

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

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 Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

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

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH

Deacons: Rev. DAVID O'KEEFE 01685 375761 Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

Response to the Psalm: What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.	Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, say the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 5th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Colleen; Denis and Mary Guess; Mary Jones; Debra Dodson; Phillip Dodson (RIP);

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Tim and Ada Buckley;

Sunday 6th April

9.30 am St Aloysius

Timothy Moran; Patricia Williams (Lee 4th Anniv); Tom and Julia Simcock; Pat, Kathleen and Rita Daley (Anniv); Julian Aruldoss; Morris and Rees families; Patrick Pudotal; Christine & John Thomas (Diamond Wedding Anniv)

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Louise Hopkins; Bess, Cliff and Carl Preece; Clive and Jason Watkins; Ceri and Grahame Vaughan; Baby Reggie Powell; Ellen Parry

Vigil :Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Ronald and Terry Clifford; Polly, Marie, Colleen; Denis and Mary Guess; Mary Jones; Debra Dodson; Phillip Dodson (RIP);

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Tim and Ada Buckley;

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Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Patricia O'Conner; Nancy and Timothy Moran; Patricia Williams (Lee 4th Anniv); Tom and Julia Simcock; Pat, Kathleen and Rita Daley (Anniv); Julian Aruldoss; Morris and Rees families; Patrick Pudotal; Christine & John Thomas (Diamond Wedding Anniv)

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;

Monday 7th April

10.00 am St Mary's

William and Murial Scrivens; Angel Gabriela Lopes;

Tuesday 8th April

9.30 am St Aloysius

SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 9th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Francisco Xavier De Amaral; Mateus Maskarinas;

7.00 pm St Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 10th April

10.00 St Mary's

Lina Raquel De Castro; Ahiany Binti Kamsa;

Friday 11th April

9.00 am St Mary's

Justino Xavier; Maria Lopes, Francisco Amaral;

11.45 am St Mary's

FUNERAL SERVICE – MARY PAT BUTLER

7.00 pm St Aloysius

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

(Anniv); Stephen Fryzer;

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan;

Sunday 13th April

9.30 am St Aloysius

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Nigel Scrivens; John Price (B'day);

Mary Davies (B'day); Jennifer Handy; Gavin Fitton; Mary and Bertie Ward;

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz;

John and Nancy Donovan;; Stephen Donovan; Royston Lamb;

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; Ann Evans; Maria Evans;

Ann Watkins; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers.

Requiescat in pace: Mary Patricia Butler; Ann Morgan;; Martin Mulry; Kevin McSweeney; Mary Jones; Stan Jones; Jim Mullan ;Adrienne Kathleen Murphy; Patricia Buckley; Patricia Walker; Morgan Chambers

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 30th March

Numbers: 4, 8, 15, 18 No Winner

Next draw 6th April £3050**St Mary's Lottery 30th March**

Numbers: 4, 11, 17, 21 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Tina Hassett, Susan Cummings

Next Draw 6th April £3300**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

We have reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent in which the Liturgy this year presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves an adulterous woman condemned to death. While he is teaching at the Temple the Scribes and Pharisees bring Jesus a woman caught in the act of adultery for which Mosaic law prescribed stoning. Those men ask Jesus to judge the sinful woman in order "to test him" and impel him to take a false step. The scene is full with drama: the life of that person and also his own life depend on Jesus. Indeed, the hypocritical accusers pretend to entrust the judgement to him whereas it is actually he himself whom they wish to accuse and judge. Jesus, on the other hand, is "*full of grace and truth*" he can read every human heart, he wants to condemn the sin but save the sinner, and unmask hypocrisy. St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while his accusers are insistently interrogating him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with his finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with his finger on tablets of stone. Thus Jesus is the Legislator, he is Justice in person. And what is his sentence? "*Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her*". These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to a greater justice, that of love, in which consists the fulfilment of every precept (Pope Benedict XVI)

CONFESSION

On Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Father Robert James and Father John Kelly and myself will hear confessions.

ST MARY'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the new year, starting next week 6 April, are available at the back of church. Please discard any envelopes left over from the past year. If you would like to contribute using envelopes enabling the parish to claim tax back from the government please text or ring John Strand on 079496 23722.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

If you are able to donate and support the selected pupils of our high school. Please do so via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please e mail Canon Barry on merthyr@rcadc.org.

EASTER MASS TIMES**THURSDAY 17th APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY**

ST BENEDICT'S 7.00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY 18th APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

ST MARY'S 3.00 PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

ST ILLTYD'S 7.00 PM - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 19th APRIL - EASTER VIGIL

ST ALOYSIUS 8.00 PM - EASTER SUNDAY VIGIL MASS AND BLESSING OF BREAD

SUNDAY 20th APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY

ST ILLTYD'S 9.00 AM

ST MARY'S 11.00 AM