



# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



## PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

### First Sunday of Advent (C)

28th November 2021.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The prophet looks forward to a time when honesty and integrity will flourish.

Ps 24: 4-5,8-9, 10.14. R/ v.1

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2.

Paul urges the Christian community to live the life that God wants.

Acclamation: Ps 84:8.

*Alleluia alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

Jesus tells his disciples that despite the world's troubles and turmoil, liberation is close at hand.

You can view the full readings online at [http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass\\_readings.html](http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html)

## PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop George greets us today with a Pastoral Letter to mark not only the First Sunday of Advent and of the Church's new liturgical year but also a new beginning in the way we, as Catholics, renew our observance of Sunday Mass, restoring it to its proper place in our Catholic lives. So today is very much a **"Welcome Home"** to all those who can re-join the community in their parish churches for their Sunday Mass. The Pastoral Letter will be read out at all Masses and will appear as an attachment to the Gazette-online.

## HONOURING SUNDAY.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales says: "We are attentive to the experience of the last year or so, when we have lived our faith through the limitations of the pandemic. We have heard of the longing which some express as a "homesickness." We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion." The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience."  
(to be continued)

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT.** In addition to normal Confessions on Saturdays 10am – 11am, there will be extra time set aside during exposition of the Bl. Sac on Friday evenings from 6.15pm until the Evg Mass at 7pm

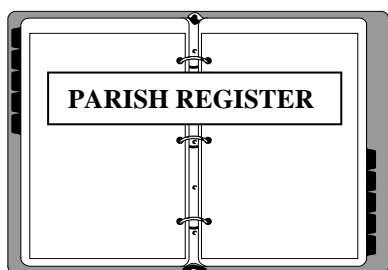
**ALMA BISGROVE RIP.** We have been informed that Alma died on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov in Milton Keynes, where she had relocated some years ago to be near her family. She was 99yrs of age. Her funeral will take place in Milton Keynes on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. A Requiem Mass will be arranged here in St. Joseph's at a later date, prior to the burial of her ashes. **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

## CHANGE IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS.

From this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, as announced last week, **the distribution of Holy Communion will revert to its normal place in the Mass** (ie. immediately after the priest's communion). This means that people will return to their places after receiving Holy Communion and the Mass will be brought to a conclusion with the blessing and dismissal in the usual way. **Stewards will be in place to direct the flow of communicants and to ensure that people leave the church via the side aisles after Mass.**

## THE PARISH GAZETTE BACK IN PAPER FORM.

From the **First Sunday of Advent** the Gazette (currently only on-line) will be printed off and will be available at the back of our churches at every Sunday Mass. This is an important step because there are those who do not/cannot access the digital version and therefore miss-out on important announcements that are made from time to time. If you know of any parishioner in this category then please take one for them and push it through their letterbox. The Gazette will continue to be available on-line.



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parish e-mail: [penarth@rcadc.org](mailto:penarth@rcadc.org)**

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Elfed Jones  
Tel: 07950 013224 email: [elfed.jones@rcadc.org](mailto:elfed.jones@rcadc.org)

**Parish Website:** [www.stjosephsandstmarys.com](http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com)  
Notices/photos to: [events@stjosephsandstmarys.com](mailto:events@stjosephsandstmarys.com)  
Web Co-ordinator: Daniel Murray

### Schools

**St. Joseph's RC Primary School**  
Sully Road, Penarth. Tel: 029 2070 2864  
Email: [stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

**St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School**  
Argae Lane, Barry. Tel: 01446 729250  
Email: [d.blackwell@strichardgwyn.co.uk](mailto:d.blackwell@strichardgwyn.co.uk)

**St. David's Catholic College (6<sup>th</sup> Form)**  
Ty Gwyn Rd. Penylan, Cardiff. CF23 6XL  
Tel: 029 2049 8555  
Email: [enquiries@st-davids-coll.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-davids-coll.ac.uk)

**Parish Advisory Council Chair**  
Bill Nolan Tel: 029 2070 2056  
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**Church Hall Bookings (Suspended)**  
St. Joseph's – refer parish priest.  
St. Mary's – refer parish priest.

**Gazette Contributions** by Wednesday please to:  
Email: [parish.gazette@gmail.com](mailto:parish.gazette@gmail.com)  
**Please note that your emails will be sent automatically  
from this address to Monsignor Joe and Deacon Elfed.**

**Archdiocesan Child Safeguarding Group**  
Helpline: 029 2034 3811  
Contacts: St. Joseph's – Mary Taylor: 029 2065 8506  
St. Mary's – Nicky Price 029 2051 4034

### Emergency Sick Calls. (There are restrictions).

- (i) Hospitals: Llandough and UHW – Ask a nurse to call out the priest-on-call. (or contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on (029) 2184 3230)
- (ii) Marie Curie Hospice, (Holme Tower) Penarth, Ask a nurse to Ring the Parish Priest of the patient or ring St. Joseph's Penarth on (029) 2070 8247
- (iii) Local Nursing/Care Homes – Please ring the presbytery number in Penarth (as above).

