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This week at the Cathedral

Sunday 29th **First Sunday of Advent**
Saturday Vigil Mass:
 18:00 *Mass: Nellie Kerins (RIP)*
Sunday Mass:
 08:00 *Mass: Pamela De Marco (RIP)*
 10:00 *Mass: Maureen & Ray Courtney (RIP)*

Monday 30th **St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**
 09:15 *Mass: Deidre Hooper (RIP)*

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st **First Week of Advent**
 09:15 *Mass: Private Intention*

Wednesday 2nd **First Week of Advent**
 18:30 *Mass: Paddy Heffernan (RIP)*

Thursday 3rd **St Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)**
 09:15 *Mass:*

Friday 4th **St. John Damascene, Priest**
 09:15 *Mass:*

Saturday 5th **First Week of Advent**
 09:15 *Mass:*
 18:00 *Vigil Mass:*

Sunday 6th **Second Sunday of Advent**
 08:00 *Mass:*
 10:00 *Mass:*
 12:00 *Mass: First Communion*

The Holy Father's General Intention for December – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD:

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.
R. This day and every day. Our Lady of the Annunciation, Pray for us; St Matthew, Pray for us; St Jerome, Pray for us.



Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals:

Canon Seamus Cunnane, Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Jean Davies, Brian Gabriel, Christopher Browne, Lee Ellery, Dixie Hale, Taylor Mai, Jeffery Jones, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Nathan Jones, Gary Lewis, Anne Kavanagh, Bernard Kenealy, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Margaret Williams, Geoffrey Collins, Joan Colclough, Julie Jones and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all those affected by Covid-19 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alan Davies; Norah Campbell; Patricia Mary James.



**Sanctuary Lights:
In Memory of Tudor
Williams**



NOTICES

REGISTRATION AT MASS: It is vitally important to write your name and contact details in the Register in the porch before coming into the Cathedral for Mass, even if you come after the Mass have started. It has been noted that some people are not following this very important protocol. We need to comply strictly with the regulations.

SVP (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY) ANNUAL COLLECTION: There will be a door collection for the charity work of the SVP at all the Masses this weekend. Food donation boxes are also at the back of the Church. Thanks for your support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): *Deidre Hooper; Billy Sullivan; Mary Gwenneth Morgan; Pamela De Marco^{x2}; Peter Jack Rees.*

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other):

Sanctuary Lamp Requests:

FIRST COMMUNION: The candidates for the First Communion will make their First Communion next Sunday at 12 noon. Congratulations to them in advance and many thanks to the catechists Maria Davies and Michelle Grimsley.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: With Christmas fast approaching we need to arrange the Christmas Mass schedule, particularly the Vigil Mass and Midnight Mass. I am anticipating that trying to accommodate everyone who would like to attend might prove challenging, so you will need to pre-book your place. I am proposing the following times for the Christmas Masses and for planning purposes, you will need to notify the parish office which of the Masses you wish to attend **by 16th of December.**

Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Midnight Mass:

Christmas Day Mass: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

NB: It is particularly important for us to know how many people wish to attend either of the vigil Masses and the Midnight Mass. The celebration of Midnight Mass has to be determined by the number of parishioners wishing to attend.

WEARING OF MASKS: The wearing of face-coverings/masks in church is now obligatory in Wales. Please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and that you put it on before you enter the Cathedral.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER: Donations for Christmas flowers will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: PLEASE CONSIDER USING THE "EASY FUNDRAISING" LINK WHEN YOU DO YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING. It is a very easy and simple way to raise money for the Cathedral. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and click on "Find a Cause". Choose "St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea" and then shop online as normal, through the website. A percentage of what you spend goes to the Cathedral. Use it whenever you're shopping online at Amazon, Boots, M&S, Curry's, eBay, Argos, Train Line, etc.

DONATIONS/OFFERINGS: Very many thanks to you all for your continued financial support during these trying times. Over the last eight months we've been struggling to meet our outgoings on very much reduced income. As you'll be aware, every winter we face high energy bills. Even though our heating costs should be lower than normal this winter, due to the necessity of keeping the cathedral "well-ventilated" to cut down the risk of spreading the coronavirus, our electricity consumption for the lighting will be as high as ever. Already, a second lock-down has already been imposed, and with the easing of restrictions to allow families and extended families to associate over the 5-day Christmas "window", we might realistically expect that there could be a further lockdown in the new year. Therefore, I am tremendously grateful to all those of you who have already set up Bank Standing Orders for your weekly contributions. For anyone still "sitting on the fence", I am appealing to you, please act now. We really can't afford another lockdown and with it, a further reduction in income to push us further into the red. Summer, winter . . . we always have overheads to pay and we especially can't afford to incur overdraft charges. So, PLEASE, PLEASE . . . if you have not already done so, please consider setting up a Bank Standing Order. Do it now! It's really easy to do. Just give the following information about our Parish bank account to your bank and it will be set up in minutes.

Sort Code: 55-61-20

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Please be assured that your donations/offerings greatly assist the Cathedral financially - especially during these most challenging of times. THANK YOU SO MUCH . . . I THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY.