

4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Second Sunday after the Nativity – Year A

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

*Worshipping together*

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St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

St Mary's, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG

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<b>Response to the Psalm:</b> The word became flesh and dwelt among us.	<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia!	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.merthyrcc.co.uk">www.merthyrcc.co.uk</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:merthyr@rcadc.org">merthyr@rcadc.org</a> <b>Tel:</b> 01685 723336
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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Vigil Second Sunday after the Nativity - Year A**

4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Martin Skelley; Richard Hill; Stephen Fryzer;;
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley; Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Celso Galdo;

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

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9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Gavin Fitton, Raymond Price (South Africa); O'Donnell Family; Philomena Pudota; Joan and Peter Williams; Josie and Elwyn Price.
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Louise Hopkins; Cliff, Bess and Carl Preece; Jason and Clive Watkins; Michael Hurley;McDonagh, McDermott, Dooley and McGullian Families; Cerlso Galdo;Loreta Dugaduga (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv); Get Well Helen Golden; Hugh Golden (RIP);Prayers for Olive McCormack;

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Joan and Peter Williams;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	<b>Vigil – The Epiphany of the Lord</b>

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

10.00 am	St Mary's	Marta Da Costa;
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Abel Bere;

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**St Raymond of Penyafort**

10.00 am	St Mary's	Esperanca Vavela;
10.00 am	St Mary's	Jose Carvalho;

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am	St Mary's	Jose Carvalho;
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Ann Lewis (Anniv); O'Donnell Family;

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Vigil – Baptism of the Lord**

4.30 pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Speedy Recovery Veronica and Frank Molloy and Janet Lewis
6.30	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**Baptism of the Lord**

9.30 am	St Illtyd's	David Barnett; Kath Millard;
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Claire, Con and Terry O'Keefe;

**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; Ann Evans; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington. Dennis Preece; Sheila Duffield; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; Olive McCormack;

**Requiescat in pace;** Dennis Hynes; Agnes Healy; Tina Fitton;  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after each morning Mass during the week and half an hour before each weekend Mass.

(e.g. St Benedicts 4.00 – 4.30pm, St Aloysis 6.00 – 6.30 pm , ST Illtyd's 9.00-9.30 am, St Mary's 11.00 – 11.30 am).

<b>St Illtyd's Lottery 21st December (£1075)</b>	<b>St Mary's Lottery 21st December (£5150)</b>
Numbers 6, 17, 22, 24 No Winner:	Numbers;7, 12, 14, 19 No Winner
<b>St Illtyd's Lottery 28<sup>th</sup> December (£ 1100)</b>	<b>St Mary's Lottery 28<sup>th</sup> December (£5200)</b>
Numbers: 2, 7, 18, 20 No Winner	Numbers ; 16, 19, 20, 21 No Winner
Next Draw 4 <sup>th</sup> January £1125	Next Draw 4 <sup>th</sup> January £5250

#### **ST ILLTYD'S ROSARY PRAYER**

Would you like to help lead our Rosary prayer each Sunday? If you can, come to St Illtyd's 20 minutes before Mass begins. Please contact Kevin Canavan to join our rota.

#### **CAROL CONCERT COLLECTION**

The collection taken for Homeless Charity at the Ecumenical Carol Concert held on 10 December at St Marys was £350. Thank you to those who attended and contributed.

#### **ST ALOYSIUS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

We made £75 on the Christmas Hamper raffle at St Aloysis. The generous winner kindly donated the hamper to our priests!

#### **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

A list of Raffle Prize winners is available at the back of the church.