

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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 Mary's**, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG

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

**Parish Priest:** CANON BARRY ENGLISH

**Deacons:** Rev. DAVID O'KEEFE 01685 375761 Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>  <b>Blessed the People the Lord has chosen as his heritage</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>  <b>Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake and be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect Alleluia.</b>	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.merthyrcc.co.uk">www.merthyrcc.co.uk</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:merthyr@rcadc.org">merthyr@rcadc.org</a>  <b>Tel:</b> 01685 723336
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<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Vigil – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C</b>
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Leighton Thomas, Clifford Family
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley, Joan & Dinny O'Leary
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Michael Moran, Stephen Tomsett
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Paul Osborne, Martin Bell; Private Intention; Chummer Pothan (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St Clare. Virgin</b>
10.00am	St Illtyd's	Nora Scannell (B'day); Mayo, Ron & Stephen Fealey; Mary & Ernest Galleozzie
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>St Jane Francis de Chantal</b>
10am	St Mary's	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Feria</b>
10am	St Mary's	Dennis Murphy
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Maximilian Kolbe. Martyr. Priest.</b>
10am	St Mary's	The Unborn Innocents
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10am	St Illtyd's	Teresa & Alfred Davies (Wedding Anniv); Jeff Williams;
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Vigil – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Pat Lee; Bill Hughes; Claire Price.
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Jimmy Mullan;
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</b>
9.30am	St Illtyd's	John, Pat & Angela Lynskey (Anniv)
11.30am	St Mary's	Paul & Stuart Bartz; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Howard, Doreen & David Morgan

**Please remember in your prayers:** Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, 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; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington.

**Requiescat in pace:** Stephen Tomsett; Paul Osborne, Angela Evans; Patricia Jones; Robert Phelps, Craig Wall, Martin Bell, Dennis Murphy.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

<b>St Illtyd's Lottery 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>St Mary's Lottery 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Numbers: 1, 13, 15, 20 No Winner	Numbers: 5, 10, 14, 21 No Winner
Next Draw: 27 <sup>th</sup> July £4,150	Next Draw: 27 <sup>th</sup> July £4,200

### **FAREWELL TO CANON BARRY**

The Parish Committee is currently organising a farewell event for Canon Barry. All parishioners will get an opportunity to thank Canon for all he has done in Merthyr Tydfil. The event will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at Merthyr Town Football Club. Tickets will cost £10 to cover the cost of the buffet. More details to follow.

### **WELCOME TO FR FRANCIS**

Fr Francis is very pleased to be with us and is slowly finding his feet. He is currently occupied with lots of day-to-day tasks such as arranging bank accounts and telephone contracts. He is very much looking forward to serving us and is excited by the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

We will celebrate this great Feast next Sunday.

“Mary’s Assumption is an event that concerns us precisely because every human being is destined to die. But death is not the last word. Death – the mystery of the Virgin’s Assumption assures us – is the passage to life, the encounter with Love. It is the passage to the eternal happiness in store for those who toil for truth and justice and do their utmost to follow Christ”. *Pope St John Paul II*

### **ST MARY’S PIETY STALL AND VOTIVE CANDLES**

The ladies who run the St Mary’s Piety Stall and the votive candle shrines in the Church, Pat O’Neill and Nora Carpenter, will ‘retire’ when Canon Barry leaves. Their dedicated service has been a real boon to the Parish. In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 the sales of candles (£2,800) and piety items (£1200) contributed £4,000 to Church funds. Thank you ladies.

We now need volunteers to continue the good work. Please get in touch if you wish to help.

### **OUR LADY OF PENRHYS**

The Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys will take place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**. Mass will be celebrated (weather permitting) at the foot of the statue. All are welcome. Bring your own seat!

### **UPCOMING DIOCESAN PILGRIMMAGES**

- **24 August:** Pilgrimage to St John Kemble's Grave, Monmouth
- **12 September:** St Thomas' Church Centenary Mass, Abercynon

### **MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in London. Thousands of people will join in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and support for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Two coaches will be travelling to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig’s, **Treforest** contact Howard at [Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk](mailto:Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk); For information on the coach leaving St Alban’s, **Cardiff** contact Clare on 07983 522 851

### **PARISHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please add this date to your diary.