THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

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St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

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Response to the Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, And renew the face of the earth Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and

Kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia'

Saturday 18th May Vigil – Pentecost Sunday

4.30 pm St Benedict's Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Tadgie (Tigy) Cronin; Pat Lee;

6.30 pm St Aloysius Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Marian Daley;

Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday

9,30 am St Illtyd's St Illtyd' and St Aloysius 1st Holy Communion

9.30 am St Illtyd's Margaret Ann, Patrick and Michael Veale; Queenie Cowhig; Teresa and Daniel

Sullivan; Ron Morgan; Sheila Cairns (McNamara);

11.30 am St Mary's Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Jim Mochan; Hugh, Peter and Barbara

Golden; Tom Bannon; Elizabeth and Elphege Hurley (B'Day & Anniv);

Monday 20th May

Mary Mother of the Church

10.00 am St Mary's Philip Tomsett (Anniv); Canon John Rohan (RIP)

Tuesday 21st May St Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

9.30 am St Mary's Priests Intentions

11.30 St Mary's FUNERAL SERVICE – JOYCE FYLER

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00 am St Mary's

Kathleen Jones (RIP); Donald Carr;

12.00 pm Llwydcoed Crem.

Thursday 23rd May

St Rita of Cascia, Religious

Kathleen Jones (RIP); Donald Carr;

Funeral Service Marian Daley

Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00 am St Mary's NO MASS

11.00 am St Mary's REQUIEM MASS TERRANCE JOSEPH LEWIS

Friday 24th May

10.00 am St Mary's People of the Parish; Maldwyn Walters (RIP)

Saturday 25th May Vigil – Trinity Sunday

4.30 pm St Benedict's Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

6.30 pm St Aloysius Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Paul and Mabel Szyndra (RIP)

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

9.30 am St Illtyd's Canon Francis Moran; Majorie Moran (B'Day); Theresa Prothero; Claire Price

(B'Day) Ron Morgan;

11.30 am St Mary's Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Nicholas Santos, Beryl & David Keefe, Ed Rees, Margaret Banfield, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Thomas Fitton, Mark

Esposito, Eileen Robinson, Jimmy Mullins, David Lewis; Bernard O'Donaghue; Rachael Rudge;;

Requiescat in pace: David Thomas Williams; Terry Lewis; Pat O'Brien; Mark Elliott; Bill Donovan; Tom Bannon;

Marian Daley; Joan Burke;

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in peace.

St Illtyd's Lottery 12th May

Numbers 4, 9, 15, 17

No Winner

St Mary's Lottery 12th May

Numbers 3, 5, 12, 19 Winner; Chris Wilkinson

LuckyDip; Lukasz Kowalski, Vic Jones

Next Draw :19th May £1875 Next Draw 19th May £1000

Gift Aid

To help the parish claim tax back from the government you are invited to use the envelopes provided on the bench beside you or at the back of the church (IF YOU PAY TAX)

Holy Communion Gifts and Cards

A selection of Holy Communion Gifts and Cards are available at all our Piety Stalls. They are available for purchase after Mass.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

There are a number of unclaimed raffle prizes at the St Mary's Piety Stall. Please check to see if you have won.

St Mary's Parking

Unfortunately, I have received complaints from some elderly and disabled parishioners that they are unable to gain access to the ramp as it is blocked by vehicles. Also, cars are parked so tightly in the grounds that they are unable to manoeuvre between them. Please, if you are able bodied do try **not** to park in the grounds. Parking in the church grounds also makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to attend if necessary. Canon Barry

Priest Training Fund Appeal - Follow the Flame Team!

To support the Priest Training Fund Appeal the Diocese has also entered a team into the Cardiff Bay 10K run. The run will take place on Pentecost Sunday and the Diocese team of 9 intrepid souls will be called 'Follow the Flame'. Fr Laurence Bryce has even agreed to dust off his trainers to run as part of the *Follow the Flame Team*! Please try to support their efforts by sponsoring or donating to the team. you can do so at: https://app.goodhub.com/archdiocese-of-cardiff-10710.

Ist Communion

Congratulations to the children of St Mary's school who celebrated their 1st Holy Communion last Sunday.

1st Communion dates

Sunday 19th May 9.30 am St Illtyd's & St Aloysius (at St Illtyd's)

The Chosen

The Chosen continues every Wednesday until 29th May at the Father Carroll centre at 7.00 pm.

Online Open Listening Session

On Saturday May 25th, 2024 Archbishop Mark will be holding an Online Open Listening Session via Zoom.

Anyone from the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia is welcome to attend.

The session includes an introduction by Archbishop Mark on why we are considering a union of both the

Dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia, some of the challenges and benefits and a brief history of both Dioceses.

Start time: 10:00 am Finish: 11:45 am -12:00 pm

More information: https://rcadc.org/register-for-our-online-listening-sessions/

Mass for Sick and Retired Clergy

On Friday 7th June, Archbishop Mark O'Toole will celebrate Mass dedicated to the Sick and Retired Clergy of the Archdiocese. The Mass will take place at St David's Cathedral at 12.45pm. A very warm welcome is extended to all parishioners to join the Archbishop for this celebration and afterwards at the Cornerstone where light refreshments will be served.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND THE WORLD

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine and the World, for their governments, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. AMEN