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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

Year A

Psalter Week 4

From Archbishop George Stack

The Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Dioceses of Menevia and Wrexham welcomes the announcement by the First Minister that churches may be opened for private prayer from Monday 22nd June 2020. In the interests of your continued safety, given the measures that will need to be put in place in the coming days, it seems that **Saturday 28th June** will be the likely date for those churches who fulfil the health and safety requirements to be opened for a specific time to be announced. With the re-opening of churches, certain responsibilities are laid on both the parish and the diocese to ensure the health and safety of those who come to pray. Amongst these are the following:

1. Each parish will need to decide the hours of opening and these times will be published on the diocesan website, once the Risk Assessment has been made and the Health and Safety certificate has been issued.
2. Everyone visiting the church will be required to follow the necessary guidelines and signage to ensure the safety of all.
3. Each parish will need to provide two or three volunteers to ensure the safe flow and placement of people – seating, distance, cleaning, signage, stewards etc.

The full version of this letter is available on the Cathedral website.



e-Newsletter Signup

You can now signup to receive the Cathedral's *e-Newsletter*. Either scan the QR code adjacent, or visit the Cathedral website for the link.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

There will be ***no*** Masses or services broadcast from the Cathedral this week. Fr. Daniel will celebrate the Mass for the following intentions:

Monday ~

Joan Sullivan (sick)

Tuesday ~

Rev. David Hayman (25th Anniversary of Ordination)

Wednesday ~

Private Intention

Thursday ~

Pilar Schofield

Friday ~

Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday ~

Bet Mills, RIP

Sunday (return of the live-streaming) ~

the Cathedral Community

Congratulations - On Wednesday, Fr. David Hayman celebrates his silver jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood. On Tuesday I will celebrate in thanksgiving for his ministry. In recognition of his unstinting and dedicated work as Chancellor of the Archdiocese and his contribution to the establishment and running of the National Tribunal of Wales, Archbishop George has appointed Fr. David as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Congratulations to Canon David - *Ad Multos Annos!*

INFORMATION

Archbishop:

Most Rev. George
Stack

Priest-In-Charge:

Rev. Daniel
Stanton

Parish Safeguarding:

John Fellows
(029) 20 23 14 07

Hospital Chaplaincy:

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team:

Contact - (029) 20 74 32 30

Chaplains:

Rev. Peter Davies
peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk

Rev. David Pritchard
david.pritchard@wales.nhs.uk

Lectio Divina via Zoom

There will be no *Lectio Divina* prayer group this week. *Lectio Divina* will return next week.

Month of the Sacred Heart ~ Praying for our Priests

This week, we pray for the priests of the North Gwent deanery:

- Rev. Dom Matthew Carney, OSB
- Rev. John Griffiths
- Rev. David Hayman
- Rev. Liam Hennessy

- Rev. Nicholas James
- Rev. Joseph Mensah
- Rev. Kevin Payne
- Rev. Bernard Sixtus

Mass Intentions

It is an ancient tradition to have a Mass celebrated for our deceased relatives or friends, for someone who is sick, or in gratitude for help received. It is usual in requesting such a Mass to give a stipend (donation); this goes directly for the support of the priest who celebrates the requested Mass. If you wish to have a Mass dedicated, there are Mass offering envelopes available at the back of the Cathedral, where you can note down the intention and also any preferred date you may wish to have this Mass celebrated.

If you would like to have a Mass offered, please visit the Cathedral website which has more information. Visit - <https://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/requesting-a-mass/>

If you are requesting a Mass to be celebrated for a loved one, please indicate their name clearly in the comment section.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you require the assistance of the Cathedral's SVP group, please contact Kevin directly on this designated phone number - **07933 720 845**.

Cathedral Zoom Coffee Break

The regular Zoom Coffee Breaks continue each Sunday after Mass, *beginning at 12:00pm.*

The meeting ID: **868-571-1627**. The password to enter the meeting is '**cathedral**'.

Reopening Our Cathedral

Last Friday, the First Minister announced that churches and places of worship may be opened for private prayer from Monday, 22nd June 2020. Echoing the sentiments of the Welsh Bishops' in their statement, this is very good news. The letter of Archbishop George, on behalf of the Welsh Bishops', ends with the following psalm: "*I rejoice when I heard them say 'let us go to God's house, and now are feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem'*".

Behind the scenes lots has been happening to ensure a safe reopening of the Cathedral, and there is still lots to be done before the doors can open:

- The Risk Assessments and all accompanying paperwork which has been prepared over the last couple of weeks needs to be completed and sent to the diocesan Health and Safety executive in order that a *faculty* be granted in order for us to open. Without this faculty, which ensures that all health and safety guidelines have been met here at the

Cathedral, no church will be able to be opened.

- The Cathedral is scheduled to be deep cleaned by a cleaning company during the week. This is important before the Cathedral can be opened. After each day of opening, the Cathedral will be cleaned before it is able to be reopened again. I am very grateful to the seminarians for their assistance in this.
- I am awaiting the arrival of the PPE, which is on order. All volunteer stewards will be required to wear PPE at all times while assisting at the Cathedral.
- Opening the Cathedral can only happen with the assistance of volunteer stewards. I would like to sincerely thank those people who have volunteered. At the moment, we will be able to open for a set time on Saturday and a short time on Sunday. If you are able to assist during the weekday, in particular, I would be grateful if you could get in touch with me at Clergy House.

I am looking to be able to open the Cathedral as soon as is safely possible to do so, once the criteria has been met, and the faculty granted from the Archdiocese. Please keep checking the Cathedral website (CardiffCathedral.org.uk/coronavirus) and the Cathedral's social media pages for updated information and for Cathedral opening times.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Daniel