### YOUR GIFTS TO THE CHURCH 21st Nov 2021

|  | Gift Aid | Loose   | Total          |
|--|----------|---------|----------------|
| St. Joseph's                                       | £281.00  | £234.36 | £515.36        |
| St. Mary's   | £18.00   | £64.00  | £82.00         |
|  |          |         | <b>£597.36</b> |
| (Income from standing orders approx. £500 weekly). |          |         |                |
| Sick & Retired Clergy (late)                       |          |         | £10.00         |
| Church Fees  |          |         | £75.00         |
| Standing Orders (Oct)                              |          |         | £2411.25       |
| Virgin Money Donations (on-line) [Oct]             |          |         | £37.50         |
| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY                      |          |         |                |

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022.

Provisional dates for the First Holy Communion preparation programmes have now been agreed with Mgr. Joe and the catechists and are set out below:

#### St. Joseph's.

**Meeting of Parents & Children** in St. Joseph's Church:  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm.

Details of preparation sessions will be announced.

**Mass of Enrolment:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6pm in St. Joseph's Church.

#### First Holy Communion :

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

#### St. Mary's

**Meeting of Parents and Children** in St. Mary's Church:  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.

Details of preparation sessions will be announced.

**Mass of Enrolment:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 11.15am in St. Mary's Church.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St. Mary's Church.

#### First Holy Communion:

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in St. Mary's Church.

Parents who have not yet registered their child should do so **NOW**. Contact the catechists by e-mail ASAP.

St. Joseph's – [cm.sommerville@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cm.sommerville@hotmail.co.uk)

St. Mary's – [victoriabatten@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:victoriabatten@hotmail.co.uk)

### THE ADVENT APPEAL FOR THE SVP.

Today the first Sunday of Advent, begins the annual appeal for the SVP. They are best placed to bring a little Christmas cheer where it is most needed – to those less fortunate than ourselves. If you would like to donate to help them with their work, there are various options. **There will be collection bins at the back of both churches on the Sundays of Advent..** Alternatively you can write cheques payable to St. Joseph's and St. Mary's SVP. Please put them in an envelope, marked for the SVP and place them in the collection bins, or post them through the presbytery door. You can also donate on-line: their bank is: Nat West, Account No. 46077669, Sort Code 60 60 04. The Account Name is G050208 St Joseph's, St Vincent De Paul Society. Contact e-mail [mariannecowpe@gmail.com](mailto:mariannecowpe@gmail.com)  
SVP National President Helen O'Shea says: "When you donate to the SVP this year, you can be sure that you will be giving the perfect gift to someone who really needs it, because you will be giving the gift of kindness."

## ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL. TREE OF LIGHT

During Advent, St. Joseph's RC Primary School are inviting members of our community – parents and extended family members, staff, Governors and parishioners – to remember their loved ones, or a special cause, as part of our "Tree of Light." The "Tree of Light" positioned in the school car park, will be decorated with hundreds of white lights. Individuals are invited to dedicate a light on the Tree for £2 and the name of your loved one, or cause, will be recorded on a board alongside the Tree for all to read. Throughout the Advent period, the board will be updated constantly as new names are added. The lights will then be switched on in a special ceremony as part of our Advent Service.

We hope to make this an annual event. This year, profits will be donated to the St. Joseph's, Penarth, and St. Mary's, Dinas Powys, St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and Tommy's – charities that we've been asked to support this year by members of our school community.

If you would like to dedicate a light on the Tree to your loved one, or special cause, there are Dedication Forms at the back of both churches. Please complete the form and leave it in the basket provided. Your donation can be placed in the retiring collection for the SVP. The final date for forms is **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

## PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS.

The Justice and Peace Group would like to give parishioners the chance once again to write a Christmas card to a prisoner of conscience as we have been doing for many years. These are people around the world who defend human rights and speak out about the environment and climate change at great risk to themselves. The J&P Group are proposing that parishioners send one of their Christmas cards (preferably non-religious) to one of four prisoners of conscience included in a **handout that will be distributed after Mass on Sunday 2 & 3 of Advent**. The handouts contain names and information of the four and the cost of postage. Let us not forget them this Christmas. It is the least that we can do.

## THE SYNOD 2021 - 2023.

Synods are an ancient form of church gatherings, stretching back to the Acts of the Apostles. Now, Pope Francis is asking us to gather in the same way. He has called a Synod in 2023 which will involve all of us.

