

12th October 2025

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH , FATHER FRANCIS ONU.

Deacon: Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations..		Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
Saturday 11th October		Vigil – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; James and Margaret Driscoll; Eileen Davies;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley; ; Joan and Dinny O'Leary;	
Sunday 12th October		Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C	
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Julian Amos;	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Deacon David O'Keefe; Michael Hurley; Victor Jones; Miriam Mathae (Anniv); Roy Davies; Pat O'Brien (Belated B'Day);Giuse; Rae Maria Fryzer (Anniv); Stephen Fryzer; Rob Callanan;	
Monday 13th October		St Edward the Confessor;	
10.00am	St Mary's	Mayo. Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie;	
Tuesday 14th October		St Callistus 1, Pope and Martyr	
10.00am	St Mary's		
Wednesday 15th October		St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
10.00am	St Mary's	Jonathan Bedford (1 st Anniv);	
Thursday 16th October		ST Richard Gwyn, Schoolmaster, Martyr	
10.00 am	St Mary's		
Friday 17th October		St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	
10.00am	St Mary's		
Saturday 18th October		Vigil – Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;Hannah and Bernard Owens; Mary and William Hughes;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley; Hugh and Pat McLaughlin;	
Sunday 19th October		Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Deacon David O'Keefe;	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Deacon David O'Keefe; Michael Hurley; Victor Jones; Giuse; Rae Maria Fryzer; Kenneth Howells (RIP);	

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; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Jimmy Llewellyn; Ann Evans; Ann Watkins; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington. Dennis Preece; Ann Gittoes;

Requiescat in pace:Deacon David O'Keefe; Victor (Vic) Jones; Julie May Thomas; Colin Alexander; Fr. John Hughes,SSC; Jackie Lee; Fr.Liam Shore; Lisa Morgan Jones;Irene Patricia Jones;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 5th October	St Mary's Lottery 5th October
Numbers :3, 14, 19, 22 No Winner	Numbers; 2 5 13 19 No Winner
Next Draw: 12 th October £4,375	Next Draw: 12 th October £4650

RCIA

The meeting on 15 October about Jubilee in Scripture has been cancelled because of lack of interest. Instead our RCIA Course for those interested in joining the Catholic Church, or for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their faith will be held. Meetings will be at Fr Carroll Centre commencing on Wednesday 15th October at 7.00pm. Come along and renew your relationship with Our Lord and His Church.

PARISHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Please add this date to your diary

HOME VISITS (All Churches)

We will be starting home visits to our parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illness. This will also give an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Eucharist if they wish. Home visits will be available for people of all four churches and we would ask that if you know of any one who would like a visit, please contact Father Francis.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. There is a collection box at St Illtyd's and St Mary's where you can donate food or non perishable goods. The food bank are looking for the following items;- Tinned carrots, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned soup, tinned tomato, tinned rice pudding, long life milk, long life fruit juice, jams, mashed potato, cooking sauces, pot noodles. Also, with Christmas coming please consider chocolates, biscuits etc .

CANON BARRY FAREWELL LUNCH AND PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Now that Canon has settled a date to take up his post in Port Talbot, we have arranged a lunch to say farewell. Canon will join us at the four parishes Christmas Lunch, which will take place on Sunday 7th December at 1.30pm at Merthyr Town Football Club. The cost of the two course carvery lunch, tea/coffee and a cabaret performance of classic songs by local singer Ryan Crowley will be £25. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact John Strand, Jane Shankland, Nicky Evans (St Benedicts), Anthony O'Sullivan (St Aloysius), Mary Lynne Lewis (St Illtyds).

MISSION SUNDAY 2025

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 19th October. This day is a significant occasion for the Catholic Church, as it brings together Catholics worldwide to pray, reflect and financially support the Church's missionary work in 1, 124 mission territories. The theme for this Jubilee year is "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples", emphasizing the Church's fundamental vocation to be messengers and builders of hope. The Pope's message calls every baptised person to be "messengers and builders of hope" in a world often overshadowed by uncertainty and despair. A collection will be taken on the weekend of 18/19th October .

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The month of October is the devotion to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. During this time , (October) before Sunday masses at St Illtyd's and St Mary's we will have prayers. St Illtyd's will start at 9.00 am and St Mary's will start at 11.00am