

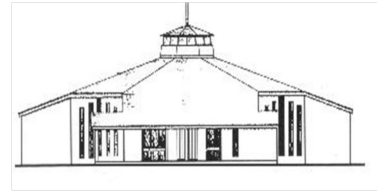
Holy Cross Catholic Community

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

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3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 1

COME LORD JESUS COME....

| Day and Date | Mass Time | Intention |
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| Saturday 2nd December First Mass of Sunday | 6.00 pm | |
| Sunday 3rd December First Sunday of Advent | 10.00 am | <i>Jean Thomas Christmas Blessing</i> |
| Monday 4th December 1st week of Advent | 9.30am | <i>Emmanuel Binoy B Blessings</i> <i>Denise Goagoses B Blessings</i> |
| Wednesday 6th December 1st week of Advent | 7.00 pm | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Thursday 7th November Dedication of our Cathedral Church | 9.30am | <i>Sarah and Clare Sp Intention</i> |
| Friday 8th December Immaculate Conception BVM | 10.00 am | <i>Anniversary of the dedication of our church. Thanksgiving</i> |
| Saturday 9th December 1st week of Advent | 12 noon | <i>Ron and Maria Morgan</i> <i>Christmas Blessings</i> |
| Saturday 9th December First Mass of Sunday | 6.00 pm | |

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 £ 372, Fete £ 790

Many Thanks

Parish Hall available for hire.

Please contact on 01792586454

What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

Rough mountain,
steep pathway,
rugged trail with ruts
or sometimes,
cool trails, running streams.

Whether bumpy roads or sunny streets
let us never stop watching
for you, O Lord.

Come to us as we walk with one another
on this. your pathway of time.

We look for you in all things.
All creation, every event,
every love, every one we meet,
along the way.



This weekend our parish SVP will hold a retiring collection to support the vulnerable and struggling

families of our area as we approach Christmas. If you are able to support, it will be highly appreciated and it will be an expression of our solidarity with the needy and a corporal act of Mercy in the Holy Season of Advent

Catholic Youth Retreat Saturday 16th December

10 am to 5pm. Stella Maris Convent, Swansea.

13 y-o and above. £ 10 for the Day including food and drink. See the notice board for more details.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed and supported our parish fete. A special thanks to our Filipino Community for their generosity. Many thanks to all the youth who actively involved, Avril and Jodie who co-ordinated. God bless

Ministers of the Word

Weekend 9th/ 10th December

Saturday 6.00 pm

First Reading

Christine

Second Reading

Mark

Bidding Prayers

Sue

Sunday

First Reading

Maldwyn

Second Reading

Nathan

Bidding Prayers

Nicole

Church Cleaning

Week beginning :

4th December

Colarina & Panganiban

11th December

No clean

18th December

Shini & Aisel

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.