We are being called to join in and get involved in this Synodal way of being a Parish and being the Church. This is not a parliamentary system in which there are winners and losers. Instead, this is about graceful listening and graceful speaking, in which each person's contribution is valued. The conversations we have together will inform the future direction of our parish, our diocese, and our Church. More information will follow.

## HEADTEACHER WANTED.

The Archdiocese has been working with Merthyr Tydfil Council to create a new Catholic 3-16 school, only the second of its kind in Wales. The temporary governing body for the school is now advertising for an executive Headteacher for the new school on the e-teach website – job ID 1189172/ref EX316- 38721, where further details are available.

Anyone who would like to arrange an informal discussion about the vacancy should e-mail Anne Robertson on [arobertson@rcadc.org](mailto:arobertson@rcadc.org)

## MOBILE "PIETY SHOP" AFTER SUNDAYMASS.

For your Christmas cards, Advent calendars etc.

See Judy Cummins and Shirley Powney parked outside both churches on Sunday mornings after Mass (weather permitting).

## NEW ALTAR IN CATHEDRAL

The former St. Clare's church in Ely has been transformed into "St. Vincent's Drop-in Centre" in a joint venture between the National SVP Society and the Archdiocese of Cardiff. It was formerly opened last Monday by Archbishop George in the presence of many representatives from local SVP Conferences and national SVP Officers.

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese. At 6pm on that day, Archbishop George will consecrate the Altar from the old St. Clare's church, Ely, which has been re-sited in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this important and historic occasion. Remember St. David's Cathedral is YOUR Cathedral.

## A THANK YOU FROM CAFOD.

"Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their heads and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." **Thank you for your support** which enables hundreds of women like Garmah to remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our **World Gift Catalogues** or website: [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk)

## CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR PARISHES.

This week it is the turn of St. Teilo's, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

The parish priest is Canon John Griffiths. Velindre Hospital is within the parish boundary. We remember them in our prayers.

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS ENDS.

As the month of November draws to an end, and with it the commemoration of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the envelopes containing your lists of deceased loved ones will be placed next to the Tabernacle in St. Joseph's Church. They will stay there until the end of Christmastide. The envelopes from St. Mary's will also be moved to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St. Mary's Church.

## BELMONT ADVENT RETREAT.

Two in-person days at Belmont Abbey on the theme of "The Road to Bethlehem, and based on St. Luke's Infancy Story, will be led by Dom Brendan Thomas on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> December (Part 1) and on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> December (Part 2) 10am – 3pm. Refreshments are included (Lunch can be booked £15). Please contact the Retreat Secretary, Fr. Augustine on [retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk) or phone 01432 374750.

## Please pray for our sick.

**St. Joseph's:** Valerie Catterall, Muriel Perry, Veronica Hooper, and Nora Berry.

**St. Mary's:** Mary Isherwood, Betty Thorne, Liz Evans, Cissie Clifton, Anne Dean, and Hilary Benton.

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**TIMES OF MASSES**  
**MASSES WITH A FULL CONGREGATION\***  
**(SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS)**

|                                    |                 |   |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Saturday*</b>                   | <b>Nov 27th</b> | <b>1st Sunday of Advent (C)</b>                         |  |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Joseph's    | 5.00pm  | Patricia (Pat ) Hardiman 12            |
| <b>Streamed Live</b>               |                 |   |  |
| <b>Sunday*</b>                     | <b>Nov 28th</b> | <b>1st Sunday of Advent (C)</b>                         |  |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Joseph's    | 9.30am  | Holy Souls                             |
| <b>Streamed Live</b>               |                 |   |  |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Mary's      | 11.15am   | People of the parish, living and dead. |
| <b>BAPTISM</b>                     | St. Joseph's    | 3.00pm  | Delilah Ivy Pugsley.                   |
| <b>Weekdays of Advent. Week 1.</b> |                 |   |  |
| <b>Monday</b>                      | <b>Nov 29th</b> | <b>Weekday in Advent</b>                                |  |
| <b>Live streamed</b>               | St. Joseph's    | 9.30am  | Holy Souls                             |
| <b>Tuesday*</b>                    | <b>Nov 30th</b> | <b>St. Andrew, Apostle. Patron of Scotland. (Feast)</b> |  |
| <b>MASS IN PRIVATE</b>             |                 | 9.00am  | Holy Souls                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                   | <b>Dec 1st</b>  | <b>Weekday in Advent.</b>                               |  |
| <b>Live streamed</b>               | St. Joseph's    | 9.30am  | Priest's Int'n                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>                    | <b>Dec 2nd</b>  | <b>Weekday in Advent</b>                                |  |
| <b>MASS IN PRIVATE</b>             |                 | 9.00am  | Priest's Int'n                         |
| <b>Friday*</b>                     | <b>Dec 3rd</b>  | <b>St. Francis Xavier. Priest. [Mem]</b>                |  |
|                                    | St. Joseph's    | 6.15pm  | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament    |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Joseph's    | 7.00pm  | Bernard & Rosaline Fitzgerald 206      |
| <b>Streamed live</b>               |                 |   |  |
| <b>Saturday*</b>                   | <b>Dec 4th</b>  | <b>2nd Sunday of Advent (C)</b>                         |  |
|                                    | St. Joseph's    | 10am-11am   | Sacrament of Reconciliation.           |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Joseph's    | 5.00pm  | John Williams (Mary) 129               |
| <b>Streamed live</b>               |                 |   |  |
| <b>Sunday*</b>                     | <b>Dec 5th</b>  | <b>2nd Sunday of Advent (C)</b>                         |  |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Joseph's    | 9.30am  | Geoff Vincent (Pat) 201                |
| <b>Streamed live</b>               |                 |   |  |
| <b>Public Mass</b>                 | St. Mary's      | 11.15am   | Pam Wilton (Kathy Jones) 176           |

