

6th September 2026

TWENTY THIRD 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>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.</i> Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrrc.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 RECONCILLIATION <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 September, 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 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(Anniv); Father John Hughes; Repose of the soul of Cindy Flavin; Una King; Fr. Patrick Sayles SSC(recovery from illness); Victor Jones;
Monday 7th September		
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie;
Tuesday 8th September		Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am	St Mary's	Dinny and Joan O'Leary; Idris John ;Private Intention – Father Francis. Father Morgan and their fellow missionaries at MSSC
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary 6.30 Mass at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 9th September		St Peter Claver, Priest, Religious
10.00 am	St Mary's	
Thursday 10th September		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 am followed by Mass : Peggy and Cei Powell; Stephen Fryzer (9 th Anniv);
11.45 am	ST ALOYSIUS	FUNERAL SERVICE – DAVID BRIAN MORRIS
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30 followed by Mass.
Friday 11th September		
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Gerald Collins (Anniv)
Saturday 12th September		Vigil – Twenty Fourth 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
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 13th September		Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Peter Rafferty; Faye Wallen (Anniv);
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Peter Dacey (Anniv);Private Intention – Thanksgiving; Pat O'Brien (B'Day Memories); Doris McAteer(B'day Memories);

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.
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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** Anthony Howells; David Brian Morris; Benjamin James Clark; Allan Michael Jones; Ann Cindy Flavin;

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is lived with others. God asks people to care for each other. The readings show that love and responsibility go together. Ezekiel speaks about warning others when they go the wrong way. Paul teaches that love guides all choices. Love helps people act with care and respect for one another. The Gospel shows how to deal with conflict in a loving way. Jesus teaches people to speak first in private and seek peace. The goal is to heal, not to hurt. When people gather in Jesus' name, He is with them. This Sunday teaches that faith grows in community, through love, honesty, and unity.

St Illtyd's Lottery 30th August	St Mary's Lottery 30th August
Numbers 7, 10, 12, 24 No Winner:	Numbers; 2, 4, 6, 20 No Winner
Next Draw 6 th September (£1600)	Next Draw 6 th September (£7000)

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.

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

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY -Christ The Word Catholic School, Rhyl

To request an application form and job description, please email: anita.baker@christtheword.co.uk Applications will only be accepted on the application form accompanying the information pack, and should be returned to Anita Baker (Business & Finance Manager) by 5:00pm on Monday 14 September 2026 via email as above.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brian and Debbie Canavan who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday 4th September.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

The Missionaries of Charity will commence school Catechist classes on Saturday 12th September at 3.00pm at Father Carroll Centre. This will also include classes for children who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Also, children who have already received their First Holy Communion and would like to learn more about their faith are also welcome.

DEACON GARTH

Congratulations to Deacon Garth who is retiring this month. We would like to thank him for his dedicated service to the parish and the community at large in Merthyr. We would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED MARY

On Tuesday 8th September we will be celebrating the feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mary. Masses are listed as usual. Please make an extra effort to attend masses on this day.