

# CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

*Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur*

## ARCHBISHOP OF CARDIFF

Most Reverend  
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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

26th December | Readings: Year C (Sunday) | Psalter: Week 1

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### Christmas Message

When I think of Christmases past, I remember (with or without rose tinted spectacles) times of great joy. A time surrounded by family: my parents, my brothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, great-grandparents, great uncles and aunts. In more recent years, the joy of nephews and nieces. I think of arguments, celebrations, that one visit to A&E (sorry Dad), games of charades... I remember time spent with family.

In a very real sense, that is what has made the last couple of years, and made last Christmas, so difficult. In my own family, and with the passage of time, the older generation has given way to the new generation, and seeing them grow up, and seeing them experience the awe and wonder of Christmas, brings its own joy.

Christmas is a time of rejoicing, of true joy at the coming of the Christ Child into our world. We put up images of the crib in our churches and in our homes and we rejoice in that little family in Bethlehem.

We do not only celebrate with our 'nuclear' families, but we also rejoice with the family of the Church. We rejoice at the coming of the Saviour into the world, God-with-us.

My prayer for you all this Christmas is that, wherever you find yourself on Christmas Day, you experience the deep joy of knowing that you are loved by God, who was born in Bethlehem, who became a little child out of love for you and for me.

With my prayers for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

**Fr Robert**

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff: 1177272

## **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

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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.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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### **Fortnightly Collections: 12th December & 19th December**

5:30pm Vigil: £123.31

11:00am: £234.02

5:30pm: £70.70

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### **Banking Details for Standing Orders**

**Account Name:** Archdiocese of Cardiff

**Sort Code:** 20-18-23

**Account Number:** 03896056

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

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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"

## **ALERT LEVEL: TWO**

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When you come to Mass on the 26th December, and until we are told otherwise, we will be expected to socially distance. As such, I ask that you sit in the pews that are not marked off, and that you keep at least two metres between family groups.

## **CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS**

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This year your Crib Offerings will contribute towards the Diocesan Food Voucher Scheme, and also to support the child refugees from Afghanistan.

The wall box near the entrance to the sacristy is where your offerings can be made.

## A WORD OF THANKS

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My sincere thanks to all our volunteers at the Cathedral, readers, servers & stewards. So much would not happen at the Cathedral without your assistance. A special word of thanks to Barry whose presence enables the Cathedral to be open every day of the week.

Another special word of thanks to our flower arrangers, who have, once again, pulled out all the stops to make the Cathedral look beautiful in time for Christmas.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

## TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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You can almost guarantee that within a week of the celebration of the Lord's Nativity, the shops will have replaced Christmas items with Easter treats, the television channels will have stopped showing Christmas movies/shows, and the radio stations will have stopped playing "I wish it could be Christmas everyday". (I may be wrong...)

For us Christians, we know that the days after Christmas Day form the Octave, meaning that every day is Christmas Day, we should celebrate accordingly, but not only that, we also celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, from the Solemnity of the Nativity to the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

I visited friends in Spain a few years ago around this time of year, and the Christmas treats only went away (or were heavily curtailed) on the Feast of the Epiphany. Let us remember this year, of all years, that our celebrations do not cease at the stroke of midnight on the 25th, they continue. Let us celebrate the Birth of the Saviour.

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### EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

#### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

#### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

#### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

07933 720 845

#### 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:

Fr Peter Davies

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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.

### Friday 24th December—Christmas Eve

4:00pm	Vigil Mass: Holy Souls
6:00pm	Vigil Mass: Cathedral Community
9:00pm	Mass During the Night: Foundation Mass—Curran Family

### Saturday 25th December—Nativity of the Lord

9:00am	Mass at Dawn: Foundation Mass—Criddle Family
11:00am	Mass During the Day: Foundation Mass—Curran Family

### Sunday 26th December—Feast of the Holy Family

11:00am	Mass: Bishop Thomas Burns—50th Anniversary	HC
5:30pm	Mass: Cathedral Community	

### Monday 27th December—St John, Apostle & Evangelist

12:45pm	Mass: Sr Mary Veronica	TT
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### Tuesday 28th December—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:45pm	Mass: Ida Sabini
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### Wednesday 29th December—Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

12:45pm	Mass: Sr Anne Magdalen	TT
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### Thursday 30th December—Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

12:45pm	Mass: Holy Souls
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### Friday 31st December—Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas

12:45pm	Mass: Intentions of Donor
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### Saturday 1st January 2022—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00am	Mass: Krystine Brent
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*Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration until noon.*

4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm
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5:30pm	Vigil Mass: Kathleen & Reginald Snow
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### Sunday 2nd January—Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00am	Mass: The Cathedral Community	
12:30pm	Sacrament of Marriage	
5:30pm	Mass: Thanksgiving to Our Lord & Mother Mary	BD