

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

*Worshipping together*

Website – [www.merthyrrc.co.uk](http://www.merthyrrc.co.uk)

St Aloysius, Chestnut Way, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9SB  
St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF  
St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

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**Response to the Psalm:**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation :**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia'

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am St Illtyd's

(Anniv); Louise Hopkins (B'Day); Bernard Gookin; Nancy James; Ron Morgan;

11.30 am St Mary's

Hopkins (B'Day); James and Margaret Driscoll (RIP);

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00 am St Mary's

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00 am St Mary's

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00 am St Mary's

12.00 St Benedict's

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00 am St Mary's

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30 am St Mary's

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Sullivan; Ron Morgan; Sheila Cairns (McNamara)

11.30 am St Mary's

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Jim Mochan; Hugh, Peter and Barbara

Golden;

**Please remember in your prayers:** Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Pat O'Brien, Nicholas Santos, Beryl & David Keefe, Ed Rees, Margaret Banfield, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Thomas Fitton, Mark Esposito, Eileen Robinson, Jimmy Mullins, David Lewis; Bernard O'Donoghue; Rachael Rudge; Tom Bannon;

**Requiescat in pace:** Josie Price; Mary Walker; David Thomas Williams; Terry Lewis; Pat O'Brien; Mark Elliott;

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

**St Illtyd's Lottery 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Numbers 8, 16, 22, 24

No Winner

Next Draw :12<sup>th</sup> May £1850 Winner

**St Mary's Lottery 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Numbers 10, 14, 23, 24

No Winner; LuckyDip; Simon O'Sullivan, Chris Wilkinson

Next Draw 12<sup>th</sup> May £5750

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR CAFOD SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL – 11/12 MAY**

**Gift Aid**

To help the parish claim tax back from the government you are invited to use the envelopes provided on the bench beside you or at the back of the church (IF YOU PAY TAX)

## **Holy Communion Gifts and Cards**

A selection of Holy Communion Gifts and Cards are available at all our Piety Stalls. They are available for purchase after Mass.

## **Unclaimed Raffle Prizes**

There are a number of unclaimed raffle prizes at the St Mary's Piety Stall. Please check to see if you have won.

## **St Mary's Parking**

Unfortunately, I have received complaints from some elderly and disabled parishioners that they are unable to gain access to the ramp as it is blocked by vehicles. Also, cars are parked so tightly in the grounds that they are unable to manoeuvre between them. Please, if you are able bodied do try **not** to park in the grounds.

Parking in the church grounds also makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to attend if necessary.

Canon Barry

## **Priest Training Fund Appeal - *Follow the Flame Team!***

To support the Priest Training Fund Appeal the Diocese has also entered a team into the Cardiff Bay 10K run. The run will take place on Pentecost Sunday and the Diocese team of 9 intrepid souls will be called 'Follow the Flame'. Fr Laurence Bryce has even agreed to dust off his trainers to run as part of the *Follow the Flame Team!* Please try to support their efforts by sponsoring or donating to the team. you can do so at:

<https://app.goodhub.com/archdiocese-of-cardiff-10710>.

## **Ist Communion**

Congratulations to Aaron Smoter, Lena Krawurka, Emilia Stachura, Alexander Okorodudu, Albert Okorodudu who have celebrated their ist Holy Communion today at St Illtyd's.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion dates**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's 2.00pm                      Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 am St Illtyd's & St Aloysius (at St Illtyd's)

## **The Chosen**

The Chosen continues every Wednesday until 29<sup>th</sup> May at the Father Carroll centre at 7.00 pm.

## **Father Carroll Centre**

The Fr Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's is available to hire for regular groups and individuals. If your group is looking for a place to meet, contact Canon Barry or Deacon Garth to discuss.

## **Online Open Listening Session**

On Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Archbishop Mark will be holding an Online Open Listening Session via Zoom. Anyone from the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia is welcome to attend.

The session includes an introduction by Archbishop Mark on why we are considering a union of both the Dioceses of Cardiff and Menevia, some of the challenges and benefits and a brief history of both Dioceses.

Start time: 10:00 am    Finish: 11:45 am -12:00 pm

More information: <https://rcadc.org/register-for-our-online-listening-sessions/>

## **Cafod Sudan Crisis Appeal**

The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the middle of the conflict are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. People are running out of food, water and medicine and many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. Please donate to the retiring collection to be held on the weekend of 11/12 May if you are able.

## **Diocesan Mass Celebrating Mission**

Archbishop Mark O'Toole and Father Anthony Chantry MHM invites parishioners, Red Box Holders and all supporters of Missio to a Diocesan Mass celebrating Mission at Cathedral Church of St David, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2SF on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11.00 am. Light refreshments will be available after Mass, for planning and catering, please RSV by email to [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or tel: 07593544622

## **Catholic Teaching Posts**

Please bring to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested that two Primary School teaching posts are being advertised for All Saints RC School Ebbw Vale.

## **PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND THE WORLD**

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine and the World, for their governments, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war. AMEN