

2nd March 2025

Eighth 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 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: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord..	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 1st March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Phillipino Nurses coming to Merthyr; Lorraine Keohane; Patricia Buckley;

Vigil : Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Lollita Parma (Anniv); 20th Anniversary of

Sunday 2nd March

9.30 am St Aloysius

Katie Lowe; Tommy Murphy (Anniv); Mary Murphy (B'Day); Stan Jones;

11.30 am St Mary's

Peece; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Evan Kinsey; Paul and Stuart Bartz;

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Vincent Davies (B'Day); Dorothy John; Pat Hawkins; Maureen Williams;

Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Bess, Bernard McCormack ; Carl and Cliff

Monday 3rd March

10.00 am St Mary's

Michael O'Sullivan (Anniv); Mary and John Clifford

Tuesday 4th March

10.00 am St Mary's

Ernie Lee (B'Day);

Wednesday 5th March

10.00 am St Mary's

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 pm St Aloysius

People of the Parish

Thursday 6th March

10.00 St Mary's

People of the Parish

Friday 7th March

10.00 am St Mary's

Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Saturday 8th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 9th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

11.30 am St Mary's

Vigil : First Sunday of Lent (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Eddie and Gloria John;

First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Gavin Fitton; Nany Moran; Teresa Davies; Mary Ellen Foley; Maurica Nelson;

Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Louis and Nancy Connally;

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: Maurice Nelson; Kevin McSweeney; Myfida Illari; ;Mary Jones; Stan Jones; Patricia James; Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh; Josie Baldwin; 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 23rd February

Numbers: 6, 11, 19 20 No Winner

Next Draw 2nd March £2925

St Mary's Lottery 23rd February

Numbers: 1, 4, 9, 10 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Pat Davies

Next Draw 2nd March £3050

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.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

Students from Merthyr Tydfil who attend Blessed Carlos Acutis School have been invited by the Holy Father for a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of the Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis.

Due to short notice the school has difficulty in raising funds to allow the students to attend. The school can cover half the cost but needs your help to raise the remainder. If you are able to donate and support this worthy cause, please do so via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>. Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz and Bingo night at the Father Carroll Centre, a total of £310.00 was raised.

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. There will be a collection for CAFOD on the weekend of **15th / 16th March**.

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.

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