

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (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 :**

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Jesus Said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
And my Father will love him and we shall come to him.**

**Alleluia'**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

Elizabeth Brogden (Cronin); Mary and Danny Griffiths; Morris and Rees Families; Ron Morgan

**11.30 am St Mary's**

Cliff Bess and Carl Preece; Jon Gill; Michael and Bridget Gill; David and Beryl

Keefe 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; Bernard McCormack; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins;

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

Jeannette Herbert;

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30 am St Aloysius**

**1.00pm St Mary's**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**7.00 pm St Benedicts**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**12.00 St Aloysius**

Jeremiah, Ann and Rita Daly; Bridget, Betty, Stephen, Patrick and Margaret Goggins Families (RIP)

**7.00 pm St Illtyd's**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**10.30 am St Mary's**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

(Anniv); Louise Hopkins ; Bernard Gookin; Nancy James; Ron Morgan;

**11.30 am St Mary's**

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Jim Mochan; Gina Poggioli & Family; Louise

Hopkins (B'Day);

**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, David Lewis; Bernard O'Donoghue; Rachael Rudge;

**Requiescat in pace:** Josie Price ; Mary Walker; David Thomas Williams

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

**St Illtyd's Lottery 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Numbers 1, 4, 6, 16

No Winner Next Draw :5<sup>th</sup> May £1825 Winner

**St Mary's Lottery 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Numbers 2, 6, 8, 14

No Winner: Lucky Dip; Next Draw 5<sup>th</sup> May £5700

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL – 12/13 MAY**

## **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

## **1<sup>st</sup> Confession**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May St Illtyd's 2.00 pm- Sisters

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion dates**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May St Illtyd's 9.30 (Sisters)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's 2.00pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 am St Illtyd's & St Aloysius (at St Illtyd's)

## **The Chosen**

The Chosen is back! The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus (Jonathan Roumie in the series), seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first century Israel, the seven season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Season 4 continues with episode 1 on 8 May at 7.00pm in the Fr Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's and every Wednesday until 29 May. Further episodes will be shown when they are released.

## **Father Carroll Centre**

The Fr Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's is available to hire for regular groups and individuals. If your group is looking for a place to meet, contact Canon Barry or Deacon Garth to discuss.

## **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

Register <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpdu2qrjssHdJNvsqxMniDMaXkj9JdXHdb#/registration>

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

## **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

## **Cafod Sudan Crisis Appeal**

The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the middle of the conflict are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. People are running out of food, water and medicine and many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. Please donate to the retiring collection to be held on the weekend of 12/13 May if you are able to.

## **St Illtyd's Church**

Thankfully help is on hand. Urgent repairs have been generously supported by The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, the National Churches Trust and Welsh Government. Combined with support from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, more than £950,000 has been made available to undertake these repairs.

With thanks to our funders

