



CARDIFF CATHEDRAL † GADEIRIOL CAERDYDD

Clergy House,
38 Charles Street, Cardiff, CF10 2SF

Tel: (029) 20 23 14 07

Email: cathedral@rcadc.org

Website: cardiffcathedral.org.uk

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas

22nd December 2019

Year A

Psalter Week 4

O come let us adore Him!

With these words we welcome the arrival of the Infant King. With these words, we enthrone the Christ-child in the manger. Our Advent pilgrimage has been leading to this moment, where we, with hearts made pure, are able to enthrone Him at the very heart and centre of our life. Pope Francis, in last week's General Audience, reminded the faithful: "*we are no longer alone in our everyday life. He dwells with us*". This is the reality of the Incarnation. It's a moment in time which changed the world for ever. We see, in the Christ-child in the manger, His arms outstretched, as He embraces our humanity.

As we begin this Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and support to me over these last three months, since my arrival. The last three months have been a time of change and transition, and I would like to thank you for your patience, and for making me so welcome into the Cathedral family. Please be assured of my thoughts and prayers over this Christmas season.

As we make our pilgrimage to the Nativity Scene today, and adore Him, let us entrust ourselves to Him, speak to Him, sharing with the Christ-child the deepest longings of our heart.

Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Daniel Stanton

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.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: the Cathedral Community
Sunday <i>Fourth of Advent</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: the Cathedral Community Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: Holy Souls <i>The Mass readings this weekend can be found on p. 184.</i>
Monday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Nancy Plain, <i>RIP</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:00pm</i>
Tuesday	10:00am 10:30am	Last Mass of Advent: Straughanad Robert's family Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i>
<i>Vigil of Christmas</i>	5:30pm 10:00pm	Family Mass: the Cathedral Community <i>The Mass readings for the Vigil Mass can be found on p. 188.</i> Mass during the Night: Foundation Mass - Curren Family Principal Celebrant: Archbishop George Stack <i>The Mass readings for the Mass during the Night can be found on p. 193.</i>
Wednesday <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:00am 11:00am	Dawn Mass: Foundation Mass - Criddle Family <i>The Mass readings for the Mass of the Dawn can be found on p. 198.</i> Solemn Mass: Foundation Mass - Curren Family Principal Celebrant: Archbishop George Stack <i>The Mass readings for the Mass during the Day can be found on p. 201.</i> There is <u>NO</u> Evening Mass Christmas Day.
Thursday <i>St. Stephen</i>	10:00am	Mass: Kathleen Snow, <i>RIP</i> <i>Please Note: The Cathedral will be closed after the morning Mass.</i>

Friday <i>St. John</i>	10:00am	Mass: Holy Souls <i>Please Note: The Cathedral will be closed after the morning Mass.</i>
Saturday <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10:00am	Mass: Holy Souls <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:15pm</i>
	10:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i>
	4:15pm	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i>
	5:30pm	Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday <i>Holy Family</i>	11:00am	Solemn Mass: Sheila Naughton, RIP
	4:30pm	Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction
	5:30pm	Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Pope St. John Paul II said that *“Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God”*. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of the ministry of the Cathedral. Before the celebration Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Monday, at the usual times of 12:00pm-12:25pm & 4:00pm-5:00pm, and also Christmas Eve, between 10:30am and 12:00pm.

Yesterday, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available through the day. This was a time of great grace. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the priests of the Archdiocese for their assistance during the day, which allowed me to make the Sacrament available.

Heating in the Cathedral

The heating in the Cathedral is notoriously bad. In fact, there is a large section of pipework within the Cathedral itself which was turned off in the late 1980s in order to make it safe.

The boiler system is coming to the end of its life, and is being maintained on a knife edge. There is an issue with pipework under the Cathedral which has eroded over the years, and as a consequence, means that it is leaking lots of water. As the water leaks, the water pressure drops and this causes the heating (the little there is) to totally stop working. Every time this happens, it takes an engineer to make a temporary fix.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. This is a something which is going to be investigated in the new year, and different options considered.

INFORMATION

Archbishop:

Most Rev. George Stack

Priest-In-Charge:

Rev. Daniel. J. Stanton

Parish Safeguarding:

John Fellows

(029) 20 23 14 07

Hospital Chaplaincy:

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team:

Contact - (029) 20 74 32 30

Chaplains:

Rev. Peter Davies

peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk

Rev. David Pritchard

david.pritchard@wales.nhs.uk

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

Teas and Coffees after the 11:00am Mass on Sundays begins on 12th January over at the Cornerstone. As last

Sunday proved, this is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and support each other in the faith. There will be a short training day for those who have volunteered to help out on **Sunday, 5th January** after the 11:00am Mass; this will include how to open the building, turn the alarms on and off, etc, and how to operate the boiler in the kitchen. If you have volunteered, I would be grateful if you could introduce yourself to Madeleine Bidder after Mass today, who has kindly agreed to put a rota together. Madeleine will be at the back of the Cathedral.

A word of thanks...

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to those who helped to prepare for the Cathedral Carol Service last week: to the choir, under the directorship of Mr Jeff Howard, for their continued contribution to the spiritual and liturgical life of the Cathedral; to those who prepared the Cathedral, especially to those who spent hours preparing the flowers last Saturday; to those who served at the Carol Service, and played a part in reading and carrying one of the statues to build the Nativity scene; and to those who assisted with the teas and coffees and the buffet after the morning Mass. The Carol Service from Cardiff Cathedral will be broadcasted on *Shalom World Television* on **Christmas Day**, 25th December, beginning at **3:30pm**. *Shalom World Television* is a charity ran by Shalom Media Ministry, and can be viewed on their website at <http://www.shalomworld.org>