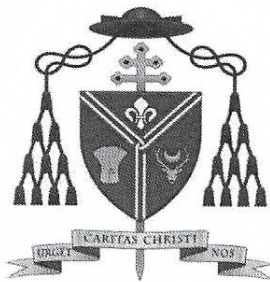


"See the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: "In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land."





# **ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF – ARCHESGOBAETH CAERDYDD**



## **PASTORAL LETTER**

**FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 28 NOVEMBER 2021**

Dear Sisters & Brothers

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new year in the life of the Church. It is a season of hope and joy that the promise made by God through the prophets would be fulfilled. We believe that promise of a Messiah is fulfilled in abundance through the Incarnation of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. During this liturgical Year C we shall listen to extracts from the Gospel of Luke Sunday by Sunday. Luke teaches that all human beings are sinners and in need of salvation by Jesus Christ.

You will not need me to tell you that we have lived through an extraordinary year. It has been full of crisis and challenge for us all, personally and publicly, nationally and internationally. Every institution has been affected, not least the Church. Much of what we have traditionally taken for granted has been taken away or radically altered. The word 'crisis' has two meanings.

It is on the second meaning – that of opportunity – which I wish to reflect with you.

Pope Francis has invited the Church at large, its dioceses and parishes and people throughout the world, to join him in a synodical process by which we “Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches”(Revelation 3:22). He is summoning bishops of the world to a Synod in Rome in 2023 to receive their responses. In the meantime, the Holy Father has presented three headings under which he would like bishops, clergy and laity to reflect and respond. These are: **Communion, Participation, Mission.**

Ten questions have been prepared to explore these themes. The responses will undoubtedly influence the shape and pattern of parish, diocesan and Church life in the future.

So far, in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, seventy-six people from thirty parishes have volunteered as parish representatives for these discussions in their parishes. It is important that the remaining parishes nominate representatives too, so that they do not feel disenfranchised when proposals and decisions are made. Training and preparation has already begun by means of Zoom and there is a great deal of material to assist with the task. Parish responses will be co-ordinated by Diocesan representatives and presented to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

These responses will form part of our submission to Rome in preparation for the Synod.

This First Sunday of Advent also marks the official re-opening of our churches for full public worship following the pandemic.



I realise that “following the pandemic’ may be incorrect language. Nonetheless, many people have been anxious to return to Mass on a regular basis, recognising that whilst Live Streaming of services has been valuable, it does not replace the “Communion and Participation” of which Pope Francis speaks and in which we believe.

Other people are equally anxious about the prevalence of the virus and are hesitant about returning. Either way, vigilance and health and safety precautions will need to be part of the life of every church for some time to come. Lessons have been learnt which will stand us in good stead for the future.

“Honouring Sunday” is the name of a document published by the Bishops of England and Wales. It has been sent to each parish and is available either in the newsletter or on the parish website. It invites people to come back to Mass at the beginning of this new year. It gives the theological foundation for all the baptised members the Body of Christ to be one with Him and each other in the Communion of Faith. In the Archdiocese of Cardiff, I hope we shall express this by initiatives such as

**“Welcome Home”**

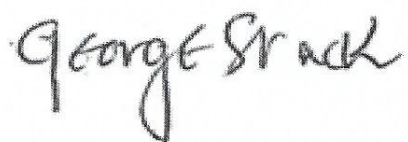
**“Come Home for Christ”**

**& “The Light is on for You in Advent”.**

I hope initiatives such as these will be a springboard towards inviting others back into a living relationship with the Church. This is the "Mission" which Pope Francis proposes in the forthcoming Synod.

With every blessing for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "George Strach". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff  
& Apostolic Administrator of Menevia