

27th September 2026

TWENTY SIXTH 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>Remember your compassion, O Lord.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them and they follow me.</i> Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrcc.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 October, 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 26th September		Vigil – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy ; Stephen Fryzer; Private Intentiin;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 27th September		Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	David Jarrett (Anniv); Stephen Jarrett; Peggy Hurley; Phillip James; The repose of the Soul of Anthony Howells; Private Intention (P and M)
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Doris McAteer (B'Day memories);Evan Kinsey; Jim and Marie Davies; Pat O'Brien; Mary Delaney; Anita Reddy (RIP); Soul of Nepomuceno Matura;
Monday 28th September		St Larence Ruiz and Companions
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Christine and Peter (Thanksgiving); Soul if Nepomuceno Matura;
Tuesday 29th September		Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
10.00 am	St Mary's	
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary 6.30 Mass at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 30th September		St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
10.00 am	St Mary's	Damian Marti (Anniv);
Thursday 1st October		St Therese of Lisieux Virgin, Doctor
10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 am followed by Mass : Carol Payne;
11.30 am	ST ILLTYD'S	REQUIEM MASS – MARGARET (PEGGY) VAUGHAN
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30 followed by Mass.
Friday 2nd October		Guardian Angels CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Father John Hughes; Mima and Peter Walsh;
Saturday 3rd October		Vigil – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy ; Claire Price; Michael and Mary Donegan; Private Intention;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 4th October		Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Gavin Fitton; Tina Fitton; Bernard Moran (Anniv);William (Billy) Nelson;
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Louise Hopkins; Michael Hurley; Bess, Cliff and Carl Preece; Clive and Jason Watkins; Mariam Matai (14 th Anniv); Anne Watkins;
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: 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; Dennis Preece; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; Katie Coughlin; Jennifer Lewis;

Requiescat in pace Anthony Howells; David Brian Morris; Benjamin James Clark; Allan Michael Jones; Ann Cindy Flavin; Peggy Vaughan ; James Lindsey Davies; Peter Wade; William (Billy) Nelson;

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

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focuses on choice and follow through. The readings remind people that God pays attention to what we do, not just what we say. Ezekiel shows that people can change direction at any time. When someone turns away from wrong and chooses good, God welcomes that change. The psalm asks God for guidance and mercy along the way. Jesus tells a story where one son changes his mind and does the work. The other agrees but never acts. This shows that real faith is shown by action. Paul points to Jesus as the model of humility and service. This Sunday calls people to live their faith with honesty, effort, and care for others.

St Iltyd's Lottery 20th September	St Mary's Lottery 20th September
Numbers 8, 10, 11, 15 No Winner:	Numbers; 3, 6, 13, 21 No Winner
Next Draw 20 th September (£1675)	Next Draw 20 th September (£7150)

SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF 3 / 4 OCTOBER- CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

FOOD BANK- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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

RCIA 2026

Our Catholic Class for anyone interested will continue on Wednesdays at the 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

CLEANERS AND GARDENERS NEEDED – ST MARY'S

Are you able to give an hour or so of your time, after mass on Tuesdays to assist cleaners to keep our church in beautiful condition. Or would you like to help around the beautiful gardens of our church. Please let us know if you are able to help.

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Get Archbishop Mark's messages, plus Archdiocesan news, parish news, events prayers and Vatican updates, sent straight to your phone. View QR code on Archdiocese website.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027

The dates for the Welsh National Pilgrimage is 18th –24th July 2027. Clergy and parishioners are warmly invited to save the date and register their interest. Further information is available on the poster link. Whether you have travelled before with us or are thinking about Lourdes for the first time, you are very welcome to join us.

CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY

Cafod family fast day will be held on Friday 2 October. It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas – we can help communities support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school with better access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens where food can be grown, even during times of drought. Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave, so that you can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elliot Benjamin Paul who will be baptised at St Iltyd's on Sunday 4th October.

NOVENA OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The Novena of Our Lady of the Rosary will commence on Tuesday 29th September and will end on Wednesday the 7th October with a mass to be held at St Mary's. Details to follow next week.