



The Fireside

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(In Residence: Canon Pelosi Rtd.)



Croeso - Welcome - Fáilte - Benvenuto - Boa Vindo - Bienvenido - a'obhagat - Witamu - Willkommen - மலிகாயங் - Maligayang pagdating

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Friday 3rd December (First Mass of Sunday)

Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 5th December

Vigil Mass 4.00pm

Pro Populo

Mass 11.30am

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Friday 10th December (First Mass of Sunday)

Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 12th December

Vigil Mass 4.00pm

Pro Populo

Mass 11.30am

REFLECTION = A LESSON FROM THE TREES

Not long ago the trees were loaded with golden leaves.

Though pretty to look at, they robbed me of the world beyond.

But now that the leaves have fallen

I am able to look through the skeletal branches to the deep blue sky beyond.

Teach us, Good Lord,

how to take care of our material needs without neglecting our spiritual needs;

how to take care of ourselves without neglecting others;

how to live joyfully in the world without losing sight of the world to come.



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Jim and Liz Delaney.

Offertory Collection – £383.50p.

This includes Standing Orders.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Social Services Department of Neath and Port Talbot are appealing for Christmas donations to help young people who have recently left Care and who will be spending their first Christmas living independently.

Other young people especially those socially isolated and estranged from their families will not have the financial means to celebrate Christmas in the traditional ways that most families are privileged with.

Due to current covid 19 difficulties they are asking for donations in the form of Gift Vouchers.

These can be placed in the Weekly Offering Boxes in the Church.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first Sundays in Advent (until December 16th) look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season.

Reflection on the violence and evil in the world causes us to cry out to God to make things right — to put death's dark shadows to flight.

Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace lead us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

WELCOME CANON PELOSI

A very warm welcome to Canon Pelosi who has joined us here in the parish. Canon will be living in retirement in the presbytery.

After 47 years loyal service as a Priest, he richly deserves his retirement. The Salvatorians are pleased to be able to offer him this accommodation.

There will be no expense incurred by the parish!

We hope you settle in quickly and that you enjoy your retirement with us.