

28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter (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:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,
Whoever remain in me bears fruit in plenty.**

Alleluia

Saturday 27th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Caviel; Connor Boggon; Patricia Cunnington

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Eddie and Gloria John; Aurora and Delfin Camba;

Sunday 28th April

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Bernard McCormack; Beryl and Dave

11.30 am St Mary's

Monday 29th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 30th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Wednesday 1st May

10.00 am St Mary's

Thursday 2nd May

10.00 am St Mary's

Friday 3rd May

10.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 4th May

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 5th May

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Elizabeth Brogden (Cronin); Mary and Danny Griffiths

11.30 am St Mary's

Cliff Bess and Carl Preece; Ron Morgan; Jon Gill; Michael and Bridget Gill; David and Beryl Keefe 70th Wedding Anniversary; Bernard McCormack; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins;
Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Pat O'Brien, Nicholas Santos, Beryl & David Keefe, Ed Rees, Margaret Banfield, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Thomas Fitton, Mark Esposito, Eileen Robinson, Jimmy Mullins, David Lewis; David Williams; Bernard O'Donoghue;

Requiescat in pace: Christine Jones; Josie Price ; Constance Williams;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 21st April

Numbers 4, 19, 20, 22

No Winner

Next Draw :28th April £1800

St Mary's Lottery 21st April

Numbers 5, 7, 14, 23

No Winner: Lucky Dip;

Next Draw 28th April £5650

St Mary's Parking

Unfortunately, I have received complaints from some elderly and disabled parishioners that they are unable to gain access to the ramp as it is blocked by vehicles. Also, cars are parked so tightly in the grounds that they are unable to manoeuvre between them. Please if you are able bodied do try **not** to park in the grounds. Parking in the church grounds also makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to attend if necessary.

Canon Barry

1st Confession

Sunday 12th May St Illtyd's 9.30 am- Sisters

1st Communion dates

Sunday 12th May St Illtyd's 9.30 (Sisters)

Sunday 12th May St Mary's 2.00pm

Sunday 19th May 9.30 am St Illtyd's

& St Aloysius (at St Illtyd's)

The Chosen

The Chosen is back! The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus (Jonathan Roumie in the series), seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first century Israel, the seven season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. Season 4 continues with episode 1 on 8 May at 7.00pm in the Fr Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's and every Wednesday until 29 May. Further episodes will be shown when they are released.

Cafod - A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Organ -St Mary's

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to The Lottery Community Fund for giving us a grant of £12,500, towards the purchase of a new organ. Good news indeed. Along with a donation and the proceeds of the Christmas raffle we are able to purchase a new organ at a cost of £15,689



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

St Illtyd's Church

Thankfully help is on hand. Urgent repairs have been generously supported by The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, the National Churches Trust and Welsh Government. Combined with support from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, more than £950,000 has been made available to undertake these repairs.

With thanks to our funders

