

1st September 2024

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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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:

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Saturday 31st August

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time(B)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Stephen Fryzer; Private Intention (for a mother)
Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 1st September

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Wallen; Brenda English (TE);

11.30 St Mary's

Louise Hopkins; Clive and Jason Watkins; Timothy, Blodwen and James Keheley; Kenneth Howells

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Jack Cowhig (B'Day); Alfred Davies (B'Day); Jamie Egan; Betty Gibbs; Veronica

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Cliff, Bess and Carl Preece;

Monday 2nd September

10.00 am St Mary's

Feria

Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie

Tuesday 3rd September

9.00 am St Mary's

St Gregory the Great, Pope. Doctor

Stephen Fryzer (7th Anniversary); Alfred Davies (Anniv)

Wednesday 4th September

10.00 am St Mary's

St Cuthbert, Bishop

Priest's Intentions

Thursday 5th September

10.00 am St Mary's

Feria

REQUIEM MASS – Bryan Maxwell Bodger

Friday 6th September

9.00 am St Mary's

Feria

Bryan Bodger

Saturday 7th September

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time(B)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 8th September

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Wallen;

11.30 St Mary's

Twenty Second Third of Ordinary Time (B)

Idris John; Gavin Fitton; Josie Price; Bernard Moran (B'Day); James Egan; Veronica

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Phyllis O'Regan; Bryan Bodger

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 O'Donaghue; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams

Requiescat in pace: Bryan Bodger; Gavin O'Sullivan; Jean Lherondel (France). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. **May they Rest in Peace. Amen.**

St Illtyd's Lottery 25th August

Numbers: 1, 4, 8, 13

No Winner

Next Draw: 1st September £2275

St Mary's Lottery 25th August

Numbers: 3, 6, 18, 20

No Winner

Lucky Dip: Janet Jones; Emma Strand, Darek

Next Draw: 1st September £1750

You can enter either - or both! - of the lotteries by filling in the weekly forms at the back of St Illtyd's and St Mary's. Better still you can choose your numbers and set up a weekly direct debit for £1 to ensure that you never miss out. Members of your family and your friends are very welcome to join in.

Gospel Reading Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event. If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

NEW LECTIONARIES

We have purchased the new lectionaries for all our Churches. The total cost was in excess of £3,000. This cost has been covered in full by generous donations from individuals, families and Parish Groups. Thank you all for your generosity. There are a limited number of leaflets at the back of the Churches explaining the reason for the new lectionaries. You can also find background online at **newlectionary.org**

The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in a liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The new lectionaries will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent.

BELMONT ABBEY SHOP

Fr James Norris OSB has been in touch to remind us about the shop at Belmont Abbey. The items available include: A wide range of adult and children's books, Crucifixes, Statues, Rosaries and Medals, Sacramental Gifts, Handmade cards. Also Soaps, Lip Balms, Skin Creams, Chutneys, Jams, Marmalades and Mustards!

The shop is well worth a visit in person (open Monday-Saturday 2-4pm; Sunday 10.30am-12.15pm). Items can be ordered or purchased online at **www.belmontabbey.org.uk** or by phone on 01432 374 752 (calls answered during opening hours of the shop) or by emailing **jamesnorris2019@gmail.com**

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