

24th March 2024

Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday (Year B)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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St Aloysius, Chestnut Way, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9SB
St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF
St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

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Response to the Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation :

Glory to you , O Christ, king of eternal glory;
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high and
gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 23rd March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 24th March

9.30 am St Illtyd's

11.30 am St Mary's

Lamb; Thomas Mathai; Aleyanna Pothen; Peggy and Cai Powell;

Monday 25th March

10.00 am St Illtyd's

Tuesday 26th March

12.30 St Mary's

Wednesday 27th March

10.00 am St Mary's

12.30 pm St Illtyd's

Thursday 28th March

10.00 am St Mary's

7.00 pm St Benedicts

Friday 29th March

3.00 pm St Mary's

7.00 pm St Mary's

Saturday 30th March

7.30 pm St Mary's

and Dinny O'Leary;

Sunday 31st March

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Williams (Lee); Margaret and Brian Gillespie; Ian Murphy; Teresa Collins;

11.30 am St Mary's Audrey Morgan; Andrew Jones; Mark Williams; Fr. Eamon Moran; Ron Morgan, Aleyamma Pothen; Thomas Mathai; Louise Hopkins; Connie Green; Reggie Albert Powell;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Pat O'Brien, 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.

Requiescat in pace:

Bernard McCormack.; John Jenkins; Michael Clancy; Andrew Jones;

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

Vigil –Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Anne and Jim Molloy

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Douglas Owen

Passion Sunday /Palm Sunday

Vincent Davies; Margaret Murphy; Nora Scannell; Danny Griffiths;

Ron Morgan; Mary and Leonard Davies ;Andrew Jones ;Michael Hurley; Royston

The Return of those who have left the Faith and the conversion of Britain

REQUIEM MASS – ANDREW GARETH JONES

Catherine Coakley;

FUNERAL SERVICE – MICHAEL CLANCY

Maundy Thursday

Billy Williams (B'Day); Andrew Jones; Doreen and Brendan Connolly

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Stations of the Cross

Vigil – Easter Sunday

Easter Vigil / Blessing of Food

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Andrew Jones ; Joan

Easter Sunday

Catherine Coakley; Vincent Davies (B 'Day); Nora Scannell; Peter Rafferty; Patricia Williams (Lee); Margaret and Brian Gillespie; Ian Murphy; Teresa Collins;

Audrey Morgan; Andrew Jones; Mark Williams; Fr. Eamon Moran; Ron Morgan, Aleyamma Pothen; Thomas Mathai; Louise Hopkins; Connie Green; Reggie Albert Powell;

EASTER OFFERING

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your Easter offering to the Clergy.

ST ILLTYD'S – MASS

Monday 1st April will be the last **DAILY** mass at St Iltyd's for approximately 6mths due to repair work .

Throughout this time **SUNDAY MASS (9.30 AM) WILL TAKE PLACE AS USUAL .**

St Iltyd's Lottery 17th March

Numbers 6, 18, 21, 23

No Winner

Next Draw :24th March £1675

St Mary's Lottery 17th March

Numbers 8 14 16 21

No Winner: Lucky Dip; Jennifer Lewis; Katee Dwms

Next Draw 24th March £5400

Belated Birthday Greetings

We would like to wish Lillian O'Connell a belated happy birthday for Monday 11th March. 99 years young. Congratulations

St Mary's Easter Raffle

The draw for the Easter Raffle will take place towards the end of this week. Please hand in your entries ASAP. Raffle sheets are still available at the back of the church. The main prize will be an Easter Hamper and Sunday lunch for two plus many other prizes. Donations of prizes will also be very welcome.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Help the parish get free money from the government. Use the Gift Aid envelopes which will be available on benches or at the back of church (if you don't already use weekly envelopes). Just put your name, house number and postcode on the envelope **-ONLY IF YOU PAY TAX.**

ALSO, gift Aid Envelopes are now available at St Aloysius and St Iltyd's. When you collect your box please check that your address is correct and advise of any alterations. **PLEASE DO NOT USE NEW ENVELOPES BEFORE 7TH APRIL.**

Intentions for the Grotto at Lourdes

HCPT Group 102 are going on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes on Saturday 30th March. We would love to take any intentions you may have to the Grotto in Lourdes. Please find a yellow bucket in each Church to place your intentions in. These buckets will be in each Church until Palm Sunday (24th March).

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

Food Bank

Your donations to the food bank are always very gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity. As Easter approaches could you please consider adding some sweets or chocolates to your donations for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Canon Barry English, Deacon Garth and Deacon David would like to wish all parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter.

