

31st March 2024

Easter 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:
The day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation :
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us
Celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia

MASS TIMES

Saturday 30th March
7.30 pm St Mary's
Joan and Dinny O'Leary;

Sunday 31st March
9.30 am St Illtyd's

Patricia Williams (Lee); Margaret and Bryan Gillespie; Ian Murphy; Teresa Collins; Tommy and Mary Murphy (Anniv)
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; Hannah, Bernard, Alun and Teresa Owens;

Monday 1st April
10.00 am St Illtyd's

Easter Vigil / Blessing of Food
Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Andrew Jones ;

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Catherine Coakley; Vincent Davies (B 'Day); Nora Scannell; Peter Rafferty;
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Easter Monday

Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie

THIS WILL BE THE LAST DAILY MASS IN ST ILLTYD'S FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. HOWEVER, SUNDAY MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AS USUAL

ALSO

DUE TO CANON BEING AWAY, THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd April
12.00noon St Mary's

Friday 6th April
9.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 6th April
4.30am St Benedicts

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 7th April
9.30 am St Illtyd's

& Timothy Moran; Jennifer Handy; Patricia Williams (lee) (Anniv); Anthony Hughes; Julia & Tom Simcock; Michael Clancy;Ceri & Grahame Vaughan;

11.30 am St Mary's

Andrew Jones;John Gill; Michael and Bridget Gill ; Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley;Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Cliff, Bess and Carl Preece;Morty, Annie Cronin and Betty & Shelia Nee Cronin; Molly and Phil Evan and deceased members of Cronin Family in Ireland and Wales; Kathleen Jones & Family;
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; Teresa Prothero .Kristan Thomas; Wayne O'Neill;
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in peace.

EASTER OFFERING

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

St Iltyd's Lottery 24th March

Numbers 2, 16, 17, 21

No Winner

Next Draw :31ST March £1700

St Mary's Easter Raffle

The list of the prize winners of the Easter raffle can be found at the back of the church. Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

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.**

St Patrick's Night

Thank you to all who supported this event a total of £597.29 was raised for parish funds

A Note from The Bench

The old adage, 'A Bad Workman Always Blames His Tools' often springs to mind. You may have heard some very strange noises coming from the organ in St. Mary's over the last eighteen months. Although I am not perfect, I can honestly put my hand up and say 'It was not me'. There is a big problem with the instrument and having sought the advice of more than one organ engineer, they all tell me it is beyond repair. To this end, some 12 months ago, I explored the possibility of getting grants to replace the instrument. I am happy to inform you that, last week, The Lottery Heritage Fund told me that they were giving us a grant of £12,500, towards the purchase of a new instrument. Good news indeed, but for a decent digital instrument we need to have at least £40,000 available, and, to this end, I am applying for grants from other bodies. I also hope to instigate some local fund raising in the coming months. Chris Wilkinson.

Food Bank

Your donations to the food bank are always very gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

