

30th August 2026

TWENTY SECOND 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>For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.</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 <i>We will be holding penitential services on a Saturday morning at 11.30 in St Mary's Church</i> DEVOTIONS <i>During the month of August, 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</i>
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Saturday 29th August		Vigil – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy ;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Ada and Timothy Buckley
Sunday 30th August		Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Ian Murphy (B'Day RIP); Kitty Walsh; Brenda English; Anthony Howells; Sheila and Jim Morgan; Mary Ellen Walsh (Nee O'Sullivan);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Connie Green (10 th Anniv); Victor Jones (1 st Anniv); Kenneth Howells; Eileen Dacey (Anniv); Una King;
Monday 31st August		St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Wanda Quinlan;
Tuesday 1st September		
10.00 am	St Mary's	
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary 6.30 Mass at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 2nd September		
10.00 am	St Mary's	
Thursday 3rd September		St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor
10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 am followed by Mass : Private Intention
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30 followed by Mass.
Friday 4th September		St Cuthbert, Bishop
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Father John Hughes
Saturday 5th September		Vigil – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy ;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 6th September		Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Gavin and Tina Fitton; Bernard Moran (RIP B'Day); Jeannette Herbert;
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; Moirwen Phelps; Father John Hughes; Repose of the soul of Cindy Flavin;
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; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; Katie Coughlin; Jennifer Lewis;
Requiescat in pace John Reynolds; Phillip James; Maureen Cushen; Anthony Howells;

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND = COMBONI MISSIONARIES

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

On the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings show that following Jesus is not always easy. Jeremiah feels pushed to speak God's word, even when others mock him. Paul asks believers to offer their lives to God and not follow the ways of the world. These readings remind us that faith calls for courage and steady trust.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves and carry their crosses. He warns that gaining the world means nothing if the soul is lost. Peter struggles to accept this path, but Jesus stays firm. This Sunday invites us to choose Jesus each day, even when it brings sacrifice, and to trust that this path leads to real life.

St Illtyd's Lottery 23rd August	St Mary's Lottery 23rd August
Numbers 2, 6, 9, 13 No Winner:	Numbers; 5, 9, 22, 23 No Winner
Next Draw 30 th August (£1575)	Next Draw 30 th August (£6950)

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.

.WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

To all those aged 18-30, join Archbishop Mark and a group from the diocese heading to next summer's for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. With Pope Leo and a million other young Catholics, we'll enjoy a full schedule of activities and formation, in a country with a vibrant and growing Catholic community - we'll also have opportunities to meet up before we travel. The dates of the trip are July 28th to August 9th, and the cost is £1500 per person plus the cost of flights (TBC - in the region of £800 to £1200). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. For more information contact Fr Matt Roche-Saunders at wyd@cardiffmenevia.org."

ADOREMUS' EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – 10TH OCTOBER 2026 ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRA, LONDON

The Archdiocese is organising a day trip to St George's Cathedral, London for the 'Adoremus' Eucharistic Congress on 10 October 2026. Coaches will travel from Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport. We are currently gathering expressions of interest from across the Archdiocese via an application form. We would be grateful if parishioners wishing to sign up informs their dean beforehand, so that the deans are aware of who from their respective deaneries are applying.

Once we have collected interest, we will review the applications by deanery to ensure a fair distribution of places across the Archdiocese, and applicants will be contacted to confirm their places. The deadline to express interest is the **7th September 2026 please.**

Key details for parishioners:

- Open to ages 16+; under 18's will be safeguarded by adults who have been DBS checked by the Archdiocese.
- £40 per ticket (including transport.)
- Anyone not returning on the coach must declare this on the form.
- Coach pick-up points and return points: Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff, Newport.

For further information, please see link :<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/>

The application form can be found in the link :[Adoremus Conference October 10th 2026 – Fill in form](#)

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop Mark has spoken out on the return of the Assisted Suicide Bill to Parliament:

"It is immensely disappointing that the Bill to legalise assisted suicide is being re-introduced to Parliament. It does nothing to uphold the dignity of every person, or encourage investment in good palliative care, which is the best way to accompany those facing challenging situations at end of life." The Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11th September. Please take a few minutes this week to write to your MP and make your opposition heard - even if you've written before, please write again.

ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH HALL – SVP

The SVP charity shop at ST Aloysius hall is closed. Please do not leave donations outside the door.