

Sunday, 10th December  
16.00 Lovelight Cancer Relief Service, All Saints

Monday, 11th December  
19.00 Newton School Carols, St John the Baptist

Tuesday, 12th December  
All day West Park School, All Saints

Wednesday 13th December  
17.00 West Park Infants' Nativity, All Saints  
19.00 Porthcawl RNLI Carol Service, All Saints

Friday 15th December  
19.00 Broadway Chorus Macmillan Concert, AIISS

Sunday, 17th December  
15.00 Nottage Scout & Guide Carols, St David's  
18.00 Sandville Christingle Service

Monday 18th December  
10.00 Nottage Primary, All Saints

Tuesday 19th December  
14.00 West Park Carols, All Saints



Thursday, 21st December  
17.00 Carols by candlelight, Trecco Bay Church  
19.00 Porthcawl Comprehensive School

Saturday, 23rd December  
10.30 St John's Sunday School Nativity Service

Sunday 24th December: **Christmass Eve**  
10.00 **Parish Mass, St David's**  
*no service at 10 or 11*  
17.00 **Crib Service, All Saints**  
18.00 **9 Lessons & Carols, St John the Baptist**  
11.30 **Midnight Mass, All Saints**

#### CHRISTMASS DAY

*Morning Services at the usual Sunday times*

Sunday 31st December: **New Year's Eve:**  
08.00 Mass, All Saints  
08.30 Mass, St John the Baptist  
11.00 **PARISH MASS, St John the Baptist**  
*No service at 09.30 or 10*  
*No service at 17.00 or 18.00*  
23.15 **Watchnight Service, St John the Baptist**  
*all are welcome: bring some food!*



## Advent 3

St. John the Baptist: 08.30, 11.00,  
18.00  
All Saints': 08.00, 10.00



The Parish of  
Newton Nottage  
Porthcawl



# Advent 2

**CROESO : WELCOME**

10th December 2017

**May God the Son  
who comes to us  
as redeemer and judge,  
reveal to us  
the path from darkness to light.**

*Readings today are on page 15*

#### Isaiah 40: 1-11

##### **A message of comfort and hope**

Isaiah contrasts fleeting human life with the 'word of God that will stand for ever'. Although it will be a time of judgement, yet the time when the Lord's glory is revealed, will be a time of gathering and saving His people. A voice will cry out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. This is a message of comfort, for the Lord's great power is exercised in gentleness and compassion, feeding and caring for His people like a shepherd.

#### 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

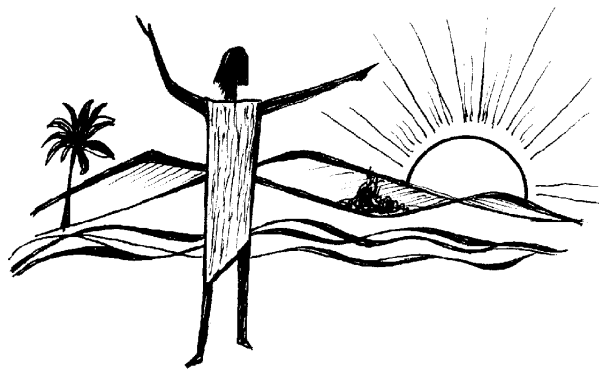
##### **While waiting for the Day of the Lord, what sort of people ought we to be?**

Peter reminds his readers that time is very different for the Lord from time as we experience it. One day can be like a thousand years or a thousand years as one day to Him. As He delays His coming, which will bring judgement and a new heaven and a new earth, this gives us time to be ready, to be leading lives of holiness and godliness - lives of peace, 'without spot or blemish' as we prepare to meet Him.

#### Mark 1: 1-8

##### **A messenger to prepare the way of the Lord**

Mark uses Isaiah's prophecy of a messenger who will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, to name John the Baptist as that messenger. John calls the people to repentance and to be cleansed by being baptised. John lived simply and declared that One far greater than he would come, baptising not with water but with the Holy Spirit.



