# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

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St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

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**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is King, with majest enrobed.. **Gospel Acclamation:** 

St Benedict's. Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Saturday 23rd November Vigil – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ordinary Time(B)

4.30 pm Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Anne Donovan; Holy Souls; St Benedict's

6.30 pm Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Holy Souls; Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Anthony Rees; **St Aloysius** 

Aiden Lock;

Sunday 24th November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ordinary Time (B)

Pauline O'Halloran; (B'Day); Veronica Richards; Holy Souls; 9.30 am St Illtyd's

Bernard McCormack: Ron Morgan: Michael Hurley: Lewis Campbell Pollard 11.30 am St Mary's (B'Day); Glenys Howells; Holy Souls; Ann Harrington; Margaret Pierce (Ill); Damien Martin Souls Departed; Richard

**Edwards RIP** 

Monday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr 10.00 am St Mary's Margaret Gillespie; Craig Anthony Hughes;

Tuesday 26th November

10.00 am St Mary's **NO MASS** 

11.30am St Mary's **REQUIEM MASS – EILEEN ROBINSON** 

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

10.00 am St Mary's NO MASS

11.30am St Mary's REQUIEM MASS – JOHN WARD

Thursday 28th November

10.00 am St Mary's Holy Souls; Anjo;

Friday 29th November

10.00 am St Mary's Holy Souls; Anjo;

Saturday 30th November Vigil – First Sunday of Advent Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; 4.30 pm St Benedict's 6.30 pm **St Aloysius** Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent

Clinton Sullivan (Anniv); Bernard Mahoney; Richard Edwards RIP; 9.30 am St Illtyd's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Cliff, Bess and Carl Preece; 11.30 am St Mary's Mary and Leonard Davies; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Jean Thomas & The Brewin Family; Gallivan

McDonald, Lynch and Price Families; Margaret Pierce (ill)

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Deacon David O'Keefe; Jimmy Llewellyn; Margaret Pierce;

Regiescat in pace: Aidan Hendricks (Ohio, USA); Linda Percy; Eileen Robinson; Maureen Sheehan; David Thomas; Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

St Illtyd's Lottery 17th November

Numbers: See Next week Newsletter

No Winner.

Next Draw 24<sup>th</sup> November £2575

St Mary's Lottery 17th November

Numbers: 2, 9, 10, 11 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Chris Delaney, Frank Price, Prynimol Vassappern

Next Draw 24th November £2350

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (CATECHISM PROGRAMME)

The Sisters of Charity will be starting the First Holy Communion programme for children who attend Non-Catholic schools. The sessions will be held on a Saturday at the Fr. Carroll Centre, 3pm – 4pm, commencing Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the Sisters of Charity if you require further information.

#### ASSISTED DYING

Thank you to everyone who completed a postcard to send to Gerald Jones. Postcards have now been sent.

#### ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle sheets are available at the back of the church for the St Mary's Christmas raffle. Donations of prizes are welcome.

## **MERTHYR PARISHES LUNCH**

An opportunity for everyone from our four churches to get together for a Christmas two course Carvery lunch at mid day on Tuesday 10th December (Not Wed 11th as previously advertised) at Merthyr Town Football Club. Bring a friend or come on your own - there will be plenty of friends there already. Cost will be £20. Please contact John Strand on 07949623722 or <a href="mailto:strandmartyr@gmail.com">strandmartyr@gmail.com</a> to reserve your place.

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ST ILLTYD'S

Raffle sheets are available at the back of the church, please fill in your details and place money in the box. Take one home to sell to family and friends too. Also Christmas cards, calendars and candles are available now at St Illtyd's.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ADVENT ADVENTURE

The Archdiocesan Advent Adventure is back!; The Family Life Commission are delighted to invite families to the 'Triple A' family fun event Saturday November 30th, hosted by Fr Michael Doyle, Parish Priest of St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. It will take place in the *Mostyn Room, next door to the Cathedral on Charles Street*, from 2pm, concluding with the Vigil Mass in the Cathedral at 5.30pm. This FREE afternoon of Advent and Christmas based activities will have something for all ages and generations, including light afternoon refreshments. It is open to anyone, so bring the whole family! All are Welcome!

For further details visit the events page of the archdiocesan website or contact flc@rcadc.org

### ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please note that the closing date for Admission Applications for Catholic Schools in Merthyr Tydfil is **20**<sup>th</sup> **December 2024.** 

## 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

# **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm - St Benedicts

7.00 pm - St Illtyd's

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 am - St Mary's

11.00 am - St Aloysius