

5th January 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord (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:

**All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you
O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**We saw his star when it rose and have come to
Worship the Lord
Alleluia!**

Saturday 4th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil : The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Sunday 5th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

David Barnett; Kath Millard; Patty, John and Angela Linskey; Eileen Robinson;
Francy Cullimore (Wexford); Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James; Anne & William Lewis; Terry Lewis; Alice Brady
(Donegal); Richard Price Edwards; The Burke Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bess Cliff and Carl Preece;
Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins Peggy Vaughan; Hugh, Barbara and Peter Golden; Catherine and James
Linehan; Claire and Con O'Keefe; John and Anne Snell; Vera and John Strand;

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Monday 6th January

10.00 am St Mary's

Joan and Peter Williams

Tuesday 7th January

10.00 am St Mary's

St Raymond of Penyafort

Jonathan Bedford

Wednesday 8th January

10.00 noon St Mary's

People of the Parish

Thursday 9th January

10.00 St Mary's

12.00 St Mary's

FUNERAL SERVICE – MARY ANN JAMES

Friday 10th January

9.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 11th January

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil : The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan and Dinny O'Leary; Nancy Gookin;

Sunday 12th January

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Williams; Anne Lewis (Anniv); O'Donnell Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Jones; Davina and
Michael Snell; Anne & William Lewis; Terry Lewis; Alice Brady (Donegal); Richard Price Edwards;

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Gavin Fitton; Jim and Evelyn Crimmings; John Higgins; Richard (Richie)

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; Margaret Pierce; Kris
Michael Evans; Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 29th December
Numbers: 1, 14, 16, 20 No Winner
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Next Draw 5th January £2725

St Mary's Lottery 29th December
Numbers 7, 10, 15, 17 No Winner
Lucky Dip: Bryn Lewis, Catherine Best
Next Draw 5th January £2650

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!

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Winners of the raffle prizes are listed at the back of the church. Thank you to those who bought tickets and donated prizes. Over £300.00 was raised towards the Building Fund.

THANK YOU

Canon would like to thank everyone who helped with making our churches ready for Christmas and to everyone involved in the masses at each Church. Thanks to everyone for the Clergy collection and for all cards and gifts received. Also, thank you for the many get well cards received.

JUBILEE YEAR

We are all on a pilgrimage towards Heaven, towards 'sharing the glory of God', as St Paul puts it. Any pilgrimage or journey is sustained by hope: hope in the destination.

We are currently preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025, which Pope Francis has given the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. We might say that this Jubilee Year, and our preparations for it, are another pilgrimage within that great pilgrimage of our faith, one in which we seek to deepen our sense of hope in God's promises, in 'sharing the glory of God'.

As we look at the world around us, hope is something that is very much needed in these times. We need it, too, in our personal lives, in the lives of our families, and as a virtue cultivated in all of our relationships. It is important that we share the hope we gain in faith, with others, a hope borne of the knowledge of God's love and the experience of knowing Jesus Christ.

Our Year of Preparation for the Jubilee Year is to be a year of prayer, focusing, in particular, on the Lord's Prayer, in order to foster our relationship with God our Father. This will open us up to receiving the graces and blessings that He wishes to bestow on us during the Jubilee Year.

Canon Barry, Deacon David and Deacon Garth would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year.