



15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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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:**

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Response to the Psalm:

Rejice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia

Saturday 14th December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 15th December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

John Higgins; Richard (Richie) Williams; Kathleen Jones; Jemima and Jeremiah Donovan; Mary and Tom Murphy;

Private Intention (CF); Teresa Collins;

11.30 am St Mary's

Lamb; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Roy Price;

Monday 16th December

10.00 am St Mary's

Timothy Kehely.

Tuesday 17th December

10.00am St Mary's

Wednesday 18th December

10.00 am St Mary's

5.00 pm St Mary's

7.00pm St Mary's

Thursday 19th December

10,00 am St Mary's

4.00 – 7.00 pm St Mary's

Friday 20th December

9.15 am SCHOOL MASS

Colin Hughes; Denise and Terrence O'Neill;

12.00 St Aloysius

Vigil – Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

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Thomas Moran Jnr; Flora Richards; Kitty and Charles Pritchard; Philip Morgan;

John Higgins; Richard (Richie) Williams; Kathleen Jones; Jemima and Jeremiah Donovan; Mary and Tom Murphy;

Private Intention (CF); Teresa Collins; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce ; Royston Lamb; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Roy Price;

Philip and Catherine Price (Anniv); Nellie Murphy (RIP); Blodwen, James &

Louise Hopkins;

Teresa and Robert Sullivan; The Sullivan and Ronan Families;

Receiving the body of Bernard Donaghue

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession (7.00 – 8.00)

REQUIEM MASS – BERNARD DONAGHUE

Syro Malabar Mass and Confession

Blessed Carlo Acutis High School - All parishioners invited

Marion Lee (B'Day); Kris Michael Evans; Kate and Bill Foran; Mary Williams;

FUNERAL SERVICE – KRIS MICHAEL EVANS

Saturday 21st December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Donald and Jacqueline Lamb;

Sunday 22nd December**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

Catherine Coakley; Maria and Vincent Davies; Muriel and Vic Thomas; Betty and Elphege Hurley; Jean, Jerry and Alison Minahan; Betty and Gus Cronin and Soms; Kathleen Jones Sullivan Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Thomas and Jane Ann

Cummings; Jason Watkins (B'Day);

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;

Requiescat in pace: Eileen Robinson; Maureen Sheehan; David Thomas; Bernard Donaghue; Maureen Sheehan; Margaret Pierce; Kris Michael Evans; **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

St Illtyd's Lottery 8th December

Numbers: 11, 13,14, 23

No Winner.

Next Draw 15th December £2650**St Mary's Lottery 8th December**

Numbers: 2, 6, 19,20 No Winner

Lucky Dip:

Next Draw 15th December £2500

LOTTERY ST MARY'S : On Sunday 22nd December there will be a special prize of £50.00 for one entry to be selected at random. If you don't already have a standing order, please put your entries in the box at the back of the church

Third Sunday of Advent - 2024

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these days.

Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration and so, today that the Rose Candle is lit. Although it takes place during the usually penitential period of Advent, Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus's return in three ways.

**CLERGY CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Envelopes for the Clergy Christmas Offering which will be taken on Christmas Day, will be available next Sunday.. If you are a taxpayer please complete the front of the envelope to enable the parish to claim a government refund under the Gift Aid scheme.

ST ILLTYS CAMPUS CAROL CONCERT

St Illtyd's Campus Carols in the Community will be held in the School Hall on Monday 16 December from 1.30. All welcome, come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with the children followed by Tea, mince pies and cake.

ST MARY'S AND ST ILLTYD'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Raffle sheets are available at the back of each church for the St Mary's Christmas raffle, and the St Illtyd's Christmas raffle. Donations of prizes are welcome at both churches. St Mary's raffle will be drawn on Sunday 22nd December.

BERNARD DONOGHUE

Bernard Donaghue will be received into St Mary's Church on Wednesday 18th December at 5.00pm. A Requiem Mass will take place at 10.00 am on Thursday 19th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm - St Benedicts****7.00 pm - St Illtyd's****Polish Mass 9.00 pm - St Mary's****CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 am - St Mary's****11.00 am - St Aloysius**