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Sunday, 3rd January 2021

This week at the Cathedral

- Sunday 3rd** **Second Sunday of Christmas**
18:00 *Mass: Malcolm Smith (RIP)*
 Sunday Mass:
08:00 *Mass: Ioan Evans (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Sr. Nora Carr & Stella Marris*
 Community
- Monday 4th** **Weekday of Christmas Time (TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE)**
Mass: Mary Donovan (RIP)
- Tuesday 5th** **Weekday of Christmas Time (TO BE SAID IN PRIVATE)**
Mass:
- Wednesday 6th** **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
10:00 *Mass:*
- Thursday 7th** **Weekday of Christmas Time**
10:00 *Mass: Len Llewellyn (RIP)*
- Friday 8th** **Weekday of Christmas Time**
10:00 *Mass: Velasco Cura (RIP)*
- Saturday 9th** **Weekday of Christmas Time**
10:00 *No Mass*
18:00 *Vigil Mass: Anne Evans (RIP)*
- Sunday 10th** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
08:00 *Mass: Pauline Kiley (RIP)*
10:00 *Mass: Ioan Evans (RIP)*

The Holy Father's General Intention for January– Human Fraternity. 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 ST JOSEPH:

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to
you,
that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.
Amen.*



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, 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.

Recently Deceased: Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kitty Screen and Joan Colclough. May they rest in peace.



Sanctuary Lights:
In memory: Malcolm Smith



NOTICES

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.

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 period. 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: ALL MASSES BOOKED WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE DUE DATE, however, there will be days when Masses will be celebrated privately, and not streamed online. Please stay safe and keep praying.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Dead): Pauline Kiley (RIP); Bernard Pitson; Kitty Screen.

MASS INTENTION RECEIVED: (Other):

Sanctuary Lamp Requests;

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: Sincere thanks to you all for your continued financial support over recent months. Especially, thanks to all who responded to appeals to set up monthly bank standing orders. I must apologise for repeating myself, but I would be remiss of me if I didn't keep you updated about our financial situation.

Our income has been severely depleted and with outgoings exceeding income. Our financial situation is currently unsustainable. I am, therefore, appealing once again to those parishioners who are still "sitting on the fence" deliberating about paying their donations by monthly bank standing order . . . PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE ACTION . . . take a leap. DO IT NOW! As you are aware, we are already carrying a bank overdraft and paying interest charges on it. Please help us ensure there are sufficient funds available to pay our overheads, particularly our winter energy bill. The last thing we need is to throw money away paying bank interest charges that we can't afford.

To set up a monthly bank standing order, just give our Parish bank account details to your bank. It takes just minutes to set up.

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