

17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

*Worshipping together*

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

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF  
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**Response to the Psalm:**  
A pure Heart create for me of God.

**Gospel Acclamation :**  
Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me;  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God!

### DAILY MASS TIMES

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Anne & Jim Molloy,

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

(Lee) (Wedding Anniv); Tom & Julia Simcock; Anthony Hughes;

**11.30 am St Mary's**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Madge & Elwyn Jenkins; Massie & Eddie Rees; Bernard Mahoney, Patricia Williams

Ron Morgan; Dennis and Maureen Dowling; Andrew Jones; Michael Hurley

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am St Illtyd's**

Louis Connally; Hannah & Bernard Owens; Mary & William Hughes

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am St Aloysius**

**St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**School Mass** Winifred Evans (Anniv)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

Bernard McCornack; **Repeal of the Abortion Act**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

Private Intention, Danny & Mary Griffiths (Anniversary)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

Harman

**7.00pm St Illtyd's**

Michael O'Sullivan; Andrew Scrivens; Imelda O'Sullivan; Kate O'Sullivan; Elaine

**Stations of The Cross**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Vigil – Palm Sunday THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Anne and Jim Molloy;

Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Douglas Owen; Lisa Morgan-Jones; People of the Parish

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

**11.30 am St Mary's**

Peggy & Cai Powell

**Palm Sunday THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Vincent Davies (Anniv); Margaret Murphy; Nora Scannell; Danny Griffiths

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Royston Lamb; Thomas Mathai; Aleyamma Pothan;

**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:**

Denis Evans; Bernard McCormack, John Jenkins (formerly of Morlais Castle Inn) Michael Clancy (formerly of St Illtyd's)

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

### St Illtyd's Lottery 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Numbers: 5, 16, 19, 23

No Winner

Next Draw : 17<sup>th</sup> March £1650

### St Mary's Lottery 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Numbers 2, 3, 4, 21

No Winner:

Next Draw 17<sup>th</sup> March £5350

### St Mary's Easter Raffle

Raffle sheets are 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 – Please join the scheme if you pay tax

St Aloysius and St Illtyd's Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the Church doors. When you collect your box of envelopes please check that your address is correct and advise of any alterations. **PLEASE DO NOT USE NEW ENVELOPES BEFORE 7TH APRIL.**

St Mary's Gift Aid envelopes for the new Tax Year are at the back of church. **PLEASE DO NOT USE NEW ENVELOPES BEFORE 7TH APRIL.** If you would like to join the envelopes scheme to enable the parish to reclaim tax on your contributions please text or phone John Strand on 07949 623722!

**Upcoming event at St Illtyd's 19th April at 7.00 pm** - Quiz and Taco Bar. Entry £10 to include free cocktail!

### LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY - CAFOD COLLECTIONS

The Family Fast Day Collections across our Churches amounted to £1,262.50. CAFOD will claim Gift Aid on some of this taking the total raised to around £1,500. Thank you for your generosity.

**Congratulations Vic Jones** – 95 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Many Happy Returns!



Are you in School Years 9-13? Do you want to spend some time getting to know other young Catholics? The Cardiff and Menevia Youth Council is offering you the opportunity for a few days away in beautiful St. David's, Pembrokeshire, to relax, pray, talk, walk, eat and have fun together. July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost is £250 for four nights at St. David's Bunkhouses, including coach travel and all meals.

### Intentions for the Grotto at Lourdes

HCPT Group 102 makes its annual pilgrimage to Lourdes on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We would love to take your intentions to the Grotto in Lourdes. Please place your intentions in Yellow buckets placed in each Church until Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a donation to the group please scan the QR code on the bucket or contact us on [group102@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group102@hcpt.org.uk). Thank you for helping us take children to Lourdes again this Easter.

### HOLY TRIDUUM SERVICES

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Benedict's	7.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ	St Mary's	3.00pm
	Stations of the Cross	St Mary's	7.00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Vigil / Blessing of Food	St Mary's	7.30pm
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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** is available to download from our website [www.merthyrc.co.uk](http://www.merthyrc.co.uk) as is the weekly Newsletter.