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The Fourth Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family

20th December 2020

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27th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



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* denotes the Mass is open to the public.

± denotes service is live-streamed only, and not open to the public.

Zoom Login Details - Meeting ID: 868 571 1627 Password: cathedral

Saturday Vigil	6:00pm *	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:40pm</i> Mass: Angelo Tabone, <i>RIP</i>
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent (O' Clavis)	10:00am * 12:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm *	Mass: the Cathedral Community Zoom Coffee Break Cathedral Carol Service Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i>
Monday O' Oriens	7:15am ± 10:00am * 5:00pm ±	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Sorensen & Guinee Families Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5:40pm</i>
Tuesday O' Rex Gentium	7:15am ± 10:00am * 10:30am 12:00pm	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Nicholas Keenan (G. E.) Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:30pm</i>
Wednesday		
Thursday Christmas Eve	7:15am ± 10:00am * 12:00pm 10:40pm	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Holy Souls Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i>
Thursday Christmas Vigil	4:00pm * 6:00pm * 9:00pm *	Mass: the Cathedral Community Mass: Holy Souls Solemn Mass: Foundation Mass: Curran Family <i>Principal Celebrant: Archbishop George Stack</i>
Friday Christmas Day	9:00am * 11:00am *	Mass of the Dawn: Foundation Mass: Criddle Family Mass of the Day: Foundation Mass: Curran Family <i>Principal Celebrant: Archbishop George Stack</i> NO EVENING MASS
Saturday St. Stephen's Day	10:00am *	Mass: David Phillips, <i>RIP</i> <i>The Cathedral will close after the morning Mass.</i>

Christmas Offerings – Christmas Offering envelopes are available with this newsletter this weekend. There is also a way to donate online. Visit:

www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/christmasofferings

The Christmas and Easter offerings contribute around half of a priest's annual income. Due to COVID-19, a portion of this has been lost which would normally have been offered last Easter. I am very conscious of the financial implications which many people are facing 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm 6:00pm *	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:40pm</i> Mass: Mary Veronica Tabone
Sunday Holy Family	10:00am * 4:30pm ± 6:00pm *	Mass: Holy Souls Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction Mass: the Cathedral Community
Monday Holy Innocents	10:00am *	Mass: Holy Souls
Tuesday 5 th Day of the Octave	10:00am *	Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday		
Thursday 7 th Day of the Octave	6:00pm ±	Mass: Holy Souls
Friday Mary, Mother of God	10:00am * 10:45am	Mass: Mass: Holy Souls The Holy Rosary, <i>imploring Our Lady's intercession for 2021</i>
Saturday Ss. Basil & Gregory	10:00am *	Mass: Holy Souls
** Please Note: Change of Mass Times Takes Effect **		
Saturday Vigil	4:30pm 5:30pm *	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Mass: Sr. Mary Veronica
Sunday 2 nd of Christmas	11:00am * 12:00pm 4:30pm ± 5:30pm *	Mass: the Cathedral Community Zoom Coffee Break Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction Mass: Intentions of the Donor

After Christmas | Wales-wide Lockdown – Last week, the First Minister announced that on 28th December, Wales will go into lockdown, going into **Tier Four** restrictions. The First Minister told the people of Wales that this lockdown would last for an initial three weeks, to be reviewed. First Minister: *"I can't offer you a prediction of how long this will last. It will last for three weeks in the first instance"*.

During this time of lockdown many businesses and services will be affected. The Welsh Government has confirmed that churches and places of worship **will** remain open during this time.

All Masses and devotions which take place at the Cathedral are live-streamed via the Cathedral website. The camera is active 24/7 for those who wish to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

INFORMATION

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Stack

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Prayer and Worship

Instructions for Attending the Celebration of Mass – It is wonderful to be able to welcome you all back to the Cathedral. The **stewards** are available at the back of the Cathedral to help and guide you. I am very grateful to the stewards for their dedication and commitment. The **Track and Trace** system which is in place is there to safeguard visitors to the Cathedral for the celebration of Mass. **Masks** must be worn inside the Cathedral at all times, both for private prayer and also for Mass. If you have an exemption from the doctor, please show your information card to the stewards. Instructions for attending Mass are available on the Cathedral website. Visit: www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/coronavirus for details.

The annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** will take place next **this afternoon**, beginning at **3:00pm**. The Service of Lessons and Carols will be followed by tea, coffee and mince pies at the Cornerstone, served to socially distant tables. The price of the ticket is £10.00. Max of four per table. Due to limited numbers at both the Cathedral and the Cornerstone, this will be a ticket-only event. To purchase a ticket, please contact the Cornerstone directly on (029) 20 494 425.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

There is still a bit of time to buy some raffle tickets for the Christmas draw. The draw will be made after the Carol Service this afternoon (20th December).

A Message From Fr. Daniel

During this last week, my meditation has taken me to the place of the nativity scene. Here, in a humble and lowly stable, the greatest miracle is brought to life: “*the Word was made flesh*”. The nativity scene is far more than simply a religious Christmas decoration to make the room sparkle, it is, at its heart, a valuable tool for the transmission of the Christian faith; for what is the sharing of our faith except to bring people to an encounter with Jesus. The humble and lowly stable is an invitation for all of humanity to rediscover the Christ-Child, and to be reminded of our vocation to mission. Pope Francis reflects: “*As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel...*” Our nativity scenes are our acts of witness to the world. We do not need to cancel Christmas, or to believe the claims that it is less significant than in previous years. This Christmas takes us to the heart of the Christmas message. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family during this unique Christmas season.