Advent

11:00am	Mass: Cathedral Community	
5:30pm	Mass: Holy Souls List	

Monday 29th November

12:45pm	Mass: Holy Souls List	
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Tuesday 30th November—St Andrew, Apostle

12:45pm	Mass: Holy Souls List	
5:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession until 6pm	

Wednesday 1st December

12:45pm	Mass: Mary Veronica Tabone	TT
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Thursday 2nd December

12:45pm	Mass: Roberts' Family	
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Friday 3rd December—St Francis Xavier, Priest

12:45pm	Mass: Eugeniuze & Leda Kuzaczynski	
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Saturday 4th December

10:00am	Mass: Cecilia Edewo	HC
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Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration until 12noon

4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm	
5:30pm	Vigil Mass: Kathleen & Reginald Snow	

Sunday 5th December—Second Sunday of Advent

11:00am	Mass: Cathedral Community	
5:30pm	Mass: Anthony & Rose Manavela	