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Solemnity of Christ the King

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Psalter Week 2

Archbishop George Writes...

The Welsh Government wants to take away the rights of parents to withdraw their children from both Religious Education (RE) and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They also want to dumb-down the subject of RE and force schools to teach children about worldviews instead.

The Church teaches that family is much more than just a unit in the culture or economy. Parents are the primary educators of their children and our schools aid them in that task. While parents may choose various modes of education for their children it remains the parents' duty above anyone else's to teach their children. This necessarily means remaining informed and involved in the education children are receiving and supplementing or moderating when the need arises. The proposals by the Welsh Government remove this fundamental basic right of parents.

Concern must also be taken when looking at the Religious Education provision for our children. For families who do not currently have the option of sending their children to a Catholic school, they must be allowed to retain the right to withdraw their child from RE in their own school. Also the proposed introduction of worldviews as a central focus for RE provision moves the subject away from a theological discipline into a more sociological model i.e. removing God who is at the centre of everything and replacing Him with secular ideology.

Archbishop George is asking parishioners to urgently contact their Assembly Members and demand that the State does not usurp parents' rights to decide how to teach these sensitive topics to their children. To contact your AMS please visit the Catholic Education Service website www.catholiceducation.org.uk.

INFORMATION

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Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

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

This week, we remember in our prayers **Rev. Michael Doyle**, Parish Priest of All Saints, Newport.

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

Stewardship and Formation

Aquinas Study Group - The *Aquinas Study Group* concludes on **Thursday at 7:00pm** in the **Mostyn Room**. This week, we will focus on the Word of God and the mission of the Church. I am grateful to the parish SVP group for agreeing to lead this.

Today, after the evening Mass, Fr. Nicholas Williams, the Assistant Priest at St. Mary of the Angel, Canton, holds his monthly young Catholic Social at the Duke of Wellington, beginning at 7:30pm.

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 christianmahoney2@gmail.com.

Prayer and Worship

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.

Next Sunday, we begin the Year of the Word, under the theme of *The God Who Speaks*. The Year of the Word will be solemnly opened by Archbishop George during Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction, beginning at **3:30pm** here at the Cathedral. The music will be led by the pupils of St. Alban's Catholic High School, Pontypool. Refreshments will be available at the Cornerstone after Evening Prayer.

Let us seek an outpouring of grace during this forthcoming Year.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will be prayed at the Cathedral each Sunday evening at **4:30pm**, 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.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

I was delighted to hear, early last week, that the Venerable Fulton Sheen will be beatified on **December 21st 2019** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, in the diocese of Peoria. Although American, he has an important link with our diocese, being the Titular Bishop of Newport. Indeed, he visited Newport as well as Belmont Abbey (the Pro-Cathedral of the diocese of Newport). There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's, Newport, early next year to celebrate.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday	11:00am 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: Narciso Callegari, <i>RIP</i> Quiet Mass: the Cathedral Community
Monday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Bishop Edwin Regan
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday	12:30pm 12:45pm	Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Sr. Mary Veronica Pye, <i>RIP</i>
Friday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: In thanksgiving
Saturday <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	10:00am 10:30pm 4:15pm	Mass: Holy Souls <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:15pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i> Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Olive Murphy, <i>RIP</i>
Sunday <i>1st of Advent</i>	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>