

15th September 2024

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

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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:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord;
In the land of the living**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!**

Saturday 14th September
4.30 pm St Benedict's
6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time(B)
Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;
Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 15th September
9.30 am St Illtyd's
Peter Rafferty
11.30 am St Mary's

Twenty Fourth of Ordinary Time (B)
Timothy and Doreen O'Donovan; Jamie Egan; Peggy Vaughan (good health); John
Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Peggy and Cei Powell; Pat
O'Brien (B'day); Margaret O'Brien; Eileen Dacey (Anniv); Peter Dacey (Anniv);

Monday 16th September
10.00 am St Mary's

St Cornelius, Pope, Martyr, St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr
Teresa Davies (Anniv);

Tuesday 17th September
10.00 am St Mary's

St Hildegard of Bingen, Martyr, St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor
Josie Egan

Wednesday 18th September
10.00 am St Mary's

Feria
People of the Parish

Thursday 19th September
10.00 am St Mary's

St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
Priests Intentions

Friday 20th September
10.00 am St Mary's

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon; Paul Chong HaSang and Companions, Martyrs
James, Blodwen & Timothy Kehely

Saturday 21st September
4.30 pm St Benedict's
6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time(B)
Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;
Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 22nd September
9.30 am St Illtyd's
James Egan;
11.30 am St Mary's
Mark Herbert (b'day); Mostyn Price; Eileen & Danny Bunford; Kath, Barry & Arthur Sullivan

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
David Jarrett (10th Anniv); Stephen Jarrett; Joan Jarrett; Das Joseph; Julian Arugoss;
Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Louis & Nancy Connolly;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Eileen Robinson, David Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams

Requiescat in pace: FAYE WALLEN. We were very sad to learn of the death of Faye Wallen. Faye was a former Headteacher and Chair of Governors at St Aloysius School. Faye was also a leading member of the St Aloysius Parish and a regular reader at Mass. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. **May she Rest in Peace. Amen..**

St Illtyd's Lottery 8th September

Numbers: 4, 7, 12, 17

No Winner.

Next Draw: 15th September £2325

St Mary's Lottery 8th September

Numbers: 1, 13, 15, 16

No Winner: Lucky Dip: None

Next Draw: 15th September £1850

CONGRATULATIONS!

Timothy and June Gillett who have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to you both!

NOTES FROM THE BENCH

Hello all. An opportunity to bring you up to date with 'matters musical and financial'.

First. I hope you are all enjoying the new organ in St Mary's as much as I am. It is, truly, a remarkable instrument. Thank you to all who have made such lovely comments about it and, the music, in general. My thanks to our loyal group of singers who work so tirelessly to promote our worship at the 1130 Sunday mass and to Canon Barry for his unwavering support.

The BBC singers will be at St Mary's on the ninth of June next year to give a concert, along with the Organist and Sub — Organist of Gloucester Cathedral. I am also in the process of arranging with our schools for another Carol Service in December of this year. It was an excellent occasion last year, if you weren't there, you really missed a treat. More news on these events, later

The total cost for the new organ was £15,680. This included delivery, voicing, new speakers and a custom made computer part to enhance our particular situation, and the environmental disposal of the old instrument.

You are probably aware that we applied for, and received, a Lottery grant of £12,500 to wards the purchase of the new instrument. I am now pleased to inform you that we have been successful in our application for another grant. This time from The D'Oyly Carte Trust Fund that has awarded us £4,000. The total money that we have received in grants, donations and Gift Aid is around £18,200, so we are in credit ! However, this surplus will, hopefully, be put to good use. There is now another project that we are about to undertake. If you look at the gallery at the West End (back) of the church, you will see the old pipe organ-that has not been used for many a year. The old façade pipes were taken out of the case some years ago and they are now stored in the Baptistry. The cases are showing all of the interior pipe work and, to be honest, it looks a bit of a mess. We have a plan to restore the old façade pipes to the instrument so that the visual effect will revert to the original. This process would also free up the space in the Baptistry so that area will look more tidy and once again become a liturgical space. This does not mean that the old organ will come to life, that would cost us hundreds of thousands of pounds and is not a viable option. To enable us to proceed with the restoration of the pipes, we have applied for a substantial grant from BENEFACT GRANT . I hope and pray that we shall be successful in this application. I shall update you when we have more news on this project.

Chris.

(Dr. Christopher Wilkinson Organist of St. Mary's).

DEANERY MUSIC EVENT

Musicians, singers, cantors, and all who join in the Mass are invited to a Music Day in Saint Dyfrig's church and hall on Saturday 12th October. The Day will be devoted entirely to the Music of the Mass, looking at how and why it works, and singing through several new, older, and different settings of the Parts of the Mass. Tea coffee and registration in Saint Dyfrig's hall from 10.30am. Completion by 2pm.

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