

19th July 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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>O Lord, you are good and forgiving.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.</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

DEVOTIONS

During the month of July, 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 18 th July		Vigil – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy; Gail Caviel
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Thomas Jeffrey (Anniv); Evelyn Llewellyn Jones; Eileen Carol;
Sunday 19 th July		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Thomas Moran Jnr; Nigel Scrivens, William Lewis; Jim Mallins;
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Jennifer Lewis (Good Health);Connie Green (Anniv/B'Day);
Monday 20 th July		St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Angela Jones;
Tuesday 21 st July		At Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor
10.00 am	St Mary's	People of the Parish;
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary 6.30 Mass at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 22 nd July		St Mary Magdalene
10.00 am	St Mary's	
Thursday 23 rd July		St Bridget of Sweden, Religious
10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 am followed by Mass :
7.00 pm	St Illtyd's	180 th CELEBRATION MASS
Friday 24 th July		St Sharbel Makhluh, Priest
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Phyllis May O'Regan(Anniv);
Saturday 25 th July		Vigil – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy; Robert Phelps (Anniv);
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Ceirion Galliers (3 rd Anniv & 21 st B'day Memories);
Sunday 26 th July		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Jackie (In Thanksgiving);Veronica Richards; Thomas Moran ; Nigel Scriven;

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 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 Maureen Pyle; Pam Druce; Estelle Marie O'Donovan; Sheila Duffield;

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

The readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A show us a patient and caring God. God is strong, but He is also kind. He gives people time to grow and change. He listens when we pray, even when we struggle to find words. God does not rush to judge. He stays close and guides with mercy.

Jesus teaches that God's kingdom grows slowly. Good and bad exist together for now. God knows when the time is right to act. Small beginnings can lead to great growth. We are asked to trust God's timing. This Sunday reminds us to wait with hope and to believe that God is always at work.

St Illtyd's Lottery 12th July	St Mary's Lottery 12th July
Numbers; 3, 10, 17, 23 No Winner:	Numbers; 2, 12, 14, 20 No Winner
Next Draw 19 th July (£1425)	Next Draw 19 th July (£6650)

ST ILLTYD'S CHURCH – 180TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year, we give thanks as we mark 180 years since the establishment of a place of worship at St Illtyd's. It is a significant milestone in the life of our parish, and we look forward to commemorating it together at a special Celebration Mass with the Archbishop on Thursday 23rd July at 7pm, This will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together in prayer and thanksgiving.

We warmly invite everyone to take part in these celebrations, please come along, as we honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward with hope to the future

FOOD BANK- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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

RCIA 2026

Our next Catholic Class for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church starts on Wednesday 5th 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.

QUALIFIED NURSES NEEDED– HCPT Group 102

HCPT Group 102 is looking for a **qualified nurse with an active NMC PIN** to join our group for our Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The trip is **self-funded**, but we provide plenty of opportunities throughout the year to help with fundraising.

Our nurse is an essential member of the team, supporting the children as they enjoy a joyful and life-changing week in Lourdes.

If you are a registered nurse and would like to find out more about this rewarding opportunity, we would love to hear from you.

Please email us on group102@hcpt.org.uk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Where	Event
23 rd July 2026	St Illtyd's Church	180 Years Celebration Mass with Archbishop Mark. 7.00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments available after Mass.
5- 9 th August 2026	Emmanuel Events -Summer Camp	Summer camp for Secondary school pupils cost £275.00. Further information on poster at back of church.
5 th August 2026	Father Carroll Centre	RCIA classes start - 7.00 pm