

23rd February 2025

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (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: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you .Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 22nd February

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

(Anniv);

Sunday 23rd February

9.30 am St Aloysius

Chang; Jimmy Llewellyn (Good health); Mary Jones;

11.30 am St Mary's

Vigil : Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan and Dinny O'Leary (Anniv); Edward Kaler

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Maurice Nelson; Tom Walsh; David Edward Power; Jenesis Rivera; Ben Send

Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan;

Monday 24th February

10.00 am St Mary's

12.30 pm ST Mary's

Tuesday 25th February

10.00 am St Mary's

Wednesday 26th February

10.00 am St Mary's

Thursday 27th February

10.00 St Mary's

Friday 28th February

10.00 am St Mary's

Bermaw ; Marta Daiesta; Abel Bere Dacosta; Jose Carvaltto

FUNERAL SERVICE – PATRICIA JAMES

Mary Sweeney; Deoniso Salsina Da Lesta; Espeanca Valicla; Anjo Enjel;;

Ab De Ariajo; Amelia Dacoti;

St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jeannette Herbert; Patrick, Paul and Margaret Goggin;

NO MASS

Saturday 1st March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Phillipino Nurses coming to Merthyr;

Sunday 2nd March

9.30 am St Aloysius

Katie Lowe; Tommy Murphy (100th B'Day RIP); Mary Murphy (100th B'Day RIP);

11.30 am St Mary's

Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Evan Kinsey;

Vigil : Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Lollita Parma (Anniv); 20th Anniversary of

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Vincent Davies (B'Day); Dorothy John; Pat Hawkins; Maureen Williams;

Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Bess, Carl and Cliff Peece; Clive and Jason

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; Stan Jones; Ann Evans; Maria Evans; Ann Watkins;

Requiescat in pace: Maurice Nelson; Kevin McSweeney; Myfida Illari; ;Mary Jones; Patricia James; Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh; Josie Baldwin; Patricia Howells; David Edward Power; ;Patrick O'Brien; Sian Louise Tomos; Jim Mullins ;Adrienne Kathleen Murphy;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 16th February

Numbers: 5, 12, 22, 23 No Winner

Next Draw 23rd February £2900

St Mary's Lottery 16th February

Numbers: 4, 5, 15, 16 No Winner

Lucky Dip: A Joseph; A O'Sullivan

Next Draw 23rd February £3000

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Please consider making Nominations for the Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees. Any nominee will need to agree to be put forward and will need a proposer and a seconder.

The Parish Finance Committee has been working well in supporting Canon since the summer of 2023. All current members of the Finance Committee have declared availability to continue.

However, the Pastoral Committee needs to be revitalised. It is this Committee which assists in enriching our Parish life and would benefit from committed individuals coming forward. Please give this important matter proper consideration.

Nomination forms and posting boxes will be available at the back of all our Churches.

102km for HCPT GROUP 102

This February supporters of HCPT Group 102 are walking 102km to raise funds for the group's 2025 trip to Lourdes. If you would like to sponsor us please visit <https://justgiving.com/page/102kmfor102> or speak to one of our volunteers. We are very grateful for any kind and generous donations.

HCPT GROUP 102 QUIZ NIGHT

HCPT Group 102's famous quiz nights are back! Friday 28th March, 7:00pm and the Horse & Groom.

Tickets are £10 and include a fish shop supper. This event is ticket only! For tickets, please contact Caitlin on 07855718175 by 21st March. We can't wait to see you there.

RETIRING COLLECTION - CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

The Holy Father has announced the Canonisation of Carlos Acutis at relatively short notice. It will take place on Sunday 27th April in Rome during the Church's Jubilee of Teenagers. Ten students from Merthyr Tydfil who attend Blessed Carlos Acutis School have been invited by the Holy Father for a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of the Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis.

Due to the relatively short notice the school has difficulty in raising funds to allow the students to attend.

The school can cover half the cost but needs your help to raise the remainder for this stunning opportunity.

A retiring collection will be held at all of our Churches from Sunday 16th February for two weeks also, you are able to donate via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>. Please support this worthy cause if you are able.

CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY

Cafod family fast day will take place on Friday 14th March. This Jubilee year, Pope Francis has called on us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This is CAFOD's mission - to bring your love for your neighbour to people suffering the impacts of war, global debt and climate change and to give them the support, skills and tools they need to find their hope for the future. There will be a collection for CAFOD on the weekend of **15th / 16th March**.

YEAR BOOKS AND NEW MISSALS

Diocesan Year Books for 2025 and New Sunday Missals are now available if you wish to purchase them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darcie Faye, Jack Andrew Churchill, Harry James Churchill, Katie Bella Churchill and Madison Jones who will be baptised this weekend.