

14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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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:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us,

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia

Saturday 13th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 14th April

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Annette Rees(B;,Day) Gavin Fitton; Betty Brogden (Cronin); Anne Lewis; Deceased Members of Legion of Mary; Kathleen Jones Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Tomsett Family RIP; Jimmy and Muriel Higgins; Connie and Bill Casey (Anniv); John, Nancy and Stephen Donovan; Michael Hurley; Peggy and Cei Powell; Doreen and Brenda Connolly; Tony Campbell (B'Day); Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Hannah and Bernard Owens; Mary and William Galleozzie; Terry and Roland Clifford; Wanda Quinlan;

Monday 15th April

10.00 am St Mary's

The Return of those who have left the Faith and the conversion of Britain

Tuesday 16th April

10.00 am St Mary's

11.30 am St Mary's

FUNERAL SERVICE – CHRISTINE JONES

Wednesday 17th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Doreen, David and Howard Morgan;

Thursday 18th April

10.00 am St Mary's

The Repeal of the Abortion Act and the lives of the innocent victims of the act.

Friday 19th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Rae Maria Fryzer; Stephen Fryzer;

Saturday 20th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 21st April

9.30 am St Illtyd's

and Eddie Davies; Michael Clancy; Kathleen Jones Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Provini Family; Michael Hurley; Chadwick Family RIP; Bernard

David Delaney; Margaret and David Jones; Jack and Anne Snell; Hugh 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.

Requiescat in pace:

Bernard McCormack.; John Jenkins; Michael Clancy; Andrew Jones; Teresa Prothero .Kristan Thomas; Wayne O'Neill Michael Moran; Christine Jones;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 7th April

Numbers 1, 12, 17, 24

No Winner

Next Draw :14th April £1750

St Mary's Lottery 7th April

Numbers 2, 11, 13, 16

No Winner: Lucky Dip;

Next Draw 14th April £5550

Gift Aid envelopes

Envelopes to be used for the current year are available to collect at the back of the church. PLEASE DISPOSE OF UNUSED ENVELOPES FROM LAST YEAR.

Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes Churches in Cardiff on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April. Veneration will take place from 1.30-4.30pm on Saturday and 10am - 12 Noon on Sunday. All are welcome.

Sunday 21st April is Vocations Sunday.

The National Office for Vocation (NOV) has produced prayer cards, and information around different vocations, whether God is calling us to married life, priesthood, religious life or single life, we need to listen to What is God calling us to. On **Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 pm** NOV are holding 'The **Conversation**' where a panel of guests discuss how they live out their vocation and the work they do in the Church. This will be on Zoom and participation is free, registration however, is required. Details of how to book a place can be found on the link:

[Vocations Sunday | National Office for Vocation England & Wales \(ukvocation.org\)](https://www.ukvocation.org)

A Note from The Bench

The old adage, 'A Bad Workman Always Blames His Tools' often springs to mind. You may have heard some very strange noises coming from the organ in St. Mary's over the last eighteen months. Although I am not perfect, I can honestly put my hand up and say 'It was not me'. There is a big problem with the instrument and having sought the advice of more than one organ engineer, they all tell me it is beyond repair. To this end, some 12 months ago, I explored the possibility of getting grants to replace the instrument. I am happy to inform you that, last week, The Lottery Heritage Fund told me that they were giving us a grant of £12,500, towards the purchase of a new instrument. Good news indeed, but for a decent digital instrument we need to have at least £40,000 available, and, to this end, I am applying for grants from other bodies. I also hope to instigate some local fund raising in the coming months. Chris Wilkinson.

Stress Club

A proud moment for the newly reformed Stress Club. In just 4 weeks they have managed to raise a fantastic £400 to contribute to HCPT group 102, our very own parish group! Through bake offs, raffles and kind donations, Stress Club leaders Catherine and Sinead would like to thank the group for all their hard work and contributions. If you or any family members would like to join the club and enjoy some fun, a quiz and some friendship please do get in touch with Catherine Pinkerton on 07970742495.

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

St Iltyd's Church

Thankfully help is on hand. Urgent repairs have been generously supported by The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, the National Churches Trust and Welsh Government. Combined with support from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, more than £950,000 has been made available to undertake these repairs.

With thanks to our funders



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