

17th August 2025

Twentieth 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

<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>  Lord, make haste to help me!		<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.merthyrcc.co.uk">www.merthyrcc.co.uk</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:merthyr@rcadc.org">merthyr@rcadc.org</a>  <b>Tel:</b> 01685 723336
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C</b>	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Gail Singer (Anniv); Tim and Ada Buckley;	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	John, Pat & Angela Lynskey (Anniv)	
11.30am	St Mary's	Paul & Stuart Bartz; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Howard, Doreen & David Morgan; For a Sick Person; Deacon David O'Keefe(RIP)	
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St John Eudes, Priest</b>	
10.00am	St Illtyd's	Daniel Francis O'Sullivan (Anniv); Michael Lyons	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>			
10am	St Mary's	People of the Parish	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St Bernard. Abbot, Doctor</b>	
10am	St Mary's	Fr. Patrick Daly;	
11.30 am	St Mary's	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE – MARTIN BELL</b>	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>St Pius X, Pope</b>	
10am	St Mary's	Fr. Patrick Collins	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>		<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
10am	St Illtyd's	Robert Phelps;	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>		<b>Vigil – Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Pat Lee; Bill Hughes; Claire Price.	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Jimmy Mullan; Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Coleman Family;	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Kevin Moran; Clare Livingstone (Australia); David Jones; Ian Murphy;	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgn. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Chummer Pothen; Gallivan, McDonald, Lynch and Price Families;	

**Please remember in your prayers:** Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Jimmy Llewellyn; Ann Evans; Maria Evans; Ann Watkins; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington.

**Requiescat in pace:** Patricia Jones; Robert Phelps; Paul Osborne; Martin Bell; Craig Wall; Deacon David O'Keefe

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

<b>St Illtyd's Lottery 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St Mary's Lottery 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>
Numbers 1, 3, 16, 22 No Winner	Numbers 2, 17, 19, 24 No Winner
Next Draw: 17 <sup>th</sup> August £4,175	Next Draw: 17 <sup>th</sup> August £4250

## DEACON DAVID O'KEEFE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Deacon David O Keefe on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. David was a lifelong member of St Mary's and served the Parish in many capacities for over 65 years. We ask that you remember his widow Pat and sons Richard and Christopher in your prayers at this time.



## FAREWELL TO CANON BARRY

Due to the delayed departure of Canon Barry, the farewell event will be postponed to a later date. Details will follow .

## ST MARY'S PIETY STALL AND VOTIVE CANDLES

The ladies who run the St Mary's Piety Stall and the votive candle shrines in the Church, Pat O'Neill and Nora Carpenter, will 'retire' when Canon Barry leaves. Their dedicated service has been a real boon to the Parish. In the year to 31st March 2025 the sales of candles (£2,800) and piety items (£1200) contributed £4,000 to Church funds. Thank you ladies. We now need volunteers to continue the good work. Please get in touch if you wish to help.

## ALTAR LINEN

Unfortunately, Mary Price, who has ensured that we have had clean Altar linen over the past years, will be retiring shortly. We thank Mary for her dedicated service over the years. However, we are looking for some one to fill the vacancy. Please contact Father Francis for further information.

## OUR LADY OF PENRHYS

The Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys will take place on Sunday 17th August. At 3.00 pm. Mass will be celebrated (weather permitting) at the foot of the statue. All are welcome. Bring your own seat!

## UPCOMING DIOCESAN PILGRIMMAGES

- **24 August:** Pilgrimage to St John Kemble's Grave, Monmouth
- **12 September:** St Thomas' Church Centenary Mass, Abercynon

## MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER

March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and support for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Two coaches will be travelling to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at [Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk](mailto:Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk); For information on the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff contact Clare on 07983 522 851 PA

## PARISHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

## SAFEGUARDING

Thanks to all who recently attended the Safeguarding Clinics at St Iltyd's to renew their DBS certificate. If you missed them and are involved in activities with children or those who may be vulnerable you must have Safeguarding clearance. Please contact Deacon Garth for information.