

20th July 2025

Sixteenth 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 Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH

Deacons: Rev. DAVID O'KEEFE 01685 375761 Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

Response to the Psalm: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience Alleluia.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 19th July

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Boggon ; Veronica and Frank Molloy (Speedy Recovery)

6.30 am St Aloysius

Anniv); Patricia Buckley;

Sunday 20th July

9.30 am St Illtyd's

(B'Day); Mary Pat Williams; Michael Lyons;

11.30 am St Mary's

John Gill;

Monday 21st July

10.00 am St Illtyd's

Tuesday 22nd July

10.00 am St Mary's

12.00 noon St Aloysius

Wednesday 23rd July

10.00 am St Mary's

Thursday 24th July

10.00 am St Mary's

7.00 pm Father Carroll Centre

Friday 25th July

10.00 am St Illtyd's

Vigil – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Martin Skelley; Gail Caviel; Connor

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Ceirion Galliers (2nd

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Dorothy Mahoney; Thomas Moran Jnr; Nigel Scrivens; William Lewis

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;

St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor

Fr. James Boyle;

St. Mary Magdalene

Fr. Maurice Newman;

FUNERAL SERVICE – PATRICIA JONES

St Bridget of Sweden

Fr. Michael Hagerty;

St Sharbel Makhoul, Priest

Phyllis May O'Regan;

RCIA Meeting

St James, Apostle

Fr. Clive Loosemore

Saturday 26th July

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 am St Aloysius

Sunday 27th July

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Richards;

11.30 am St Mary's

Joan and Dinny O'Leary(anniv); Rob Callanan;

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, Deacon David O'Keefe; Jimmy Llewellyn; Ann Evans; Maria Evans; Ann Watkins; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers. Phillip James; Gerald Harrington ; Robert Phelps;

Requiescet in pace Oliver McAleer; Susan Parry; Stephen Tomsett; Angela Evans; Patricia Jones;

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

RCIA

A meeting of the RCIA will be held at the Father Carroll Centre on Thursday 24th July at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

St Illtyd's Lottery 13th July

Numbers: 4, 17, 22, 24 No Winner

Next draw 20th July £3450

DAILY MASS

We are very fortunate to have Daily Mass celebrated in our Churches. Please make an effort to attend one day in the week if you are able. Or join the live stream if you can't attend.

St Mary's Lottery 13th July

Numbers: 2, 6, 12, 20 No Winner

Next Draw 20th July £4000

THE 2025 NATIONAL JUBILEE WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage for England and Wales with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is an initiative of the Hearts in Search of God project. The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. The routes use established hiking routes and are off road as much as possible. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20 day pilgrims joining for day stages.

It is now possible for pilgrims to register for day stages: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day>

ST ILLTYD'S – 179 YEARS CELEBRATION

St Illtyd's celebrates 179 years on 23rd July. The first Mass was said there on the feast of St Bridget of Sweden in 1846. We remember Fr. Carroll and all the priests who have celebrated at St Illtyd's.

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 together, united in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and standing up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. If you are interested in taking part, two coaches will be travelling up 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 about the coach leaving St Alban's, **Cardiff** and picking up from **Newport**, contact Clare on 07983 522 851

DIGITAL GIVING STATIONS

The digital giving stations at St Marys and St Illtyds are both operational. It is simple to make donations by card and to Gift Aid them, if you wish.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE – ITALY 2026

We are looking for anyone who may be interested in walking a pilgrimage in Italy next year. We will be walking the Via Francigena last section which is 110 km, on average 13+ miles a day. We are looking at September 2026. This is strictly for people who are physically fit for the elevation and distance walked daily. Please contact Kevin on kevincanav@hotmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team will be holding TWO DBS clinics for anyone who requires a DBS for the first time, anyone needing to renew their DBS information, those who need further information, or clarify their DBS status and for those who are unsure whether they are required to have a DBS for the role they carry out.

Roles for which DBS's are generally required include. Adult Altar servers (18+). Altar Server Chaperone, Sacristan, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist (Visiting housebound etc.), Children's liturgy, Childrens Catechists (FHC & Confirmation). SVP members who give lists or visit, Parish Visitors to housebound/sick, parish lift providers to parishioners etc. Parish safeguarding Reps, Clergy (seminarians, priests and deacons), Bereavement support volunteers, Youth group workers, Music/choir groups (where children attend without parent/guardians).

The clinics will be held in the Father Carroll Centre, St Illtyd's, Dowlais on TUESDAY 23rd JULY FROM 5.00 pm to 7.00pm AND SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Please be sure to bring a minimum of THREE ID documents with you.

e.g. Passport, Driving licence, proof of address, a letter dated within the last three months, e.g. Utility Bill, Bank Statement or NHS Letter Also you will need to bring your last Council tax letter.

Proof of name changes e.g. Marriage Certificate, Decree Absolute or Deed Poll.

If in doubt please contact either Deacon Garth or the Safeguarding team.

safeguarding@rcadc.org or telephone 02920 379480

CANON BARRY WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARENTS, PUPILS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND PARISHIONERS A HAPPY AND HOLY HOLIDAY