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**Monday**  
12.00 Mass, All Saints'

**Tuesday**  
10.30 Mass, St John the Baptist

**Wednesday** *Lucy (304) Martyr*  
10.30 Mass, All Saints'

**Thursday** *John of the Cross (1591) Priest, Poet*  
10.30 Mass, St. David's *and Teacher of the Faith*

**Friday**  
10.30 Mass, St. John the Baptist

**Saturday**  
09.30 Mass, All Saints'

for the homeless and the roofless  
*Pentrych and Capel Llanilltern* *Wiawso (Ghana)*

for Porthcawl Foodbank, its helpers and customers  
*Radyr* *Willochra (Southern Australia)*

for all who work with those seeking home and shelter  
*Diocesan Board of Nomination Windward Islands (W.Indies)*

for Bishop June, spending today in our deanery  
*Whitchurch* *Wondurba (S, Sudan)*

for those alone and without family  
*St. Fagans and Michaelston-super-Ely* *Worcester & Winchester*

for those without employment or the hope of employment  
*Tongwynlais* *Wusasa (Nigeria)*

## Readings for Evensong

**Advent 2**  
Psalm 80  
Zephaniah 3: 14-20  
Luke 1: 5-20

**Advent 3**  
Psalm 50: 1-6; 62  
Isaiah 12  
Luke 1: 57-66

## Please pray for the sick

**Monday**  
Keith Gillet  
Dillwyn Jones  
Philip White  
Julian Mullins  
Gareth Williams  
Rian Sully  
Matthew Evans  
Joan Stockdale  
Olive Hayes  
Pippa Koller  
Fr Godfrey James  
Peter Gardner

**Tuesday**  
Sue Wilmot  
Pauline Carter  
Rafe McKee  
Jean Miles  
Rae John  
Bruce Davies  
Gwyneth Lloyd

**Wednesday**  
Viv Warwick  
Fr Erle Hastey  
Morfydd Cooke  
Nancy Miles  
Ginge Lewis  
Celia Field  
Barbara Boscott  
Alun Jones  
June Powell  
John Williams

**Thursday**  
baby Sidney Vine  
Rose McGinley  
Audrey Griffiths  
Joan Horton  
Jessica Price  
Wendy Walsingham  
Jak Powles  
Fr David Lloyd  
John Hoare  
Shirley Ash  
John Rees  
Joyce Denham

**Friday**  
Marie Davies  
Beryl Pillinger  
Sam Langmead-Thomas  
Janet Skiffins  
Jess Davies  
Thomas Smith  
Leo Jones  
Marc Jones  
Jean Harris  
Linda Jordan-Thomas

**Saturday**  
Oscar Humphries  
Gary Davies  
Stephen Thomas  
Gareth Thomas  
Matthew Sturt  
Peter Reynolds  
Lilian Gardner

## Gospel Readings for the Week

Monday **Luke 5: 17 - 26**  
Tuesday **Matthew 18: 12-14**  
Wednesday **Matthew 11: 28-30**  
Thursday **Matthew 11: 7-15**  
Friday **Matthew 11: 16-19**  
Saturday **Matthew 17: 9-13**

Readings for next Sunday morning:

## Advent 3

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-24  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### PARISH OFFICE

*Initial arrangements for Holy Baptism,  
calling of banns and Holy Matrimony  
are made by appointment -  
please ring Father Philip on  
01656 786899*

### The Parish Priest

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## Please pray for the dead

Mary Gassor  
Brenda Preedy  
Idris Berry

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*Sun, 10th December*  
David Hutchinson  
Constance George  
Evelyn Ward

*Mon, 11th December*  
Aneurin Carey  
Elsie Arthur  
Lynn Newman  
Peter Lloyd

*Tues, 12th December*  
Ann Hindley  
Edward Fisher

*Wed, 13th December*  
Lilian Watkins  
Dorothy Cooper

*Wed, 13th December*  
Charles Ball  
Maisie Jones  
Vernon Uppington  
Ann Browning

*Thurs, 14th December*  
Florence Scully  
Bessie Plummer  
Jack Paice  
Henry Lewis  
Michael Davis

*Fri, 15th December*  
Hilda Brown  
Kathleen Chalke  
Gladys Williams

*Sat, 16th December*  
Geoff Fletcher  
Millie Rawnsion