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## Third Sunday of Advent

### *Gaudete Sunday*

*15th December 2019*

*Year A*

*Psalter Week 3*

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### Christmas Tree Memorial Stars

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
How faithful are thy branches. Green not alone in  
summertime But in the winter's frost and rime.*

Christmas trees have been the focus of celebration and happiness as families gather around it to open presents, or even to sing carols. T. S. Elliot, in his poem, *The Cultivation of Christmas Trees*, reflects that the Christmas tree brings about the “*accumulated memories of annual emotion*”.

Each one of us will have our own accumulated memories, not least of our loved ones who have died and to whom we are particularly close as we pray for them during this Christmas season. This year, the Christmas trees at the front of the Cathedral will mark those accumulated memories in a special way, by hanging on them gold stars in memory of those who have died. The names of deceased loved ones will be written on each star, a light shining in the darkness of Christmas night.

If you would like the name of your loved one placed on the Memorial Stars, there are envelopes at the back of the Cathedral for you to write the name of your love one on the front and place an offering inside. Please hand these in to Fr Daniel directly, or leave in the sacristy.

### 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. 180.

## SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm <b>5:30pm</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> <b>Sung Mass:</b> the Cathedral Community
Sunday	<b>11:00am</b> <b>3:00pm</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Mass:</b> Sheila Naughton, <i>RIP</i> Cathedral Carol Service <b>Quiet Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Monday	12:00pm 12:30pm <b>12:45pm</b> 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer <b>Mass:</b> Straughan and Robert's family Jack & Rene McCarthy Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm <b>12:45pm</b> 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer <b>Mass:</b> Olive Murphy, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Wednesday	12:30pm <b>12:45pm</b>	Midday Prayer <b>Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Thursday	12:00pm  <b>12:45pm</b> 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> <b>No</b> Midday Prayer <b>Requiem Mass:</b> Kathleen Snow, <i>RIP</i> <b>No</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday	12:00pm 12:30pm <b>12:45pm</b> 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer <b>Mass:</b> Mary Veronica Tabone, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Saturday	<b>10:00am</b>  10:30pm 4:15pm	<b>Mass:</b> Robert & Dorothy Guinee, <i>RIP</i> <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 <b>5:30pm</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> <b>Sung Mass:</b> Holy Souls
Sunday <i>4th in</i> <i>Advent</i>	<b>11:00am</b> 4:30pm <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Mass:</b> the Cathedral Community Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction <b>Quiet Mass:</b> Holy Souls

## INFORMATION

### **Archbishop:**

Most Rev. George Stack

### **Priest-In-Charge:**

Rev. Daniel. J. Stanton

### **Parish Safeguarding:**

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### **Hospital Chaplaincy:**

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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. Mark Rowles**, Parish Priest of Cowbridge.

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

## Stewardship and Formation

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** - is open to anyone in Year 8 and above, who would like to confirm their faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation enables you to commit to your faith, and pours out the fulness of gifts the Holy Spirit wishes to give you. This is something which is totally your decision, and the decision to commit is yours and nobody else's. If you would like to register your interest, please speak to Fr. Daniel after Mass, or make a direct call to Clergy House.

**Journey in Faith** - For every Christian, the life of faith is a journey. It is a continuous response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take the next step toward a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Some begin this journey as infants, with their parents bringing them forward for Baptism, while others are drawn to their faith later in life. If you are being called by God to embrace the Catholic faith, and would like more information, please speak to Fr. Daniel to arrange a one-to-one meeting.

**St. David's Patrimony Group** - When the Gifts and Talents sheet were sent out a while ago, one of the most responses were from those interested in the Cathedral heritage projects. The establishment of the Cathedral Patrimony Group comes from this. Its purpose is twofold: firstly, to cherish the rich heritage which we have here at the Cathedral; not only in the precious treasures we have, but also in the memories of the people who make up

the Cathedral community. Secondly, so that we can embrace the future, looking outward to the mission of the Church, and our place in the heart of the city. The treasures of the past are vehicles for us to be able to look to the future.

An initial meeting will be scheduled for January. If you would like to be part of the Patrimony Group, please email me at [daniel.stanton@rcadc.org](mailto:daniel.stanton@rcadc.org) to join the mailing list.

## Prayer and Worship

**The Requiem Mass of the late Kathleen Snow** will take place on Thursday, 19th December at 12:45pm. The family would like to extend an invitation to the Cornerstone for refreshments after the Requiem Mass.



*“Father, creator and redeemer of mankind, you decreed, and your Word became man, born of the Virgin Mary. May we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our human nature.”*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at different times throughout the week. Please check the schedule on the back page for full details.

Next Saturday, 21st December, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the Cathedral 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.

**The Cathedral Carol Service** - begins this afternoon at **3:00pm**. There will be no Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction on today. Evening Prayer and Benediction will continue next week at 4:30pm.

## Bambinelli Sunday

As well as being known as *Gaudete Sunday*, today is also known in some parts of the world as *Bambinelli Sunday*. This beautiful tradition was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II during his pontificate. The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent, adults and children bring their figures of the baby Jesus from their crib scenes to Mass to be blessed.

Pope Francis has a beautiful meditation on the placing of the statue of the Infant Jesus into the crib scenes: *“When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all”*.

During the Masses this weekend, the image of the baby Jesus from your cribs at home will be blessed at the end of the Mass.