

17th May 2026

SEVENTH 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 Illyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

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Response to the Psalm: <i>I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.</i> 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

MAY DEVOTIONS

During the month of May, at 9.30 am the Rosary will be recited before each Mass along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, throughout May, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be Mass at 7.00 pm at St Aloysius with the Rosary at 6.30 pm

Saturday 16th May

Vigil – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year A

4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Angela Jones; Michael Crotty;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley; Dinny and Joan O'Leary; Phillys May and Cornelius O'Regan; Cecilio and Jackie (Thanksgiving for 10 th Wedding Anniv); Daniel Southcott (sick); Ralph Overbury (Sick);

Sunday 17th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year A

9.30 am	St Illyd's	Phillip Andrew Tomsett (Anniv); Lorraine and John Sweet; Clare Livingston (1 st Anniv); Mima and Peter Walsh (B'Day);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Gerald Harrington; Anne O'Brien (for strength during illness); Louise Hopkins (B'Day memories); Tony Campbell; Lewis Campbell;

Monday 18th May

10.00 am	St Illyd's	Stuart Phelps; Kerry Murphy (B'Day);
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Tuesday 19th May

St Dunstan, Bishop

10.00 am	St Mary's	
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7.00 pm St Aloysius

Rosary at 6.30 pm followed by Mass

Wednesday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena, Priest

10.00 am	St Mary's	
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11.30 am St Mary's

REQUIEM MASS – ALLAN DAVIES

Thursday 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs

10.00 am	St Mary's	
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7.00 pm St Aloysius

Rosary at 6.30 pm followed by Mass

Friday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia, Religious

10.00 am	St Illyd's	Lilian O'Connell and Family; People of the Parish;
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10.30 am St Aloysius

REQUIEM MASS – PATRICIA WILLIAMS

Saturday 23rd May

Vigil – Pentecost Sunday – Year A

4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue;
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6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley; Paul and Mabel Szyndra (RIP);Missionaries of Charity; Father John Phillips (RIP);
Sunday 24th May		Pentecost Sunday - Year A
9.30 am	St Iltyd's	Margaret Ann – Patricia and Michael Veale; Canon Francis Moran; Gerald Harrington; Stuart Phelps; Majorie Moran (B'Day); Claire Price (B'Day); Peter and Mima Walsh (B'Day);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;
INFANT BAPTISMS		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.

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 Angela Jones;

Marie Estelle Donovan; Timothy O'Sullivan; Pauline Lucy Giles; Stuart Phelps; Allan Davies; Pauline Williams;

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

The 7th Sunday of Easter Year A reminds us of a time of waiting. The disciples gather after Jesus rises to heaven. They pray together and stay close to one another. Mary is with them. They trust God's promise and wait for the Holy Spirit. This shows us how prayer helps us stay strong when the future feels unsure.

The readings also speak about faith during trials. Peter says that suffering for Jesus is not shameful. It means we belong to Him. In the Gospel, Jesus prays for His followers. He asks God to protect them and keep them united. This Sunday calls us to pray, trust, and stay faithful together.

St Iltyd's Lottery 10th May	St Mary's Lottery 10th May
Numbers; 6, 11, 19, 22 No Winner:	Numbers; 8, 9, 14, 15 No Winner
Next Draw 17 th May (£1200)	Next Draw 17 th May (£6200)

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan, which will be led by the Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham will take place on **Sunday 17 May 1.30pm – 5.45pm** This event includes :- Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615

BAPTISMS

Congratulations Summer Edwards and Danny John Edwards who will be baptised on 17th May.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank..The food bank are looking for all food items i.e 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, dog food

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

On Sunday 17th May seven children will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9.30am Mass at St Iltyd's. The children have been prepared for this important occasion by the Sisters of Charity. Please remember these children and the Sisters in your prayers.

WE BELIEVE – FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE

We Believe Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful..Book your tickets at webelievethefestival.com

PARKING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

There have been further instances of obstructive parking at the front of the church. This is causing great inconvenience and potential danger to our less able parishioners and Mother's with pushchairs who need unobstructed access. Unless you have mobility issues, please **DO NOT** park in the church grounds.

MAY PROCESSION – SUNDAY 31st MAY

Our May Devotions will continue at St Aloysius at 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during May. The Devotions will conclude with a May Precession at St Mary's at 3pm on Sunday 31st May.

Please avail yourself of the opportunity to participate in these joyful expressions of our **Faith**.

CARD MACHINE – ST MARY'S

Apologies to those who have recently tried, and have been unable to use the card machine at the front of the church. Hopefully, it should be working now.