

12th January 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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St Aloysius, Chestnut Way, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9SB St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG **Parish Priest:**

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Response to the Psalm:

Bless the lord, O my soul!

My God, how great you are

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire

Alleluia!

Saturday 11th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil : The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Nancy Gookin;

Sunday 12th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Williams; Anne Lewis (Anniv); O'Donnell Family; Len Lee (B'Day); Ellen Lee (Nellie) (Anniv);

11.30 am St Mary's

Michael Snell; Anne & William Lewis; Terry Lewis; Alice Brady (Donegal); Richard Price Edwards;

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Gavin Fitton; Jim and Evelyn Crimmings; John Higgins; Richard (Richie)

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Jones; Davina and

Monday 13th January

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 14th January

9.30 St Aloysius

Wednesday 15th January

10.00 noon St Mary's

Thursday 16th January

10.00 St Mary's

Friday 17th January

10.00 am St Mary's

St Hilary, Doctor

People of the Parish

SCHOOL MASS (1st Confession)

Mafalda Basini (Anniv)

St Anthony, Abbot

Robert Scriven (Anniv);

Saturday 18th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 19th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Carol Payne; Amelia Thomas (Anniv); Thomas Moran; Maurice Nelson; Anthony Hughes (1st Anniv);

11.30 am St Mary's

The Cottrell Family;

Vigil : Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

John Peter Raffety; Betty and Tom Summers Irene Budding; Patricia O'Conner;

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Mary and Leonard Davies;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Deacon David O'Keefe; Jimmy Llewellyn; Mary and Stand Jones;

Requiescat in pace: Kris Michael Evans; Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James;

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND GET WELL SOON

Congratulations to Mary and Stan Jones who recently celebrated their 73rd Wedding Anniversary. Also please remember them in your prayers as they are both unwell at this time.

St Illtyd's Lottery 5th January
Numbers: 4, 6, 13, 17 No Winner
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Next Draw 12th January £2750

St Mary's Lottery 5th January
Numbers 7, 10, 20, 21 No Winner
Lucky Dip: Catherine Best
Next Draw 12th January £2700

ST BENEDICT'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Well done to all who supported the St Benedict's Christmas Raffle either by donating prizes or buying tickets. A total of £368 was raised. Some prizes still remain unclaimed.

RECYCLING BATTERIES

Don't forget to recycle your batteries in our collection boxes at each of our churches, you're bound to have loads after Christmas!

JUBILEE YEAR

We are all on a pilgrimage towards Heaven, towards 'sharing the glory of God', as St Paul puts it. Any pilgrimage or journey is sustained by hope: hope in the destination.

We are currently preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025, which Pope Francis has given the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. We might say that this Jubilee Year, and our preparations for it, are another pilgrimage within that great pilgrimage of our faith, one in which we seek to deepen our sense of hope in God's promises, in 'sharing the glory of God'.

As we look at the world around us, hope is something that is very much needed in these times. We need it, too, in our personal lives, in the lives of our families, and as a virtue cultivated in all of our relationships. It is important that we share the hope we gain in faith, with others, a hope borne of the knowledge of God's love and the experience of knowing Jesus Christ.

Our Year of Preparation for the Jubilee Year is to be a year of prayer, focusing, in particular, on the Lord's Prayer, in order to foster our relationship with God our Father. This will open us up to receiving the graces and blessings that He wishes to bestow on us during the Jubilee Year.