

23rd November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 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

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Response to the Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.		Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrrc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
Saturday 22nd November		Vigil –Our Lord Jesus Christ , King of the Universe - Year C	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Michael Crotty; Wanda Quinlan;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;	
Sunday 23rd November		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Year C	
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Betty Lawlor (Wexford); Pauline O'Halloran; Elizabeth Brogden (Cronin) and Family;	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Brian Ethelstone;; Glenys Howells;Provini Family;Lewis Campbell Pollard (B'Day); Louise Hopkins; Pamela Thorne (RIP); Private Intention;Martyn Bell; ; Immaculate Kelechi Igwe and Justina Igwe's soul rest in the bosom of God Almighty, May His perpetual light shine on them	
Monday 24th November		St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions, Martyrs	
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Fr. Thomas Dunne	
Tuesday 25th November		St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	
10.00am	St Mary's	Margaret Gillespie;	
11.30 am	St Mary's	REQUIEM MASS – AGNES HEALY	
Wednesday 26th November			
10.00am	St Mary's		
Thursday 27th November			
10.00 am	St Mary's	Fr Edmund Mullins;	
4.00 pm	St Mary's	Syro Malabar Mass	
Friday 28th November			
10.00am	St Illtyd's	Fr. John Kenneth Hughes;	
12.00 Noon	St Illtyd's	FUNERAL SERVICE – DENNIS GEORGE HYNES	
Saturday 29th November		Vigil – First Sunday of Advent (Year C)	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Michael Crotty; Anne Donovan; Wanda Quinlan;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;	
Sunday 30th November		First Sunday of Advent (Year C)	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Agnes Lewis (Anniv); Muriel and Vic Thomas; Elizabeth and Elphege Hurley; Philomena Pudota (RIP); Clinton Sullivan (Anniv); Stephen Bridget James (Anniv); Teresa Collins (Anniv);	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Immaculate Kelechi Igwe; Jean Thomas and the Brewin Family;James Joseph Egan; James Gerard Egan;Annie May and John Quinlan; Immaculate Kelechi Igwe and Justina Igwe's soul rest in the bosom of God Almighty, May His perpetual light shine on them; Hetty Davies	

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; Ann Evans; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington. Dennis Preece; Sheila Duffield;
Requiescat in pace; Anne Watkins; Brian Ethelstone; Ann Gittos; Mihai Vlad; Tommy Rees; Philomena Pudota; Dennis Hynes; Agnes Healy;

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

CHURCH KEYHOLDERS

Could all people who have keys for any of the churches please contact Deacon Garth so that the keyholder list can be updated.

RCIA

RCIA continues every Wednesday at the Father Carroll Centre at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

St Illtyd's Lottery 16th November	St Mary's Lottery 16th November
Numbers :1, 8, 10, 24 No Winner	Numbers; 6, 10, 17, 19 No Winner
Next Draw: 23 rd November £4,525	Next Draw: 23 rd November £4950

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

As November is the month of the Holy Souls and as part of the commemoration we are asking that if any parishioners would like the graves of their loved ones blessed to contact either Father Francis or Father Morgan to arrange a convenient time.

HOME VISITS (All Churches)

We will be starting home visits to our parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illness. This will also give an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Eucharist if they wish. Home visits will be available for people of all four churches and we would ask that if you know of any one who would like a visit, please contact Father Francis.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. There is a collection box at St Illtyd's and St Mary's where you can donate food or non perishable goods. The food bank are looking for the following items; -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. Also, with Christmas coming please consider chocolates, biscuits etc .

CANON BARRY FAREWELL LUNCH AND PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Canon Barry will join us at the four parishes Christmas Lunch, which will take place on Sunday 7th December at 1.30pm at Merthyr Town Football Club. The cost of the two course carvery lunch, and a cabaret performance Crowley will be £25. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact John Strand (tel 07949623722), Wendy Fryzer, Jane Shankland, Nicky Evans (St Benedicts), Anthony O'Sullivan (St Aloysius), Mary Lynne Lewis (St Illtyds).

QUIZ AND BINGO

On Friday 28th November, at 7.00 pm, we will be holding a Quiz night and Bingo at the Father Carroll Centre. Refreshments will be available.

HCPT GROUP 102 CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

HCPT Group 102's famous quiz nights is back & this time with a festive twist! Friday 5th December, 7:00pm in the Fr Carroll Centre. Tickets are £10 and include a fish shop supper. This event is ticket only! For tickets, please contact Caitlin on 07855718175 by 1st December. Get your Christmas jumpers ready, we can't wait to see you there.

MEMORIAL MASS

Thank you to all who helped to prepare for the Mass held last Friday 14th November to remember the loved ones we have lost in the past year. Particular thanks to David Crandon for his donation to cover the cost of providing the Order of Service.