







PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272 The Baptism of the Lord.

9th January 2022.

1 st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 103:1-2,3-4,24-25, 27-30, R/v.1	The prophet consoles God's people who are in exile in Babylon. <i>Bless the Lord my soul!</i> <i>Lord God, how great you are.</i>	
2 nd Reading Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7	The writer tells us that God has saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth.	
Acclamation: 1 Tim 3: 16.	Alleluia alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!	
Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22	At his baptism, Jesus hears the voice of God his Father: You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you.	

You can view the full readings online at http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINS. (First Holy Communion Groups)

Despite the set-backs we have encountered in setting-up the preparation programmes for First Holy Communion, we are going ahead with the first session which will take place in the church halls this coming week: St. Mary's hall, on Tuesday 11th Jan at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. St. Joseph's hall, on Thursday 13th Jan at 4.15 - 5.30pm.

This is an opportunity for the parents and children to meet with the catechists and vice-versa before the course begins, and for the course books to be distributed with the various forms that will need to be completed.

The infection rates of the Omicron Virus are high at the moment, but they are expected to peak by the end of the month. Initially, therefore, subsequent meetings will have to be held on ZOOM, but we hope that this will only be a temporary inconvenience. We are trying to keep to the provisional dates that were put out, as best we can in these challenging times.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2022

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be holding its annual Appeal next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

FORTHCOMING FUNERALS (subject to Covid restrictions)

WILLIAM (BILL) EDWARD GWYN RIP.

A Funeral Service will take place at the Vale Crematorium on Friday 14th January at 1pm. MAY HE REST IN PEACE SHEILA LLEWELYN RIP

A Requiem Mass will take place in St. Joseph's on Wednesday 19th January at 12.45pm and afterwards at the Vale Crematorium. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS MASSES.

Mass offerings included with lists of deceased loved ones during November totalled £655 and Mgr. Joe has sent this amount to AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, an organisation that helps persecuted Christians worldwide. Thank you.

TEACHER VACANCIES.

Executive Head Teacher for new 3-16 Catholic School in Merthyr Tydfil. Advert has been re-issued. For details visit the following link:

https://www.eteach.com/job/executive-headteacher-1198891 or e-mail Anne Robertson on arobertson@rcadc.org

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWPORT.

Head Teacher required. Further details available on the eteach website. Closing date 16th Jan 2022.

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TIMES OF MASSES

(SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Saturday Jan 8th The Baptism of the Lord. (Feast)				
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	David Buckingham (Brian & Angela) 186	
Streamed Live				
Sunday Jan 9th The Baptism of the Lord. (Feast)				
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Hugh McBride (Louise and Elfed) 229	
Streamed Live				
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	Jocelyn and Christine Antonio (Josee) 234	
BAPTISM	St. Joseph's	3.00pm	Carter Patrick Lawrence Rudd.	
Weekdays in Ordinary Time. Week 1. Year 2.				
Monday Jan 10th Weekday in Ordinary Time				
Live streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Priesť s Inť n.	
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Tuesday Jan 11th Weekday in Ordinary Time				
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	For Prisoners of Conscience (anon) 239	
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Wednesday Jan 12th Weekday in Ordinary Time				
Live Streamed	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Owen and Mary Scott (Stimpson) 211	
Thursday Jan 13th St. Hilary. Bishop. Doctor of the Church.				
MASS IN PRIVATE		9.00am	Priest's Int'n	
Friday Jan 14th Weekday in Ordinary Time.				
FUNERAL SERVICE	Vale Crem	1.00pm	William Edward Gwyn. RIP	
	St. Joseph's	6.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	7.00pm	Priest's Int'n.	
Streamed live				
SaturdayJan 15th2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)				
	St. Joseph's	10am-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation.	
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Paul Hardiman (Donovan) 217	
Streamed live				
SundayJan 16th2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)				
Public Mass	St. Joseph's	9.30am	People of the parish, living and dead.	
Streamed live				
Public Mass	St. Mary's	11.15am	Fr. Andrew Maggs (Price) 236	



"Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It's the last day of the Christmas season, but the readings herald the start of Jesus' ministry as an adult." [Introduction to the Mass].

