

9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent (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: Be with me , O Lord, in my distress.	Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 8th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 9th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

Nelson; Kathleen Jones; Teresa Sheehan; The O'Sullivan Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Louis and Nancy Connally ; Bernard McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Mrs Escobay; Elphege and Elizabeth Hurley; Bernard Delaney;

Monday 10th March

10.00 am St Aloysius

Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie ;

Tuesday 11th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

School Mass

1.00 pm St Benedict's

FUNERAL SERVICE – ADRIANNE MURPHY

Wednesday 12th March

10.00 am St Mary's

Stephen Fryzer (Wedding Anniv);

Thursday 13th March

10.00 St Mary's

Private Intention (For studies and work to pay school fees)

1.00 pm St Mary's

FUNERAL SERVICE – THOMAS MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Friday 14th March

10.00 am St Mary's

Cafod Family Fast Day

Andrew Scrivens;

Saturday 15th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Vigil : Second Sunday of Lent (C)

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Stephen Fryzer; Molly, Rosa and Margaret Jones;

Sunday 16th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan and Dinny O'Leary;

Masie and Eddie Rees; Patricia Williams (Lee) (Wedding Anniv); Tom and Julia Simcock (Anniv); Kathleen Jones; Teresa Sheehan; The O'Sullivan Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Raymond and Iris Minett; Luigi Giovanna Fulgoni; Guido and Elvina Fulgoni; Giovana Cavalli; Thomas Mathai (Anniv); Paul and Stuart Bartz;

CAFOD COLLECTION WEEKEND 15TH AND 16TH MARCH

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; Ann Evans; Maria Evans; Ann Watkins;

Requiescat in pace: Kevin McSweeney; Mary Jones; Stan Jones; Patricia James; 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 2nd March

Numbers: 11, 17, 22, 23 No Winner

Next Draw 9th March £2950

St Mary's Lottery 2nd March

Numbers 1, 8, 14, 19 No Winner

Lucky Dip:

Next Draw 9th March £3100

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.

NOMINATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

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.

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.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

A Day of Reconciliation will be held at Belmont Abbey on Saturday 15 March. Led by Dom Alexander Kenyon (Prior of Belmont) the day will run from 10am – 3.15 and include spiritual talks, confessions and Mass. The cost is £40 per person including lunch. For further information please contact Andrew Grant at andrewgrantDL@gmail.com

WALK WITH ME

Walk with Me booklets are now available for £1 at all our Churches. They are an excellent daily companion during the Lenten season. Introduce them in your families.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER- IRISH STEW, MUSIC, BAR AND A GOOD CRAIC

We will be holding a fundraiser on Friday 14th March at 7.00 pm at the Father Carroll Centre. Tickets are £10.00 and will include Irish Stew and freshly baked bread (Vegetarian option available). Please contact Jane Shankland on 07899953898 for tickets. All proceeds in aid of the Restoration funds at St Mary's and St Illtyd's Churches.

HOLY CROSS ABBEY – COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

We are pleased that altogether 3 women joined our "Come and see Weekends" in 2024. Your prayers are much appreciated. During this Jubilee Year we will be hosting 2 "Come and See weekends" They will be held on Friday 30th May – Monday 2nd June and Friday 8th August to Monday 11th August. Single Catholic women aged 25-45 are welcome.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS -DOWLAIS MALE CHOIR

An evening of Welsh entertainment with Dowlais Male Choir will take place at Blessed Carlo Acutis school on Wednesday 19th March at 6.30 pm. The cost is £5.00 per person with refreshments included. Proceeds will go towards the Rome pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis. If you are able to donate and support this worthy cause, please do so via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>.

During the two weekly collections at our churches the amounts raised were:-

St Aloysius - £79.30 St Illtyd's - £466.85 St Mary's - £527.60 St Benedict's £245.00

A TOTAL OF £1318.75

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lillian Powell who will be 90 Years young on Friday 14th March and also to Lilian O'Connell (Ty Cwm), who will be 100 Years young on Tuesday 11th March