

NOTICES

Throughout Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross every Friday after Morning Mass**

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): Jack Rees; Prue & Arthur Jones; Richard & Rosemary Jones; Ellen & John Ahern; Albert, Tony and Ken

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other):
Sanctuary Lamp Requests:

A REMINDER ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING: On the subject of social distancing, I would like to remind all parishioners of the need to maintain the safety protocols in place. Especially please note that there is to be no congregating in the porch either before or after Mass. If you have to wait for transport, please wait outside. As long as COVID-19 is still very prevalent, it is vital that we do not “drop our guard”. We must all remain vigilant..

STEWARDS: Please ensure you arrive 30 minutes before the start of Mass. Special attention should be paid to ensuring that parishioners observe social distancing and do not gather in the in the porch area.

For further updates, please keep watching the newsletter which is published weekly on the Parish website.

SCHEDULING OF MASSES: Please note that during lockdown, public Masses will be on alternate days, i.e. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will be the regular arrangement until after lockdown, with the exception of Solemnities and Holy Days of Obligation.

NB: Masses celebrated privately **will not** be streamed online. However, please note that whether celebrated publicly or privately, **ALL MASSES** booked will be celebrated on the due date.

THE CURRICULUM FOR WALES: RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS BILL currently before the Senedd will effectively remove the rights of parents as the first educators of their children. It will threaten the nature and purpose of Catholic schools as well as being an affront to devout Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in Wales. Please go to the Parish website and use the link in the section to register your objection to this Bill.

MASS SCHEDULE AND TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS: Although Welsh Government regulations instruct that people should “*stay at home*” for all but essential reasons, attending “Places of Worship” is now recognised as being an essential reason. See [Alert level 4: frequently asked questions | GOV.WALES.](#) The Cathedral, therefore, remains open for Masses and prayers as scheduled. Masses are also live-streamed on our website. **NB: Government COVID-19 health & safety protocol is strictly enforced at the cathedral, including the wearing of face-coverings and social distancing.**

HOLY COMMUNION - IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO AVOID ACCIDENTS - Please either unloop your face covering or lower it before you step forward to receive Holy Communion. Extend your arms/hands fully and consume immediately. Then replace your face covering.

DONATIONS/OFFERINGS: Sincere thanks for your continued financial support over recent months and especially, thanks you to all who responded to appeals to set up monthly bank standing orders. In case there is anyone who still hasn't got around to doing this but would like to, the process is very simple. The information needed to instruct your bank is as follows:

Sort Code: 55-61-20

Account Number: 01678442

Account Name: Diocese of Menevia Cathedral.

Once again, please be reassured that your donations/offerings greatly assist the Cathedral financially - especially during these most challenging of times. THANK YOU.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: The year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX proclaiming St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. “*Quemadmodum Deus*” was promulgated in 1870. To mark this anniversary, Pope Francis through the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” has proclaimed the “Year of St Joseph” to run from Tuesday, 8th December 2020, through to 8th December 2021.

Here in the Cathedral, we began the ‘Year of St. Joseph’ with the veneration of the statue of St. Joseph on the feast of the Holy Family.

Throughout the year we will strive to honour St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful, with heartfelt prayer and devotion - encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness.

After the lockdown, we shall take the opportunity of lining-up some events to take place in the Cathedral, to mark this special year. Meanwhile, you will find on the Parish website, resources for the year of St. Joseph as well as information on how you may gain a Plenary Indulgence during this year.

We ask St. Joseph to intercede for us and to obtain God's blessing upon us as we make our way in life during this year.

THE ‘CATHOLIC UNIVERSE’ – there's currently a special offer which former readers might like to take advantage of. For a limited period you may have the paper delivered to your home address, postage free. A 3 month subscription costs £25; 12 month subscription costs £99. Subscription for the digital version which will be sent straight to your email address costs £55 for 12 months. To order just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or telephone 0161 820 5722.

BLESSED ASHES: Small packets of blessed ashes are available to take away if you have any family members who were unable to attend either of the Masses on Ash Wednesday. You will find these in front of the altar, next to the statue of St. Joseph.