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Sunday, 27th December 2020

This week at the Cathedral

- Sunday 27th**
18:00 **HOLY FAMILY**
Mass: intention of Fr. Eric Wastell
Sunday Mass:
08:00 *Mass: Alan Pritchard (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Kathryn Fisher (RIP)*
- Monday 28th** **Holy Innocents (TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE)**
Mass: 35th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving; Astrida & Emmanuel Chabu
- Tuesday 29th** **St. Thomas Becket (TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE)**
Mass: Lilian & John Horgan (RIP)
- Wednesday 30th** **Christmas Octave (TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE)**
Mass: Senobia Valdoz (RIP)
- Thursday 31st** **St. Sylvester. Pope**
10:00 *Mass: Thanksgiving*
- Friday 1st** **MARY MOTHER OF GOD**
10:00 *Mass:*
- Saturday 2nd** **Sts. Basil & Gregory**
10:00 *Mass: Margaret Sullivan (RIP)*
18:00 *Vigil Mass: Malcolm Smith (RIP)*
- Sunday 3rd** **Second Sunday of Christmas**
08:00 *Mass: Ioan Evans (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Stella Marris*

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, Sr. Mary Winifred 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: Margaret Dilys Condon; Paulina Elizabeth Williams; Audrey Garret.



Sanctuary Lights:
In memory John Bradley
In memory Cynthia Skubala



NOTICES

MASS SCHEDULE AND TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS: Since Wales entered into a nation-wide lockdown on midnight of Sunday, 20th December, I have received a number of calls from parishioners asking for clarification of the “Places of Worship and Services” regulations which apply during this lockdown. What is fundamental about the rules, and the main advice of the Welsh Government, it is that people should “*stay at home*” for all but essential reasons. Please see [Alert level 4: frequently asked questions | GOV.WALES](#)

It is instructive to note that unlike during previous lockdowns, attending “Places of Worship” is now recognised as being an essential reason. On this note, the Cathedral will remain open for Masses and prayers as scheduled, over the Christmastide. Masses will also be live-streamed on our website.

Be assured that we are continuing to comply, with strict adherence, to government “COVID-19” health and safety protocol.

For further updates, please keep watching the newsletter on the Parish website.

Please note that ALL Masses booked will be celebrated on the due date. However, there will be days when Mass will be celebrated privately and not streamed online.

Please stay safe and keep praying.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): Francis & Annie De Souza; Clifford De Souza; Ioan Evans; Pamela De-Marco

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other): *Norma Davies*

Sanctuary Lamp Requests: John Bradley; Cynthia Skubala;

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped prepare the church for Christmas and especially, thanks to our volunteer Stewards and others who clean and sanitise the church after Mass. Their selflessness is enabling us all to remain safe during these exceptional times.

Thanks also for the wonderful gifts to your Priest, and for your Christmas Offerings. God bless.

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.

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.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**