

15th August 2026

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 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>Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.</i> 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

DEVOTIONS

During the month of August, the Rosary will be recited before each Mass weekdays and weekends. Also, there will be Mass at 7.00 pm at St Aloysius, every Tuesday, with Rosary at 6.30 and every Thursday with Adoration at 6.30 pm

Saturday 15th August

Vigil – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year A

4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy; Good recovery from operation;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Tom Keohane; Gail Singer (Anniv); Ada and Timothy Buckley;

Sunday 16th August

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9.30 am	St Illtyd's	John and Pat and Angela Lynskey; Matilda Sheehan; Teresa O'Sullivan nee Sheehan; Deacon David O'Keefe; Deacon Chris and Margaret Blackman (recovering from illness); Private Intention;
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Deacon David O'Keefe;

Monday 17th August

10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Daniel Francis O'Sullivan;
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Tuesday 18th August

10.00 am	St Mary's	Jacqueline Byfield; Doreen, David and Howard Morgan;
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary 6.30 Mass at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 19th August

St John Eudes, Priest

9.30 am	St Mary's	John Reynolds;
11.00 am	ST MARY'S	FUNERAL SERVICE – JOHN REYNOLDS

Thursday 20th August

St Bernard , Abbot, Doctor

10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 am followed by Mass : Private Intention
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30 followed by Mass. Special thanks to St Michael, S6t Gabriel, St Raphael;

Friday 21st August

St Pius X, Pope

10.00 am	St Illtyd's	NO MASS
10.30 am	ST ILLTYD'S	REQUIEM MASS = PHILLIP JAMES

Saturday 22nd August

Vigil – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;

Sunday 23rd August		Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Connie Green (10 th Anniv);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Chris & Marilyn Delaney (50 th Wedding Anniv);
INFANT BAPTISMS		Registration for Infant Baptisms will take place after Sunday Mass at St Illtyd's and St Mary's. Baptisms will then take place after mass on a Saturday at St Illtyd's and on a Sunday at St Mary's.

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; Jennifer Lewis;

Requiescat in pace John Reynolds; Phillip James; Maureen Cushen;

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY– YEAR A

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates Mary being taken to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. Catholics mark this feast on August 15. It honors Mary as the mother of Jesus and a model of faith. In 1950, Pope Pius XII named this belief a dogma of the Church.

This feast gives hope to all believers. Mary's Assumption points to the promise of life with God after death. It reminds Catholics that faith and trust matter in daily life. As Mary followed God with care and courage, people are invited to do the same and trust God's promise of salvation.

St Illtyd's Lottery 9th August	St Mary's Lottery 9th August
Numbers 7, 15, 18, 19 No Winner:	Numbers; 3, 4, 7, 24 No Winner
Next Draw 15 th August (£1525)	Next Draw 15 th August (£6850)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isobel Kate Barnett who was baptised at St Illtyd's last week. Welcome to the family of God.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chris and Marilyn Delaney who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 21st August.

FOOD BANK- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

All items of tinned, dried and bottled food are greatly appreciated

RCIA 2026

Our Catholic Class for anyone interested will continue on Wednesday 18th August at Fr Carroll Centre at 7.00 pm If you know of anyone who wants to learn about becoming members of the church please pass their details to Fr Francis, Fr Morgan or Louise Hodges

CATECHESIS CLASSES

Would you like to learn more about specific areas of the life of the Church and Clergy. Please contact Father Francis or Father Morgan who would be happy to receive your suggestions.

parish website www.ourldayofthetaper.org.uk

SUMMER CAMP – MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SISTERS

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old are invited to a Summer Camp, which will be held between 3rd August to 18th August at the Father Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's Church. The Summer Camp will take place between 2.30pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Come along and have some fun with us Praying, Singing, Arts and Crafts and Games. We are also inviting boys and girls between the ages of 13 – 16 years old to come along and help us. If interested please contact Sm. Innocentia, MC on 01685 376232

CLEANERS NEEDED – ST MARY'S

Are you able to give an hour or so of your time, after mass on Tuesdays to assist cleaners to keep our church in beautiful condition. Nothing too arduous, dusting, hoovering, polishing. If you are able please let us know.

GARDENERS NEEDED – ST MARY'S

Have you noticed how beautifully kept the gardens are? Would you like to assist with some of the routine tasks. Cutting the grass, planting the beds at the front of the Church and some light sweeping. If you are able to help for an hour or two please let us know.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES

There will be a second collection over the weekend of 29th and 30th August for the Comboni Missionaries.

The Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) are an international religious and missionary Order founded by Bishop Daniel Comboni in Verona (Italy) in 1867, specifically to serve the missionary endeavour of the Roman Catholic Church. Their Members live in Community and practice the Religious Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. They support some of the most unfortunate and disadvantaged communities in the world, including the Central African Republic, South Sudan and the Republic of Congo. Worldwide there are more than 4,000 priests, brothers, sisters and lay people from forty-four nationalities who have dedicated their lives to following Christ's example and St. Daniel Comboni's missionary ideal of evangelisation.

