

9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Fifth 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 Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF  
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

<b>Response to the Psalm:</b>  <b>In the presence of the angels I will praise you, O Lord.</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>  <b>Alleluia Alleluia!</b>  <b>Follow me says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.</b>  <b>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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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**4.30 pm St Benedict's**  
**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Vigil : Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**  
Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Nora and Bruno O'Sullivan;  
Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Private Intention

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9.30 am St Aloysius**  
**11.30 am St Mary's**

**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
John Peter Rafferty; Imelda O'Sullivan; Timothy Moran; Maurice Nelson;  
Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Mary & George Worsfold

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00 am St Mary's**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**12 Noon St Mary's**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00 am St Mary's**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00 St Mary's**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.00 am St Aloysius**

**St Scholastica**  
Sick members of the Parish  
**Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day for the Sick)**  
Requiem Mass for Josie Baldwin  
**Feria**  
Rosalind and Christeni  
**Feria**  
Patricia Howells  
**St Cyril, Monk, St Methodius, Bishop**  
Stephen Fryzer

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**4.30 pm St Benedict's**  
**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Vigil : Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**  
Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Bernard Donoghue  
Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9.30 am St Aloysius**  
**11.30 am St Mary's**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
Maurice Nelson; James Handy; Tom Walsh;  
Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Mary & Leonard Davies

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**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;

**Requiescat in pace:** Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James; Kevin McSweeney; Myfida Illari; Jean Coffey Pyke; Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh; Josie Baldwin; Irene O'Connell; Patricia Howells;

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

**St Illtyd's Lottery 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Numbers: 2 4 10 20 No Winner

**St Mary's Lottery 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Numbers 3 6 13 26 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Norma Doyle, Phillipa Jones, Karen Esposito

Next Draw 9<sup>th</sup> February £2850

Next Draw 9<sup>th</sup> February £2900

**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.

**SOUTH EAST WALES ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION – Visit to St Mary's**

Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1900 at St Mary's sees a visit from The South East Wales Organists' Association. They are coming to hear/see/play our new organ.

Chris, our organist is a long standing member of The Association and extended the invitation. Members of The Association are eagerly looking forward to the evening. Also present will be a few members of St George's Church (Anglican), Tredegar. They are looking to possibly replace their old and ailing pipe organ and are keen to see / hear our instrument.

An invitation is extended to any members of our churches who might be interested in attending. Refreshments are being provided by the kind ladies of St Mary's choir. Chris Wilkinson.

**RETIRING COLLECTION - CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS**

The Holy Father has announced the Canonisation of Carlos Acutis at relatively short notice. It will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April in Rome during the Church's Jubilee of Teenagers. Ten 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 the relatively 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 for this stunning opportunity.

A retiring collection will be held at all of our Churches from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February for two weeks. Please support this worthy cause if you are able.

**YEAR BOOKS AND NEW MISSALS**

Diocesan Year Books for 2025 and New Sunday Missals are now available if you wish to purchase them.

**Christmas Raffle Prizes**

Last call to claim the few remaining Christmas raffle prizes at St Mary's.