

25th August 2024

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (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:

Taste and see that the Lord is good,

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life;

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Saturday 24th August

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Kathleen Donoughy

Sunday 25th August

9.30 am St Illtyd's

11.30 am St Mary's

and Davina Snell; Doreen, Davi and Howard Morgan; John Doyle (10th Anniv); Connie Green (Anniv); David Keefe (90th B'Day)

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Kevin Moran; Ian Murphy (B'Day);

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Vera and John Strand; Michael

Monday 26th August

10.00 am St Mary's

St David Lewis. Priest. Martyr.

NO MASS

Tuesday 27th August

9.00 am St Mary's

St Monica

NO MASS

Wednesday 28th August

10.00 am St Mary's

St Augustine. Bishop. Doctor.

NO MASS

Thursday 29th August

10.00 am St Mary's

The Passion of St John the Baptist

NO MASS

Friday 30th August

9.00 am St Mary's

3pm St Mary's

Blessed Richard Lloyd. Martyr.

NO MASS

Wedding of Hayley Stephenson with Kyle Edwards

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;

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;

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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;

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

Requiescat in pace: Michael John Price; 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.

RETIRING COLLECTION 24/ 25th AUGUST - MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA APPEAL

WELCOME FR MIKE HEAP – MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

St Illtyd's Lottery 18th August

Numbers: 2, 3, 18, 22

No Winner

Next Draw: 25th August £ 2250

St Mary's Lottery 18th August

Numbers: 3, 4, 9, 17

No Winner

LuckyDip: Tina Hassett

Next Draw; 25th August £1700

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

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.

HCPT Group 102 Fundraising Ball

HCPT Group 102 are holding a fundraising ball to raise funds for their 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday 19th October, 7pm, Pentrebach Cricket Club. Tickets are £45 each with a £10 deposit required to book & include a 3 course meal, arrival drink & entertainment. Please contact Caitlin on group102@hcpt.org.uk or via whatsapp on 07404040394 to book your tickets. Get your glad rags on & help us raise funds for this amazing cause!

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