

7th June 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(CORPUS CHRISTI) - 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 Jerusalem. glorify the Lord!</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.</i> Alleluia!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 June, the Rosary will be recited before each Mass weekdays and weekends. Also, there will be Mass at 7.00 pm at St Aloysius, every Thursday with Adoration at 6.30 pm

Saturday 6th June		Vigil – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue;
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;
Sunday 7th June		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	John Mahoney; Gavin and Tina Fitton; Patrick Joseph Moran; Stuart Phelps; Agnes Lewis (B'Day); Shelagh Davies (Ill health – USA)
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;Michael Hurley; Louise Hopkins; Bess Cliff and Carl Preece; Clive and Jason Watkins; Mr Kurian Mathai (Anniv);Dorothy Humphreys;
Monday 8th June		Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Mayo, Stephen and Ron Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie; Jen Aclan-Olivas; Tommy Rees;
Tuesday 9th June		St Columba, Abbott; St Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor
10.00 am	St Mary's	
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary at 6.30 followed by Mass .
Wednesday 10th June		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Agnes Lewis (B'Day); Gary Sheppard (RIP);
Thursday 11th June		St Barnabas, Apostle
10.00 am	St Mary's	Adoration at 9.30 followed by Mass : Jeff Jones;
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30 followed by Mass .
Friday 12th June		Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Maidie O'Sullivan (Anniv)
Saturday 13th June		Vigil – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
4.30 pm	St Benedicts	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Anne Donovan (Anniv);
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Dinny and Joan O'Leary;

Sunday 14th June		Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. - Year A
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	John Mahoney (Anniv); Patrick Joseph Moran; Susan Mogford; Marifi Galde;
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;; Mr Kurian Mathai (Anniv);Deacon David 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; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James Dennis Preece; Sheila Duffield; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; John Reynolds; Katie Coughlin; Jennifer Lewis;

Requiescat in pace ; Timothy O'Sullivan; Pauline Lucy Giles; Stuart Phelps; Allan Davies; Pauline Williams; Maureen Pyle;

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

CHORPUS CHRISTI- YEAR A

Corpus Christi Year A helps us think about Jesus as the living bread. The readings show that God feeds His people and stays close to them. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. This food brings life and hope. It also reminds us to trust God even in hard times, just as the Israelites did in the desert.

This day also teaches us about unity. When we share the one bread, we become one body in Christ. The Eucharist brings us together and helps us remember what Jesus has done for us. It calls us to stay close to Him and to one another through this great gift.

St Illtyd's Lottery 31st May	St Mary's Lottery 31st May
Numbers; 7,10,15,17 No Winner:	Numbers; 5, 9, 10, 22 No Winner
Next Draw 7 th June (£1275)	Next Draw 7 th June (£6350)

FOOD BANK- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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

ST ILLTYD'S CHURCH – 180TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year, we give thanks as we mark 180 years since the establishment of a place of worship here at St Illtyd's. It is a significant milestone in the life of our parish, and we look forward to commemorating it together in a number of meaningful and joyful ways.

As Scripture reminds us:

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

For 180 years, this sacred place has been a home where generations have gathered in faith, prayer, and community.

We are delighted to announce a special Celebration Mass with the Archbishop on Thursday 23rd July at 7pm, which will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together in prayer and thanksgiving.

In addition, we will be celebrating as a parish community alongside St Illtyd's School with a parish BBQ at the school on Friday 10th July. This will be a chance to recognise and celebrate the tremendous contribution the school has made to parish life over many generations.

We warmly invite everyone to take part in these celebrations as we honour our past, celebrate our present, and look forward with hope to the future.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday 7th June pupils from St Mary's. St Aloysius and St Illtyd's schools will be receiving their first Holy Communion.

The mass will be held at St Illtyd's at 2.00pm. Please keep them in your prayers. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA 2026

Our next Catholic Class for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church starts in September at Fr Carroll Centre. If you know of anyone who wants to learn about becoming members of the church please pass their details to Fr Francis, Fr Morgan, Louise Hodges or Deacon Garth.

CATECHESIS ON THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

On Wednesday 10th June we will be holding a Catechesis on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This will be held at either St Aloysius or St Illtyd's at 6.30 pm. The exact location will be announced at mass this weekend.