



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff, Registered Charity no. 242380

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

December 23rd 2018

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Micah the prophet looks to a new age, set against the background of King David's birthplace of Bethlehem.

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. Rv. 4

***God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.***

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews focuses on the obedience of Jesus to his Father's will.

Acclamation: Lk 1:38

***Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!***

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary and Elizabeth meet, and each proclaim Mary's child – as does Elizabeth's unborn child. This story, usually called the visitation, could also be classed as another annunciation.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CLERGY.

Canon Joe and Deacon Elfed thank all parishioners who have given them cards, gifts and well wishes over the festive season. They are all much appreciated. A special "thank you" to those who exercise ministries of one kind or another. May you all enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas after all the hyperactivity that surrounds the build-up to the Feast. And may we keep in our thoughts and prayers those whose Christmas will be tinged with sadness.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Collections taken at the Christmas Eve Masses and the Christmas Morning Masses will constitute our annual Christmas Offering to the priest, as our traditional thank you to him.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARDS

The times of Masses over the Christmas period can be found on the Special Printed Cards at the back of both Churches.

Please take one if you have not already done so.

THE CRIB (St. Joseph's)

We need helpers to stay behind after the 9.30am Mass in St. Joseph's today, as the Christmas Crib will be put up in readiness for The Mass of Midnight on Monday.

HELPERS PLEASE – CHAIRS.

We also need help to bring across **20 grey chairs** from the hall, **TODAY** after the **9.30am Mass** in **St. Joseph's**. Thanks

JP SCHOOL OF SONG – CONCERT.

On Wednesday evening we were treated to a wonderful Advent Concert performed by our Organist James Patrick and his young choir of 11 – 17yr old girls drawn from different Catholic secondary schools across Cardiff and the Vale. James' sister Ashleigh provided a superb accompaniment on keyboard. We look forward to their next concert before Easter.

CATHOLIC PAPERS – DOUBLE ISSUE.

On sale in the Piety Shop in St. Joseph's, double issues of the Catholic Times and the Universe covering Christmas and New Year editions, priced at £3 respectively. The Catholic Herald (double issue) is on sale at £5. .

SVP MEETING

The next meeting of the SVP will be on **Tuesday 8th January** in St. Joseph's Hall.

SVP ANNUAL COLLECTION 2ND DECEMBER.

Colin Lyons, President of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's SVP, thanks parishioners from both communities for the wonderful response to their appeal which raised £1598.31. The donations will help local needy families and the elderly.

OFFEREN Y NADOLIG – 24th December.

The Vigil Mass of Christmas will be celebrated in Welch on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm in St. Teilo's Church, Whitchurch, CF14 1AD.

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TIMES OF MASSES AND RECONCILIATION

WEEK COMMENCING SATURDAY DECEMBER 22ND / SUNDAY DECEMBER 23RD 2018

Saturday	December 22nd	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Ann Cullen (Celia & Maria) 187
Sunday	December 23rd	4th Sunday of Advent (C)	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Peter Cummins (Judy & Family) 167
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Terry Reeves (Mo & family) 188
	St. Mary's	6.30pm	People of our parish, living and dead.
4th Week of Advent			
Monday	December 24th	4th Week of Advent	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Albert Stimpson (Pat) 116
	St. Mary's	3.00pm	Crib Service
Monday	December 24th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	
Carols from 6.30pm	St. Mary's	7.00pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas
Carols from 10.30pm	St. Joseph's	11.00pm	Mass of Midnight
Tuesday	December 25th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Dawn Mass of Christmas
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Day Mass of Christmas
No Evening Mass			
Christmas Octave			
Wednesday	December 26th	St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)	
	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Kevin & Debbie (McCarthy family) 130
Thursday	December 27th	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)	
	St. Mary's	10.00am	Priest's Intention (Trow) 193
Friday	December 28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)	
	St. Joseph's	10.00am	Peter Payne (Pam) 965
Saturday	December 29th	Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas	
	St. Mary's	10.00am	Tom and Matthew Burns (Pauline) 121
Saturday	December 29th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)	
	St. Joseph's	5.00pm	Paul & Christina Church (Golden Wedding) 995
Sunday	December 30th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)	
	St. Joseph's	9.30am	Priest's Intention (Phillips) 194
	St. Mary's	11.15am	Paul Gardner (Eileen) 029
	St. Mary's	6.30pm	People of our parish, living and dead

Please note that from January, the main door to St. Joseph's church will be closed outside of service times until further notice.