

3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (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:

Gospel Acclamation :

Lord, make me know your ways,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News

Alleluia!

MASS TIMES

Saturday 2nd March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 3rd March

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Angela and Aldina Fulgoni; Angela Onger; ;

11.30 am St Mary's

Louise Hopkins; Ron Morgan;

Monday 4th March

10.00 am St Illtyd's

Galleozzie; Mary and John Clifford ;

Tuesday 5th March

10.00 St Mary's

Sandra Sapwell;

Wednesday 6th March

10.00 am St Mary's

NO MASS

11.30 am St Mary's

REQUIEM MASS – Bernard McCormack

7.00 pm St Illtyd's

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thursday 7th March

10.00 am St Mary's

Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Phillip Morris;

Friday 8th March

9.30 am St Illtyd's

St John of God

Dennis and Maureen Dowling; Matilda Basini (Anniv);

Saturday 9th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Day);

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Stephen Fryzer; Aida Lewis and Elsie O'Brien (Mother's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Bernard & Mary Corcoran

Sunday 10th March

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Elizabeth Brogden; Nora Scannell; Teresa Davies; Mary Ellen Foley; Anthony Hughes; Amelia Thomas (Anniv);

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; William Bush; Elizabeth and Elphege Hurley; Bernard McCormack;

Dennis and Maureen Dowling;

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

Requiescat in pace:

Anne O'Brien; Anthony Hughes; Ken Hodgson; Danny Griffiths; Peter Love, Dennis Dowling; Audrey Morgan; Denis Evans; Sister Anna (Sister of St Joseph); Bernard McCormack.

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

A Funeral Service for Dennis Dowling will be held on Friday 8th March at the Caradoc Price Chapel of Rest, Dowlais at 1.15 pm followed by cremation at Llwydcoed Crematorium at 3.00pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE - EASTER DUTIES

A Penitential service will be held at St Illtyd's on Wednesday 6th March at 7.00 pm. Fathers Robert James and Richard Aziati will be available to hear confessions.

St Illtyd's Lottery 25th February

Numbers: 5,10,11,18

No Winner

Next Draw :3rd March £1600

St Mary's Lottery 25th February

Numbers :5, 8, 13, 21

No Winner: Lucky Dip; C McNally and C Wilkinson

Next Draw 3rd March £5250

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle sheets are available. The main prize will be an Easter Hamper 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.

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). If you would like to make a donation to the group you can scan the QR code on the bucket, speak to a member of the group or contact us on group 102@hcpt.org.uk. Thank you for your support in helping us take children to Lourdes again this Easter.

Wintry weather at St Aloysius

We are looking for volunteers to assist with spreading salt and grit prior to Mass at St Aloysius Church during periods of wintry weather. Also to tidy up the grounds around the Church.

If you wish to help please get in touch by email. Merthyr@rcadc.org

Pro -Life Amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment! If you have any questions about the amendment or would like help with supporting and promoting the campaign, please do not hesitate to get in touch. On behalf of the team at Right To Life UK, we hope you and your parish have a blessed Lent.

St Patrick's Day Fundraiser

A St Patrick's day fundraiser will be held on Friday 15th March at 7.00 pm at Father Carroll Centre, with music, bar and a good craic. Tickets cost £10.00 and will include Irish Stew and freshly baked bread (Vegetarian option available). All proceeds for the Restoration funds of St Mary's and St Illtyd's. Tickets available from Jane Shankland on 07899953898

Mass Intentions

Please could all Mass Intentions be handed in **AT LEAST** one week before requested date.

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

EASTER MASSES

Thursday 28th March – Mass of the Lord's Supper – St Benedict's 7.00pm

Friday 29th March – Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ – St Mary's 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross – St Mary's 7.00pm

Saturday 30th March – Easter Vigil / Blessing of Food – St Mary's 7.30pm

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday – St Illtyd's 9.30 am & St Mary's 11.30 am

Pope Francis' Catechesis on Prayer, arranged for each liturgical week

This is now available to download from the St Mary's website along with the weekly newsletter.