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We wait in hope and expectation with Mary for the birth of Jesus Christ. Who brings the Good News.

Weekday Masses Mon 19th December - Sat 24th December 2016

Monday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am	Finn & Parker Families
Tuesday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am 9.30-3pm	Mullan Family Adoration
Wednesday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am	Brown O'Brien Families
Thursday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am	Joan Rees
Friday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am	Kevin Venton
Saturday 4th wk of Advent	9.00am	Mary Mohan
Saturday	10am-11am	Confession *

4th Sunday of Advent—18th December 2016

Saturday	6.30pm	Fiona Roy
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Geraldine Sellick

25th December—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday	9.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	All Our Families & Friends
	10.30am	For All People (Children)

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers, and all their families.

Parish Hall Events 2016

Monday	1..00pm	Parent & Toddler
Thursday	9.30am	Slimming World

Sanctuary Lamp: Deceased members of Burke/ Williams Families

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparation on 11th & 18th January 2017 at 7pm in the Presbytery

Holy Communion, .Wednesday 4th January 2017 meeting in the hall.

Wednesday 11th January Para Liturgy:Reconciliation Parents/Guardians and Children 5.20pm

RCIA

Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults. Each **Thurs7pm** in the presbytery.

Cleaners and Counters

Anne & Shelagh

Counters This week **A** next week **B**

St Helen's Infant and Nursery
 St Helen's Junior
 St Richard Gwyn

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Acting Head)
 Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head)
 Mr Stephen Grech (Head Teacher)

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Saturday, 24th December:

Christmas Carols: 8.30pm.

First Mass of Christmas: 9.00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Sunday, 25th December:

Morning Masses: 8.30am & 10.30am.

Monday, 26th December

Feast: St Stephen. The First Martyr

Mass 10.30am

Friday 30th December

Feast: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass 9.00am

Sunday 1st January 2017:

Feast: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

First Mass of Sunday, Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday Morning Masses 8.30 & 10.30am

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

(In preparation for Christmas)

Saturday December , **17th** 10.00am—11.00am.

Sunday December 18th 3.00pm-4.00pm
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during period of Reconciliation.)

Wednesday December , **21st**: 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Saturday, **24th**, 10.00am to 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during period of Reconciliation.

God Is In the Manger

“Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us.” **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

+Reflection

Let us believe the Gospel when it tells us that the kingdom of God is already present in this world and is growing, here and there, and in different ways: like the small seed which grows into a great tree (cf. Mt 13:31-32), like the measure of leaven that makes the dough rise (cf. Mt 13:33) and like the good seed that grows amid the weeds (cf. Mt 13, 24-30) and can always pleasantly surprise us.

Pope Francis

Dates for you Diary

+Ladies Circle

We will meet again in the new year, keep a look out for details in the newsletter. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year—2017.

+A Time to Pray for Mercy

Every Thursday the church is open from 9.30am—5.30pm for the parishioners to have the opportunity to pray for God’s mercy throughout the world.

+Miraculous Medal Novena

Every Friday a Novena to the Miraculous Medal is said at 12.30 to 5pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

+Churches of Barry Carol Singing

With the Salvation Army Band on Thursday 22nd December , 10.30-11.30am, Kings Square.

+Christmas Carols & Lessons

On Sunday 18th December at 3pm the Archdiocese will be “celebrating Christmas” with Carols and Lessons at St David's Cathedral, Charles Street. Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir will be in attendance and it promises to be a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

+Centenary Souvenir Brochure

The Souvenir Brochure marking the Centenary of the Archdiocese of Cardiff has been published to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales to open The Cornerstone on 16 December. It contains many articles and photos recapitulating the rich history of the last one hundred years. The cost of the brochure is £5.00, and is now on sale at the back of the church.

+Christmas Flowers

Retiring collection after all Masses this weekend if you wish to contribute towards the flowers.



May Jesus and Mary be with us as we journey to celebrate the Christmas liturgy.