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First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

Year A

Psalter Week 1



The Year of the Word

With the arrival of the season of Advent comes the beginning of the *Year of the Word*, called for by the

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Throughout this year, we will have the opportunity to reflect upon Sacred Scripture, and its place at the centre of everything the Church does.

Canon Collins, when he led the first of the Aquinas Talks at the beginning of November, said that "*God reveals Himself to us and leaves something within us which agitates us*". The Year of the Word is a graced time where we enter into dialogue with the Word-Made-Flesh, so that we may truly attune the ears of our heart to Him, develop a personal relationship with Him, and to discover what the Lord seeks to reveal to us; who is God calling me to be, and what plan does God have for me?

The inauguration of the Year of the Word begins this afternoon, Sunday, with the celebration of Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction, beginning at **3:30pm**. I am grateful to the staff and students of St. Alban's Catholic High School, Pontypool for leading us in the celebrations this afternoon. After the Service, there will be refreshments over at the Cornerstone.



CTS

Sunday Missal

The text of the Mass is available to follow in the front of the CTS books, available at the back of the Cathedral.

The Order Of Mass begins on p. 11. In particular:

The **'I confess'** can be found on p. 13.

The **Nicene-Constantinople Creed** can be found on p. 35.

The **readings** for this weekend's Mass can be found on p. 165.

INFORMATION

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Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

Each week, the seven day candle at the Sacred Heart shrine burns for the intention of one of the priests of our diocese, for his ministry among us.

This week, we remember in our prayers **Rev. Edmund Neizer**, Parish Priest of Maesteg and Aberkenfig.

There is a prayer for our priests at the Sacred Heart shrine.

Stewardship and Formation

Throughout the Year of the Word, there will be a sequence of talks, organised by the Diocesan Evangelisation Group. The first one is led by Fr. Laurence Bryce, Assistant Priest of All Saints, Newport, who will be reflecting on the documents 'Dei Verbum' and 'Verbum Domini'. This talk will take place at the Cornerstone on **Saturday, 7th December**, from **10:00am to 12:00pm**.

Advent Retreat - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - The Archdiocese of Cardiff invites everyone to the retreat at St. David's College, Cardiff (CF23 5QD) on 14th December 2019 from 10:30am - 3:00PM (registration at 10:00am). There will be talks, imaginative contemplation, and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. As part of the Year of the Word, the two scripture champions appointed by Archbishop George will be delivering one of the talks. The retreat is free and lunch is provided. If you wish to attend, please contact the retreat organiser, Christian Mahoney on 07764 515 864 or email christianmahoney2@gmail.com.

Prayer and Worship

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Catherine Snow, long-time parishioner of the Cathedral, who died last week. Details of Catherine's Requiem Mass will be available in the coming weeks. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Year of the Word - *'Listen, heavens, while I speak; earth hear the words I am saying. May my teaching fall like the rain, may my word drop down like the dew, like showers on fresh grass and light rain on the turf. For I proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, tell the greatness of our God!'* (Deut. 32:1-3)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - There are several opportunities to experience the loving embrace of Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the week. These times are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Planning ahead: Saturday, 21st December: the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day, with visiting priests from the diocese assisting. Confessions **begin at 10:30am**, after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will run continuous until 5:15pm.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will continue to be prayed at the Cathedral each Sunday evening, beginning at **4:30pm** (from next week), where we pray for the intentions of the Archdiocese.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the diocesan solemnity, where we seek Our Blessed Lady's intercession. This year, the solemnity falls on **Monday, 9th December**. In honour of the solemnity, there will be Solemn Mass at **6:00pm** at the Cathedral, celebrated by the Abbot of Belmont, Abbot Paul Stonham, followed by the crowning of the statue

of Our Lady and consecration of the Archdiocese to her maternal care.

The annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** takes place on **Sunday, 15th December 2019**, beginning at **3:00pm**. This year, the Carol Service is being recorded for *Shalom World Television*. We have been assured that no individual in the congregation will be filmed during the production. After the Carol Service, refreshments and the bar will be available at the Cornerstone.

In between the 11:00am Mass and the Carol Service, I would like to make a buffet lunch available in the Mostyn Room, with tea and coffee, for those parishioners who would like to stay for the Carol Service, but do not want to travel home. There is a list at the back of the Cathedral, and I would be grateful if you could initial it, should you wish to stay for the buffet lunch. This is only to gauge numbers.

Remembrance Stars

As with previous years, we will be producing Remembrance Stars which will be placed on the Christmas trees on the sanctuary of the Cathedral. The stars contain the name of your loved ones. If you would like a star for your loved one, please write the name of your loved one, and place it in an envelope, and hand it in to Fr. Daniel in the sacristy. There is a donation of £1.50 per name.

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year, money raised through donations from the Christmas Crib will go to the Catholic Children's Society.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday	11:00am 3:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: the Cathedral Community Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction <i>inaugurating the Year of the Word</i> Quiet Mass: Paula Mendes, <i>RIP</i>
Monday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Eugenia Sabini, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Catherine Snow, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Wednesday	12:30pm 12:45pm	Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Louis Moreau, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Friday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Angela Tabone, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Saturday	10:00am 10:30pm 4:15pm	Mass: Holy Souls <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>until 4:15pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i> Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday <i>2nd in Advent</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: John Scanlan, <i>RIP</i> Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community