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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Quinn, Anniversary (V Q) Christine Hughes, RIP Anniversary (D H) John Grant, RIP Anniversary (M G)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Weekday before Epiphany</i> <b>Vigil Mass:</b> <b>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.30am  7.00pm	Marie Black, RIP Anniversary (Pam H)  Private Intentions, Fr. Innocent Gbetegan OP
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION</b> <b>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.30am  <b>7.00pm</b>	Mgr. Brian Kinrade Birthday Thanksgiving  Intention of the Donor
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <i>St Raymond of Penafort, Priest</i>	9.30am 10.00am	<b>COFFEE MORNING</b> Mgr. Brian Kinrade Birthday Thanksgiving (A LI)
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Thursday after the Epiphany</i>	7.00pm	Desmond Bangura, RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Friday after the Epiphany</i>	9.30am	Barbara Owen, RIP Anniversary (S J)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saturday after the Epiphany</i>	10.00am	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Anne Meredith, Private Intention (J R) Mrs G. Clee, Private Intention (P H) Birthday Thanksgiving, Fr Jude, OP.

**CONFESIONS:** 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:** Allan Jones, Mgr Brian Kinrade, Menna Evans, Anthony Marnell, Andrew Rees.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Mass Times: Vigil Mass on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm; Masses on the day (Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January) at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** As advised by the Archdiocese, offerings this year will go towards Aid to the Church in Need/Caritas Cardiff - Menevia working with homeless people.

**COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:** Now available in the Porch: price £5

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:** Classes have resumed, Sundays, after the 10.30am Mass, in anticipation of reception of First Holy Communion, the coming year. Please contact **Sandra Morgan** and **Marie Fouracre** for registration and details.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Next date to be announced later.

**HOUR 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 date to be announced later.

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

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff,

Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Ann Lane.

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

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** That the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £827**    **Thank you for your generosity**

## ON CHRISTMAS

“The clear sign given to a darkened world is indeed “a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). To find the Savior, one must not gaze upward but look below: The omnipotence of God shines forth in the powerlessness of a newborn; the eloquence of the eternal Word resounds in an infant’s first cry; the holiness of the Spirit gleams in that small body, freshly washed and wrapped in swaddling clothes. The need for care and warmth becomes divine since the Son of the Father shares in history with all his brothers and sisters. The divine light radiating from this Child helps us to recognize humanity in every new life...”

- *Pope Leo XIV, Homily at the Christmas Night Mass, Wednesday, 24 December 2025*

## JOIN THE DOMINICAN LAITY & BE PART OF THE DOMINICAN FAMILY

Members of the Dominican Laity, also known as Lay Dominicans or Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic, are men and women, both single and married, who live a Christian life inspired by the spirituality of St. Dominic (founder of the Order of Preachers) in the secular world. They are part of the larger Dominican family, which includes friars, nuns, apostolic sisters, the youth movement, priestly fraternities, and secular institutes, and are committed to the mission of preaching the Gospel and promoting the truth of Christ. Lay Dominicans are members of the Dominican Order, sharing in its spiritual benefits, prayers, and mission, and are supported by the friars and nuns in their spiritual journey.

Membership in the Dominican Laity is open to practising Catholics who are at least 18 years old and seeking to deepen their spiritual life and commitment to the Church. With over 80,000 members worldwide, the Dominican Laity continues to play a vital role in the Church’s mission, especially in promoting truth, combating falsehood, and fostering holiness in everyday life.

An open day event will be arranged later in the month to provide more information on how to join the Dominican Laity. You may also contact Fr Michael or Fr Jude for more information.