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**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)**

TIMES OF HOLY MASSES & OTHER SERVICES		
16/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	6:00PM	HOLY MASS: 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH & MOTHERS
17/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM	HOLY MASS: 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) INT: ELVIRA MARIA SARRA – RIP - BIRTHDAY
17/12/23: SUN NARBERTH	12:00PM	HOLY MASS: 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) INT: INNACIO & CRISTALINA PINTO & FAMILY - RIP
18/12/23: MON HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT INT: FR. OWEN McGREAL – RIP (AH)
19/12/23: TUE HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT INT: MARIA MORGAN – GETWELL INTS, (AH)
20/12/23: WED HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT INT: SAVIO D’SOUZA - INTENTIONS
20/12/23: WED NARBERTH	4:30PM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT INT: SHANE & MELANIE D’SOUZA - INTENTIONS
21/12/23: THU		<b>NO HOLY MASS TODAY</b>
22/12/23: FRI HAVERFORDWEST	9.30AM	HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT INT: SUNSHINE D’SOUZA – BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS
23/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM	HOLY MASS: ST JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST INT: FR. OWEN McGREAL – RIP (MD)
	10:30AM	ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
23/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	6:00PM	HOLY MASS: 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT INT: SHAVON D’SOUZA - INTENTIONS
24/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM	HOLY MASS: 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT INT: NIARANJANA JEAGATHESHUMAR & FAMILY
24/12/23: SUN NARBERTH	12:00PM	HOLY MASS: 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH & MOTHERS
24/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	6:00PM	HOLY MASS: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (VIGIL) INT: LAWRENCE & DAPHNE CROWTHER & FAMILY
24/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	11:30PM	HOLY MASS: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - MIDNIGHT MASS WITH CAROLS INT: FOR ALL INTENTIONS ON CHRISTMAS TREE
25/12/23: MON HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	HOLY MASS: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS INT: MARIAM & PAILY KUNNATH - RIP
25/12/23: MON NARBERTH	11:30AM	HOLY MASS: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH & VISITORS



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**  
**GWEDDI DROS Y CLEIFION**  
POPE FRANCIS  
CLARE HUGHES



**CONFESSIONS CYFFES**  
**HAVERFORDWEST**  
FRI: 5:00 – 6:00pm  
SAT: 10:30 – 11:00am  
SAT: 5:15 – 5:45pm  
SUN: 9:15 – 9:45am  
**NARBERTH**  
WED: 5:00 – 5:20pm



**HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER...**

THAT PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE AT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION IN SOCIETY, AND THAT INSTITUTIONS MAY OFFER INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS WHICH VALUE THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER –**

**DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE...**

WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PRAY FOR: MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, AND FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

**REMEMBERING OUR DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER:** Let us remember those souls who have no one to remember them in prayers! Amy Moore (1997), Thomas May (1999), Elizabeth O’Sullivan (2002), Patrick Mahoney (2002), John Concannon (2003), Anne Byrne (2006), Anne Johnson (2006), Daniel Sweeney (2006), May Sullivan (2007), William Rowe (2007), Ambrose Charles Roche (2008), Mary Catherin Absalom (2009), Mary McManus (2009), Lillian Gwendoline Skipp (2009), William Henry Fennell (2010), Mary Teresa Raymond (2011), Henry ‘William’ Phillips (2011), John Feehan (2012), Jean Marr Goodeve (2014), Teresa Jeffrey (2017), Veronica Joan Adams (2017), Maria Livia Wiseman (2018), Wilfred George Hart (2018), James Alexander Doyle (2018), Joseph Brian Bell (2018), Melveana Pearl Herde (2018), David John Evans (2019), Vesta Eileen Chapman (2020), Beverley Anne Mitchell (2020), Stephanie Ann Mansfield (2021), Margaret Bernadette Feehan (2021) John Robert James “Jackie” Higgins (2022)...

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...!**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & CRIBS:** We have stocks of Christmas cards, cribs, Year Book 2024 along with other religious gifts for the occasion, in the repository. Kindly visit our repository after Holy Mass any day.



