

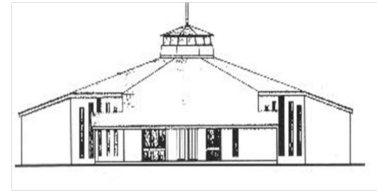
Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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10th December 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 2

COME LORD JESUS COME....

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 9th December First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Theresa Lavery Christmas Blessings
Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent	10.00 am	Pro populo
Monday 11th December 2nd Week of Advent	9.30am	Marykutty Mathew RIP Remo Di Alesio RIP
Wednesday 13h December St Lucy	7.00 pm	Sheila McCarthy Good health Peggy Hart Good Health
Thursday 14th November St John of the Cross	9.30am	Mary and Frankie Conlan Christmas Blessings
Friday 15h December 2nd Week Advent	9.30am	Dave & Eira Newman RIP Angelo Di Francesco RIP
Saturday 16th December 2nd Week of Advent	12 noon	Adina Di Alesio Christmas Blessings
Saturday 16th December First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Joan Mc Shane Christmas Blessings

Recently Died
Fr Owen McGreal

All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence
Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen*

Pray for the Sick of the Parish
Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer and silent Adoration on week days 30 minutes before the Mass. Confessions on Saturdays from 11 to 11.50 am.



Advent urges us to stay awake and not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God in our midst. Advent calls us to 'watch' to pay attention to the signs of God's unmistakable presence in our lives, to live expectantly not as a death sentence but as gift from God. The disciple's life is centred in such a 'watchfulness' in 'attentiveness' to the love of God in every joy and sorrow, every pain and trauma, every victory and setback before us.

Our lives are an Advent, a prelude, to the life of God to come. While confronting us with the reality that our lives are finite and fragile, these Sundays of Advent also assure us of the mercy of God, who is with us in the midst of all the struggles of our everyday Advent journey to the dwelling place of God. Advent challenges us to see our lives not as a disjointed set of experiences and circumstances but as a pilgrimage to the dwelling place of God—a journey in which every moment, every step is a new revelation of God's presence in our midst. God is both the road we travel and the destination of our pilgrimage.

Waiting is a reality of human condition. It is often in waiting that love is realised: In waiting for someone, our own everyday business becomes almost meaningless as we anticipate, worry, and prepare for his or her return. In waiting, we realise our own powerlessness, our deepest hopes and needs, and the gift of the person we are awaiting is to us. Our lives are Advents of waiting: to be healed, to make things better, to complete and move on. Our experiences of such waiting are fulfilled in the Messiah Jesus, who makes our lives whole, who brings healing to those difficult times we all experience.

Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Name : Gendros Parish

A/C NO: 90264630

Sort Code 55 -61 -20

Last weekend Offering £ 321 SVP £ 505

Many Thanks

Parish Hall available for hire.

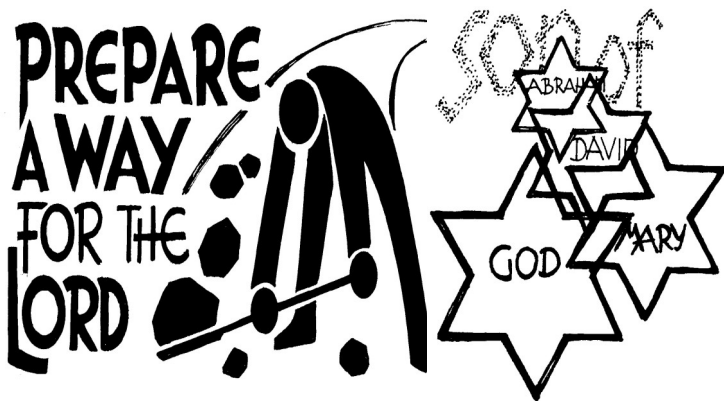
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People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were being baptized by him.

Now, we,
everywhere,
ache in holy hunger
waiting for you.

Come to us all, Lord Jesus.
Turn our crooked roads
into smooth paths.
Send gentle rain
and teeming
harvests of
justice and healing.

Make all well, and make
each and every one a
channel of your peace



Funeral Arrangements for Fr Owen McGreal RIP

Reception of the Body at 4.30 pm on Thursday 14th at the Catholic Church of St. Teilo Tenby

Funeral Mass at 11 am on Friday 15th at St Teilo Catholic Church Tenby by Archbishop Mark.

May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

Catholic Youth Retreat Saturday 16th December
10 am to 5pm. Holy Cross, Swansea. 13 y-o and above. £ 10 for the Day including food and drink. See the notice board for more details.

**Ministers of the Word
Weekend 16th/ 17th December**

Saturday 6.00 pm

First Reading

Helen

Second Reading

Luke

Bidding Prayers

Trish

Sunday

First Reading

Daniya

Second Reading

Ryan

Bidding Prayers

Was

Church Cleaning

Week beginning :

11th December

No clean

18th December

Shini & Aisel

25th December

No clean

Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)

Gift Aid

Did you remember to sign the Gift Aid Form ? If not, why don't you support our parish at no extra cost?

"Where there's hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again".

The Cycle of Prayer During Advent and Christmastide we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees, and for expectant mothers.

TO YOU MOTHER MARY

Now, Mother, once more take the initiative for us, in these times rent by conflicts and laid waste by the fire of arms. Turn your eyes of mercy towards our human family, which has strayed from the path of peace, preferred Cain to Abel and lost the ability to see each other as brothers and sisters dwelling in a common home." "To you we entrust and consecrate our lives and every fibre of our being, all that we possess and all that we are, forever. To you we consecrate the Church, so that in her witness to the love of Jesus before the world, she may be a sign of harmony and an instrument of peace. To you we consecrate our world, to you we consecrate especially those countries and regions at war."

Our Parish Christmas Carols and Raffle draw on Sunday 17th December after Mass in the parish hall.