

12th April 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year A

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

St Aloysius, Chestnut Way, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9SB St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF
 St Mary's, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT
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Response to the Psalm: <i>Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You believed, Thomas, for you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrrc.co.uk Email: merthyr@cardiffmenevia.org Tel: 01685 723336
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A Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will be holding penitential services on a Saturday morning at 11.30 in St Mary's Church

Saturday 11th April		Vigil – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Nora Hill; Stephen Fryzer;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 12th April		Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy – Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Nelly Mahoney (Anniv); Maria Davies; Nigel Scrivens; Mary and Bertie Wade (Anniv); Patricia Williams (Lee)(5th Anniv); Pattie Price (RIP); Thanksgiving for 101 years Birthday; Miriam Rees and Family; Morris Family; John Price (Anniv);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Griff Quinn (Anniv); John and Nancy Donavan; Stephen Donavan; Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Justina Igwe; Ceri and Grahame Vaughan; Maureen Llewellyn; Pat Price; Helen Golding and Maria Miller;
Monday 13th April		St Martin 1. Pope, Martyr
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	People of the Parish; Canon Dermot Clancy;
Tuesday 14th April		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Justina Igwe;
11.30 am	ST ALOYSIUS	FUNERAL SERVICE – MAUREEN COLLINS
Wednesday 15th April		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Justina Igwe;
12.45 pm	ST ILLTYD'S	FUNERAL SERVICE - GERALD HARRINGTON
Thursday 16th April		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Justina Igwe;
Friday 17th April		
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Ann Lewis (B'Day); Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Justina Igwe; Joe and Julie Sullivan; Patrick Moran;
11.30 am	ST MARYS	REQUIEM MASS – ANGELA MARIA JONES
Saturday 18th April		Vigil – Third Sunday of Easter – Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; William and Muriel Scrivens; Mary and Michael Donegan;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 19th April		Third Sunday of Easter- Year A

9.30 am	St Iltyd's	Gavin and Tina Fitton; Maria Davies (Anniv); Martin Skelley; Stephen Graham Tomsett (Anniv); Patrick Moran; Andrew and Ceri Thomas (25 th Wedd. Anniv);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Rae Maria Fryzer; Stephen Fryzer; Jeff Jones;
INFANT BAPTISMS		<i>Registration for Infant Baptisms will take place after Sunday Mass at St Iltyd's and St Mary's. Baptisms will then take place after mass on a Saturday at St Iltyd's and on a Sunday at St Mary's.</i>

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Sylvia Williams, Jimmy Llewellyn; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James Dennis Preece; Sheila Duffield; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; John Reynolds; Katie Coughlin;

Requiescat in pace; Patricia Price; Terry O'Keefe; Martin Stephens; Ann Evans; Mary Roberts; Brian Hagerty; Sandra Jones; Angela Jones; Patrick Moran; Paul Churchill; Marie Estelle Donovan; Timothy O'Sullivan; Gerald Harrington; Maureen Collins

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

The 2nd Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, reminds us that God's mercy never ends. The readings show how faith brings peace, hope, and joy. The first Christians lived with kindness, prayer, and sharing. They remind us that real faith changes how we live and how we treat others.

The Gospel tells how Jesus appeared to His disciples and to Thomas. Thomas believed when he saw Jesus' wounds. Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed. This Sunday calls us to trust in God's mercy, forgive others, and live with faith even in times of doubt. It is a day to find peace and joy in the risen Lord.

St Iltyd's Lottery 5th April	St Mary's Lottery 5th April
Numbers; 2, 4, 14, 15 Winner:	Numbers; 10. 19. 22. 23 No Winner
Next Draw 12 th April (£1050)	Next Draw 12 th April (£5950)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the coming year, starting the week **after** Easter (April 12th onwards) are available at the back of church.

HCPT Group 102 QUIZ NIGHT

Back by popular demand - we are hosting a quiz night on Friday 24th April in the Fr Carroll Centre at 7:00pm. Tickets are £15 which include a fish shop supper. This is a ticket only event. Please contact any of our helpers or Caitlin on 07855718175 for tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU

Father Francis and Father Morgan would like to thank parishioners for their kind gifts and Easter Offerings.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

There will be Divine Mercy Devotion at St Mary's at 3.00 pm this Sunday (12th April)