





*Eglwys Gatholig Sant Mihangel, Aberhonddu.  
St. Michael's Catholic Church, Brecon.*

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16<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Third Sunday of Advent Psalter Week 3.  
 Times of Holy Mass for the coming week (**Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle 1**)

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>6:00pm</b> <u>Vigil Mass</u>	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>11:00am</b>	Donor's Intention
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9:30am</b>	Donor's Intention
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Nativity Play</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	Donor's Intention
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>9:30am</b>	Donor's Intention
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>6:00pm</b> <u>Vigil Mass</u>	Donor's Intention
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>11:00am</b>	People of the Parish
 <b>Confessions</b> Thursday Evening During Exposition 6:20-6:50pm, and Every First Friday During Holy Hour & at Call		 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Every First Friday at 8:30am & Every Thursday at 6pm
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> (6pm) Helen Dunne & Anne Graham	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> (6pm) Peter Jones & Mariuz Pictrus	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> (11am) Jean Ruston & Mr A Gwynn	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> (11am) Ann Voss & Gerald Purnell	



Our  
 Lady's Lamp is lit for  
**Ioan Martyn Owen**

(Paul & Andrea  
 Owen)



Sacred heart Lamp  
 is lit for  
**Wedding Anni.**  
**(Paul & Andrea  
 Owen)**

**Christmas Mass  
 Times December 2018**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

*Christmas Eve  
 Vigil Mass  
 11:30pm - Carol  
 Service followed by  
 Midnight Mass*

**Tue 25th Christmas  
 Day 11am**

*Holy Mass of  
 Christmas Day*

Last Week's Offertory Collection: £426.00. Many thanks for your generosity.  
*When making your Will you may wish to remember your parish*

**Heartfelt thanks** : to the many people who helped with Christmas Prize Draw – it was an excellent event! We raised total of £943.40p. Many thanks for your hard work and good will and God bless your generosity!! **A Big Thank You!!** to UCM for organising this fantastic Fund Raising Event for the Parish.

**The blessing of Cribs, and images of the infant Jesus:**  
 will take place during Holy Mass next Sunday.

**Nativity Play:** will be this Thursday at 6pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Please come and encourage.

**The social event** for our senior parishioners, arranged by the SVP, was held on Thursday, and was very much enjoyed by all those who came along. We'll certainly try to do something similar again next year.

**Diocesan Yearbooks 2019:** Now available at the back of the Church – (only £3.00).

**Church cleaning and preparation for Christmas:** This Monday after morning Mass at 9:30am. Your generosity would be very welcome.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima:** from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Flying from Bristol to Lisbon, with Coach to and from airports. Complete Cost: £550. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Jimmy asap.

**Christmas is a feast with 4 specific Masses** each with its own specific readings: "Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord", "Mass at Midnight". "Mass at Dawn", "Mass During the Day". It is believed that Jesus was born precisely at midnight. The Mass marks the beginning of the Christmas Day. We have three Masses here. Mass Times: Christmas Eve at 6:00pm, Midnight Mass with Carols to prepare: 11:30pm and Christmas Day at 11:00am. **Jesus - He's the reason for the Season**

**Please pray for** : baby Ioan Martyn Owen, who will be Baptised this Sunday, during 11 am Mass . Please keep little Ioan, and his family in your prayers.

**If Fr Jimmy is not available to respond to a sick call** : please phone Canon Michael Lewis (Tel. 01597 822353) or Father Jerome Ituah (Tel. 01597 810199).

**To All Our Church Helpers:** Many thanks to everyone who helps in any way in and around our lovely church and parish; serving on the various Ministry Rotas, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Your help is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Offerings:** Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to Fr Jimmy. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the back of Church

**Second Collection:** next Sunday, for flowers and decorations

*"Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to live Christmas in an authentic way." Pope Francis*