

8th August 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A
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 Mary's, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG **St Illtyd's**, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT
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Response to the Psalm: <i>Show us O Lord your mercy and grant us your salvation.</i>	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! <i>I long for you O Lord; my soul longs for His word Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@cardiffmenevia.org Tel: 01685 72333
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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,
Thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will be holding penitential services on a Saturday morning at 11.30 in St Mary's Church

DEVOTIONS AND ROSARY

During the month of August, the Rosary will be recited before each Mass weekdays and weekends. Also, there will be Mass at 7.00 pm at St Aloysius, every Tuesday, with Rosary at 6.30 and every Thursday with Adoration at 6.30 pm

Saturday 8th August		
Noon.	St Mary's	Nuptial Mass Caitlin Budding & Michael O'Connor
Vigil – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A		
4.30 pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy; Michael Clancy
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Dinny & Joan O'Leary; Nora Scannell
Sunday 9th August		
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A		
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Michael Moran; Elizabeth Brodgdien; Kathleen O'Sullivan (née Jones)
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Ceri & Grahame Vaughan; Oliver McAleer (B'Day)
Monday 10th August		
St Lawrence – Deacon and Martyr		
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey;
Tuesday 11th August		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Nora Scannell; Deacon David O'Keefe
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 12th August		
Feria		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Rosary at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10.00am
Thursday 13th August		
Feria		
10.00 am	St Mary's	Michael Edmonds RIP
7.00 pm	St Aloysius	Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm
Friday 14th August		
St Maximillian Kolbe – Martyr, Priest		
10.00 am	St Illtyd's	Monica – Private Intention

Saturday 15th August		Vigil - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
4.30 pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Sheila Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Molloy; Michael Clancy; Timothy Buckley; Gail Singer (Anniversary)
6.30 pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley; Dinny and Joan O'Leary; Nora Scannell;
Sunday 16th August		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
9.30 am	St Illtyd's	Michael Moran; Elizabeth Brogden; Teresa O'Sullivan (née Sheehan)
11.30 am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Olive Mary McCormack; Bernard Walter McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Ceri and Graham Vaughan; Oliver Macaleer(B'day);
INFANT BAPTISMS		Registration for Infant Baptisms will take place after Sunday Mass at St Illtyd's and St Mary's. Baptisms will then take place after Mass on a Saturday at St Illtyd's and on a Sunday at St Mary's.

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Sylvia Williams, Jimmy Llewellyn; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Dennis Preece; Josie Egan; Paddy Sullivan; Helen Golden; Kay Coughlin; Jennifer Lewis;

Requiescat in pace: John Reynolds; Phillip James; Maureen Cushen; Sheila Duffield, Anthony Howells

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 2nd August	St Mary's Lottery 2nd August
Numbers: 5, 6, 12, 13 No Winner:	Numbers: 3, 5, 17, 24 No Winner
Next Draw 9 th August (£1500)	Next Draw 9 th August (£6800)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

The Mass readings focus on listening for God's gentle presence and maintaining faith through life's storms.

Trust in fear: Jesus calls out to the disciples on the stormy sea, telling them not to be afraid.

Quiet presence: God meets Elijah not in the powerful wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a tiny whispering sound.

Spiritual focus: Believers are invited to look past worldly noise and place complete faith in Christ during trials.

RCIA 2026 – CATHOLIC CLASS

Our 'Catholic Class' continues at 7pm on Wednesday 12th August at the Fr Carroll Centre. If you know of anyone who wants to learn about becoming a member of the Catholic Church please pass their details to Fr Francis, Fr Morgan or Louise Hodges. Why not come along yourself to deepen your own understanding whilst supporting others as they explore our faith?

ST ILLTYD'S 180th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the uplifting 180th Anniversary Mass at St Illtyd's. It was a worthy celebration. Particular thanks are due to those who prepared the spectacular buffet which followed. Well done to all. We are most grateful.

CONGRATULATIONS CAITLIN & MICHAEL

Caitlin Budding and Michael O'Connor celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at their Nuptial Mass at St Mary's at Noon on Saturday 8th August. The good wishes of all Parishoners are extended to this couple who do so much to raise funds for the HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

SUMMER CAMP – MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SISTERS

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old are invited to a Summer Camp, which will be held between 3rd August and 18th August at the Father Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's Church. The Summer Camp will take place between 2.30pm and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Come along and have some fun with us Praying, Singing, Arts and Crafts and Games. Boys and girls between the ages of 13 – 16 years old are invited to help us. Please contact Sr. Innocentia, MC on 01685 376232.

CLEANERS NEEDED – ST MARY'S

Are you able to offer an hour or so after Mass on Tuesday mornings to assist cleaners in keeping the beautiful church in prime condition? Nothing too arduous. Some hoovering, dusting and polishing. Please let us know if you could assist.

GARDNERS NEEDED – ST MARY'S Have you noticed how beautifully kept the gardens are? Would you like to assist with some of the routine tasks? Cutting the grass and planting the beds at the front of the Church and a little sweeping. Please let us know if you could spare an hour or two to assist.