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Sunday, 20th December 2020

This week at the Cathedral

Sunday 20th
18:00 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Mass: Donald & Mary Dermody (RIP)
Sunday Mass:
08:00 *Mass: Malcolm Anthony (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Intention of Sr. Mercedes & Her Council*

Monday 21st
09:15 **St. Peter Canisius**
Mass: Winnie Gregory (RIP)

Tuesday 22nd
09:15 **Fourth Week in Advent**
Mass: Bridget Lynch (RIP)

Wednesday 23rd
18:30 **Fourth Week of Advent**
Mass: John Hurley (RIP)

Thursday 24th
09:15 **Third Week of Advent**
Mass: John & Delia Ahern (RIP)

CHRISTMASTIDE
18:00 Christmas Vigil Mass
00:00 Midnight Mass

Friday 25th
NATIVITY OF THE LORD
08:00 *Nativity of the Lord: 1st Mass*
10:00 *Nativity of the Lord: 2nd Mass*

Saturday 26th
10:00 **St. Stephen, First Martyr (FEAST)**
Mass: Michael Cura (RIP)
18:00 *Vigil Mass: Intention of Fr. Eric Wastell*

Sunday 27th
HOLY FAMILY
08:00 *Mass: Alan Pritchard (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Kathryn Fisher (RIP)*

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, Iona Evans 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: Florence Josephine Swinhoe; Patrick Joseph Coleman; John O'Rourke; Sr. Lucy Hennessy; William Williamson Docherty; Sr Mary Winifred.

RECENTLY DECEASED: of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ioan Evans**. May he rest in peace.



Sanctuary Lights:
In memory Cynthia Skubala
In memory Ioan Evans



NOTICES

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass:

Christmas Morning: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE - Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, and to maintain social distancing, we are forced to limit attendance at these Masses. Only parishioners, therefore, who registered by 16th December, will be allowed to attend. **ANYONE WHO TURNS UP WITHOUT HAVING PRE-REGISTERED WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY!**

NB: We are legally required to keep a strict record of those in attendance at each Mass. **Please, therefore, ensure you arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the Mass** you wish to attend. It is vitally important to allow the Stewards sufficient time to register your attendance and direct you to your seat/s.

Also please note that in order to comply with government regulations, we will need to have a sufficient number of Stewards in attendance at each of the Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): *Alan Pritchard; Alison, Carole and Rowland Jones; Len Llewellyn; Nicholas Gray; William & Anne Holley; Geoff & Ruth Cullen; Anne Evans; Michael Cura; Senobia Valdoz; Velasco Cura; Malcom Smith; Ioan Evans*^{x3}.

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other): *Thanksgiving: 35th Wedding Anniversary.*

Sanctuary Lamp Requests: *Cynthia Skubala (RIP); Malcom Smith (RIP)*

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 FLOWERS: 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.

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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.**



**A VERY HAPPY & GRACE-FILLED
CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.**