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

Response to the Psalm: Lord, make haste to help me!		Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.	Website: www.merthyrrc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336	
Saturday 16th August		Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C		
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;		
Sunday 17 th August		Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C		
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)		
Monday 18th August		St John Eudes, Priest		
10.00am	St Illtyd's	Daniel Francis O'Sullivan (Anniv); Michael Lyons		
Tuesday 19th August				
10am	St Mary's	People of the Parish		
Wednesday 20th August		St Bernard. Abbot, Doctor		
10am	St Mary's	•	Fr. Patrick Daly;	
11.30 am	St Mary's	FUNERAL SERVICE – MARTIN BELL		
Thursday 21st August		St Pius X, Pope		
10am	St Mary's	Fr. Patrick Collins		
Friday 22 nd August		The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
10am	St Illtyd's	Robert Phelps;		
Saturday 23 rd August		Vigil – Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C		
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;		
Sunday 24th August		Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C		
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.

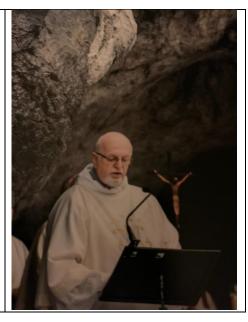
Requiescat in pace:; Patricia Jones; Robert Phelps; Paul Osborne; Martin Bell; Craig Wall; Deacon David O'Keefe

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

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

DEACON DAVID O'KEEFE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Deacon David O Keefe on Monday 11th 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; For information on the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff contact Clare on 07983 522 851 PA

PARISHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETIMG

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 Illtyd'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.