

19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

WEBSITE – www.merthyrcc.co.uk

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**

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Response to the Psalm:

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
all the peoples**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**God called us through the gospel, so that we
may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ
Alleluia!**

Saturday 18th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 19th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

O'Conner; Carol Payne; Amelia Thomas (Anniv); Thomas Moran; Maurice Nelson; Anthony Hughes (1st Anniv); Robert Scrivens (1st Anniv);

11.30 am St Mary's

Davies; The Cottoral Family; Jean Coffey Pyke; Anne and John Evans;

Monday 20th January

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 21st January

10.00 St Mary's

Wednesday 22nd January

10.00 noon St Mary's

Thursday 23rd January

10.00 St Mary's

11.30 St Mary's

Friday 24th January

10.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 25th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Eileen Morris; Ron, Mayo and Stephen

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 26th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Moran; Michael Moran; Eileen Harman (Anniv); Carol Payne; Kate O'Sullivan (Anniv)

11.30 am St Mary's

Vaughan; Jean Coffey Pyke ;Mr and Mrs Gosling;

Vigil : Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

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John Peter Raffety; Betty and Tom Summers Irene Budding; Patricia

O'Conner; Carol Payne; Amelia Thomas (Anniv); Thomas Moran; Maurice Nelson; Anthony Hughes (1st Anniv);

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Mary and Leonard

Davies; The Cottoral Family; Jean Coffey Pyke; Anne and John Evans;

St Sebastian, Martyr, St Fabian, Pope

NO MASS

St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

NO MASS

St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

NO MASS

NO MASS

FUNERAL SERVICE – PAULETTE BRIDGES

St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Martyr

NO MASS

Vigil : Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; John and Jane Harrington; James and

Fealey; Maty and Ernest Galleozzie;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Eileen and Vera Veale; Maurice Nelson; Jon Price (Anniv); Canon Francis

Moran; Michael Moran; Eileen Harman (Anniv); Carol Payne; Kate O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Ceri and Grahame

Vaughan; Jean Coffey Pyke ;Mr and Mrs Gosling;

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; Mary and Stan Jones; Josie Baldwin;

Requiescat in pace: Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James; Kevin McSweeney; Myfidad Illari; Jean Coffey Pyke; Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh;

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

SECOND COLLECTION ON THE WEEKEND OF 25/26th JANUARY FOR SPUC

THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Sister Gemma Paul is leaving and we would like to thank her for all her work in the community and wish her well for the future. We also say welcome Sister Piotrato our community .

Canon Barry will be taking a break from Friday 17th January returning on 30th of January. Father James Norris will be celebrating mass on the weekends but there **will not be mass** during the week until Canon returns.

St Illtyd's Lottery 12th January

Numbers: 8, 9, 14, 23 No Winner

Next Draw 19th January £2775

RECYCLING BATTERIES

Don't forget to recycle your batteries in our collection boxes at each of our churches, you're bound to have loads after Christmas!

HEALING IN MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. We help couples whose relationships '*need a little help*' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. A survey of past couples who experienced the programme - 75% of couples were still together five years later - gave feedback that it restored trust and healing to their marriage where other strategies had failed.

We offer a programme where couples learn tools to restore trust in their marriage - *to rediscover love or relationship*. Pope Francis recently wrote in his book: "Hope Is A Light In The Night" :

Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.

There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped many thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ...27 February to 2 March 2025 Call or text 0788 7296983 Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk www.retrouvaille.org.uk

JANUARY CHOICES

January is a time for renewal and new beginnings. We make commitments to live better, healthier, more faith-filled lives.

- 1. Choose Quiet** - Noise can distract us, drowning out the voice of the Holy Spirit. Find a quiet place to reflect each day.
- 2. Choose Prayer** - Read daily from the Lives of the Saints, pick up a rosary, or meditate on the Gospel, find a way to strengthen your relationship with Christ.
- 3. Choose Joy** - In times of difficulty, choose to share joy. Serve others, do random acts of kindness, bring hope to those around you. Go to confession more often.
- 4. Choose Sainthood** - Becoming a saint is not easy. When you choose sainthood in the little things, you begin to form healthy habits that guide you through choosing Him in the BIG decisions.
- 5. Choose Peace** - Putting your peace first, on occasion, is necessary. Setting healthy boundaries for the people that bring drama into your life can be difficult but it will provide peace, and help you protect yourself from unnecessary pain and disruption.

JUBILEE FOR ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

Pope Francis invites us to let our faith inform our service as the troubles in the world increase. If you work in the Armed Forces, the Police or in Security in general we would like to invite you to a Jubilee Mass taking place at St Joseph's Co-cathedral, Convent Street, Swansea on Saturday 8th February at 11:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev Tom Burns, Retired Bishop of Menevia and former Bishop of the Forces. If you wish to join us as a pilgrim of hope on your Jubilee day please email Fr Michael Doyle (michael.doyle@rcadc.org) by Friday 24th January.

If you are a veteran or retired police officer and would like to support those in service with your prayers, you are most welcome to join also. Please let Fr. Michael know.