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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Anne Park, RIP (E B) Holy Souls Parish Community O/L Lamp: In Memory & Thanksgiving for Tony Lane (The Lane Family)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</b>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Norman Thomas, RIP Anniversary (B T) <b>Coffee Morning</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>CHRISTMAS CAROLS</b> <b>African Rendition</b>	7.00pm	NO EVENING MASS TODAY
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	9.30am	Brian Thomas, RIP Anniversary (E T)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	12.00 noon	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2024</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Mary O'Neill, RIP (C B) Parish Community Peter MacPherson, 91 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Anniv. RIP (G MP)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Callum Isaac-Clarke, Jean Powell.

**AWAY NOTICE:** Fr Michael will be away from Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT:** On **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10am – 6pm**, young people from all over the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia will participate in a special Advent Retreat at **St David's Catholic College, Cardiff, CF23 5QD**, at which **Archbishop Mark O'Toole** will celebrate Mass. This retreat, organised by the Youth Council, is open to **young people aged 12–18** in secondary education. The day includes Mass, fun activities, inspiring talks, prayer, Adoration, food and music. **Cost: £10** (covers lunch and transport); registration can be completed via: <https://forms.gle/a5cks4e3Jm8R7SRj6> or by scanning the QR Code on the poster in the porch. Any questions can be addressed by emailing: [youth@rcadc.org](mailto:youth@rcadc.org), or by contacting **Deacon Christian Mahoney** at **07764515864**.

**NEW WINESKINS:** Invites you to a morning of **Prayer, Praise & Healing, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 10am-12noon**, at **St. Dyfrig's RC Church, Pontypridd. CF37 1DB**. It features – Praise & Worship, Talk, Break with tea/coffee and other Refreshments, Adoration and Healing Prayer Ministry. You are most welcome at this gathering. Come and be Renewed.

**CAFOD:** Don't know what gifts to buy for your family and friends? Go to **CAFOD.ORG.UK/WORLD GIFTS** or take a catalogue from the porch. You will be helping others this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

**'WALK WITH ME':** Advent books of prayer are available in the porch, price £1.

**PARISH CHILDRENS' NATIVITY:** Rehearsals for the Children's Nativity will begin on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Marie will be available after 10.30 Mass this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, to speak to parents of children who would like to participate.

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD:** Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual support. Whether you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 17th December at 7pm.** All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** **Monday 16th December at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 8. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

**HOOR OF GRACE:** 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm.**

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE):** If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE:** Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 19th December** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a retiring collection this weekend for **Flowers for Christmas.**

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sister Margaret.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** During Advent and Christmastide, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for Expectant Mothers.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:** We pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christmas hope.

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING: £938</b> Thanks for your generosity	<b>EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:</b> Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation
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**From the Parish Events Planning Team  
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS  
(December 2024)**

Thursday 12 December, 7pm	<b>CHRISTMAS CAROLS (African Rendition)</b>	
Sunday 15 December After 10.30am Mass	<b>CHRISTMAS RAFFLE</b>	Raffle draws will take place in the Parish Hall.

**THE NEW LECTIONARY IS NOW IN USE**

The new lectionary is now in use in England and Wales. The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, has now changed as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary uses the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

