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The Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020

Year B

Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights. and behold the day which comes



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St. John the Baptist

The statue of St. John the Baptist here at the Cathedral is worth going to visit. Its impressive and imposing stature is a reminder to us of his place in salvation history as the one who points the way to Christ. John is the one who announces Jesus. By his presence and his preaching, he contributes greatly to the unfolding of our Advent pilgrimage as we journey toward the coming of our Saviour. His voice, crying in the wilderness, introduces us to the second of our Advent words to meditate upon – conversion:

“Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight”.

St. John the Baptist’s imposing presence, both in the baptistry and also as he appears in the Gospel, impels us to take seriously the call to conversion, that radical change of life brought about by a personal encounter with Jesus. The Gospel of Mark, which we hear today, begins with the preaching of conversion. Authentic conversion of life is, at its heart, the sign of God working in us, rather than something which is all our own handiwork. Let us cooperate with His grace, and “make his paths straight”.

KEY

* 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	5:00pm 6:00pm *	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:40pm</i> Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	10:00am * 12:00pm 4:30pm *	Mass: the Cathedral Community Zoom Coffee Break Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i>
Monday St. Ambrose <i>Eve:</i> Immaculate Conception	7:15am ± 10:00am * 5:00pm ±	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, <i>RIP</i> Solemn Evening Prayer I
Tuesday Immaculate Conception	7:15am ± 10:00am * 12:30pm ±	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Brian Kelly, <i>RIP</i> Chapter Mass: Including Installation of Canon David Hayman
Wednesday		
Thursday St. John Roberts	7:15am ± 11:00am 12:00pm 12:45pm 5:00pm ± 6:00pm ±	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Open for Private Prayer <i>until 3:00pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:30pm</i> Lectio Divina via Zoom Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5:30pm</i> Mass: In Thanksgiving
Friday	7:15am ± 10:00am * 5:00pm ±	Advent Recollection with the Lord, <i>Morning Prayer at 8:00am</i> Mass: Eduard Moreno & Gilberto Chaparro, <i>RIP</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5:40pm</i>
Saturday	9:00am 10:00am * 11:00am	The Angelus (Facebook Live only) Mass: Intentions of the Donor <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 12:00pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i>
Saturday Vigil	5:00pm 6:00pm *	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:40pm</i> Mass: Mary Veronica Tabone
Sunday Third Sunday of Advent	10:00am * 12:00pm 4:00pm ± 6:00pm *	Mass: Holy Souls Zoom Coffee Break Diaconal Ordination Mass: Mr. Christian Mahoney Mass: the Cathedral Community

Congratulations to Canon David Hayman, who this week will be installed as a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Cathedral. Let us thank God for his ministry and dedication to the people of the Archdiocese.

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 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.

Advent Recollection with the Lord

As part of our spiritual preparation for Advent, I would like to invite you to join me in the weekday mornings (via live-stream), for a time of quiet **Advent Recollection with the Lord**. This quiet time of recollection will begin with the *Angelus* at 7:15am, and concluding with Morning prayer at 8:00am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Advent, there will be the opportunity to experience the mercy of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the week. There is an extra opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday evenings, before the evening Mass, from 5:00pm until 5:40pm.

Saturday, 19th December 2020 - Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day. Confessions begin after the morning Mass, as usual, and will run continuous until 5:00pm. More information to follow.

The annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** will take place on **Sunday, 20th December 2020**, beginning at **3:00pm**. The Service of Lessons and Carols will be followed by mulled wine (or tea or coffee) and minced pies at the Cornerstone, served to socially distant tables. The bar will also be open. 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 at the Cathedral

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with booking in for Masses over the Christmas period. There are spaces available at all the Masses, although the 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass is filling up

quickly. As I have no administrative assistance, and to avoid errors being made with booking in Masses, could I ask you to **telephone your request only**, and leave a message on the answerphone along with a contact number. I will get back to you to confirm your booking. Mass times for Christmas are:

Christmas Eve

24th December

4:00pm – Holy Mass

6:00pm – Holy Mass (Family Mass)

9:00pm – Christmas Night Mass

Christmas Day

25th December

9:00am – Dawn Mass

11:00am – Solemn Mass of Christmas

No Evening Mass

Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Convent

On Thursday and Friday of this week, the Sisters of Elizabeth's Convent, Belarus, will visit the Cathedral. They will have a small display of crafts on sale, and the proceeds will go to their continuing apostolate. Their website - obitel-minsk.ru/en/

Christmas Raffle Tickets

There is still time to buy some raffle tickets for the Christmas Prize Draw. Tickets cost £1:00 per book, and are available at the back of the Cathedral.

Welsh Catholics Unite to Oppose RE Changes

The Welsh Government are looking to expand the scope of traditional RE to include 'Religion Value and Ethics', removing the

academic rigour of the subject and reducing it to an over-simplistic comparison exercise which fails to understand the fundamentals of faith and religion. Archbishop George Stack reflects:

"The Welsh Government wants to take away the rights of parents to withdraw their children from both Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They also want to dumb-down the subject of RE and force schools to teach children about worldviews instead.

"The Church teaches that family is much more than just a unit in the culture or economy. Parents are the primary educators of their children and our schools aid them in that task. While parents may choose various modes of education for their children it remains the parents' duty above anyone else's to teach their children. This necessarily means remaining informed and involved in the education children are receiving and supplementing or moderating when the need arises. The proposals by the Welsh Government remove this fundamental basic right of parents.

"Concern must also be taken when looking at the Religious Education provision for our children. For families who do not currently have the option of sending their children to a Catholic school, they must be allowed to retain the right to withdraw their child from RE in their own school. Also the proposed introduction of worldviews as a central focus for RE provision moves the subject away from a theological discipline into a more sociological model i.e. removing God who is at the centre of everything and replacing Him with secular ideology".

There is more information on the Cathedral website, which also includes links to the updates on the CES website.