***"It is the attitude of the sentinel, who in the night is not tempted by weariness, does not fall asleep, but remains awake awaiting the coming light. The Lord is our light and it is good to dispose the heart to welcome him with prayer and to host him with charity... to make him comfortable.... So, in a special way during these weeks, let us prepare the house of the heart with care, so that it is orderly and hospitable. In fact, keeping watch means keeping the heart ready." Pope Francis***



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE:** Tree tags and cards will be on sale in the porches. They are still only £1 each. The sale of these tags will support church-based charities. Write the name of your chosen person on the tag and hang it on the tree. You can send the card to that person or to their family if the person is deceased.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We shall hold a Retiring Collection each on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> weekend, towards Christmas Flowers. Kindly use the Parish GAD envelopes to Gift Aid your generous contribution.

**MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL: A GATHERING TO REMEMBER REV. OWEN MCGREAL:** On Thursday 21st Dec. at 3.30pm, the school is holding a gathering to remember and celebrate the life of Fr Owen McGreal. All members of the school community – past & present are invited to attend. Please feel free to share this invitation with all.

**PLANNED GIVING & GIFT-AID SCHEME:** Thank you all, for choosing the Planned Giving Scheme for Sunday collection. Those who are new to it, it is a scheme, to sign up for a regular giving to church, either by weekly envelopes or standing order. As a tax-payer, if you Gift-Aid your donation, for every pound you contribute an additional 25 pence can be claimed from HMRC. Therefore, if you haven't done it already and those who are new to the parish, please consider signing up for this. For further info & a form, do talk to Fr. Paul or Sharon Farren.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CATECHISTS:** We will begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year. The celebration will be in June, 2024. A reshuffle of Catechists will take place, to also absorb new volunteers for this great service. Parents of the children from non-Catholic Schools, who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, kindly talk to Fr. Paul after one of the Holy Masses.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS:**

**NARBERTH: 18.12.2023: MONDAY: 4.30PM**

**REV. MANSEL USHER, TENBY PARISH**

**HAVERFORDWEST: 18.12.2023:**

**MONDAY: 6.00PM – 7.30PM**

**REV. MANSEL USHER, TENBY PARISH &**

**REV. CANON PIUS AUGUSTINE, CARDIGAN PARISH**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY:** SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING of all who visit our church, both parishioners & visitors, are important to us. If you have concerns about any safeguarding issues, kindly contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mrs. Anne Barnes on 01437765365. More information about our Safeguarding Policy is found here: <http://www.menevia.org/safeguarding/>

**PRAY FOR PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS: WALES' CHRISTIAN LEADERS:** Christian leaders representing Wales, have joined together to invite people to pray for peace this Christmas. The Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia, Mark O'Toole, the Anglican Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, and the Moderator of the Free Church Council of Wales, Simon Walkling, have issued a joint message acknowledging the tensions and tragedies in the world today, whilst encouraging people to ***"come to church to find space to reflect and make time to pray for peace this Christmas."*** The news has been full of the terrible tragedy unfolding in Gaza after the awful terrorist attack on Israel. Thousands of children killed in a war they did not choose. It seems a long way from the Christmas adverts here and the pressure to be merry. It is understandable that the church leaders in Jerusalem have invited Christians there to forego any unnecessarily festive activities and stand strong with those facing affliction. They see it as standing in support of those continuing to suffer, just as Jesus did by being born as a baby in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Jesus was born in a land occupied by the Romans. He was born away from home because of an imperial census. There were family tensions around Mary being pregnant and Jesus was laid in a feeding trough because there was no room at the inn. Herod killed the boys in Bethlehem to get rid of the threat to his power. All these are part of Christmas, along with our joy at God's love and the traditions which help us celebrate. This Christmas, we may be aware of tensions in families, and the difficulties of making ends meet. This year we remember the wars in the land of Jesus' birth, Ukraine and other parts of the world. We also remember that this year was the centenary of the Wales Women's Peace Appeal which took a petition to America about joining the League of Nations to promote 'Law not War'. It was a message signed by around 60% of women in Wales and went from home to home and hearth to hearth, showing what the co-ordinated work of ordinary people could achieve. We need peace in our world. We may want to be free of tension in our families. ***We may long for five minutes of peace for ourselves in all the Christmas preparations. Why not come to church to find space to reflect and make time to pray for peace this Christmas? We are praying for joy and hope for us all.***

**PARISH HALL HIRE:** There are enquiries for the use of Parish Hall. Therefore, all those in-charge of using the Hall like Scripture Group, RCIA, SVP etc. kindly furnish me with the hours you intend to use. It will help with all free slots, if anyone wants the hall for any functions or regular event/s.

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**READINGS: SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11      Psalm: Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54  
 RESPONSE: My soul rejoices in my God.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24      Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28