

1st December 2024

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

St Benedict's, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF
St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

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Response to the Psalm:

To you , O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us see, O lord, your mercy And give us your saving help
Alleluia

Saturday 30th November

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 1st December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Bill Bracegirdle; Kathleen Jones;

11.30 am St Mary's

Mary and Leonard Davies; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Jean Thomas & The Brewin Family; Gallivan McDonald, Lynch and Price Families; Margaret Pierce (ill)

Monday 2nd December

10.00 am St Mary's

Vigil – First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

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Clinton Sullivan (Anniv); Bernard Mahoney; Richard Edwards RIP; Mary Ellen and

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

Mary and Leonard Davies; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Jean Thomas & The Brewin Family; Gallivan

McDonald, Lynch and Price Families; Margaret Pierce (ill)

NO MASS

Tuesday 3rd December

9.30 am St Aloysius

St Francis Xavier, Priest

School Mass

Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey; Mary and Ernest Gillespie; Uma Kilk-Rai-Hun

Wednesday 4th December

9.00 am St Mary's

St John of Damascus, Priest, Doctor

Matebian Uma Lisan; Anastasio ;

Thursday 5th December

9.00 am St Mary's

Anastacio Le Pelldino

Friday 6th December

10.00 am St Mary's

St Nicholas, Bishop

Santo Antonio;

Saturday 7th December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 8th December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Gavin Fitton; Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Kathleen Jones; Jenna Tasker; Michale Clancy;

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce (ill); Mary and Leonard Cottrell and Family; Jason Watkins (9th Anniv); Eileen Mahoney RIP;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Deacon David O'Keefe; Jimmy Llewellyn; Margaret Pierce;

Requiescat in pace: Linda Percy; Eileen Robinson; Maureen Sheehan; David Thomas; Bernard O'Donaghue; Maureen Sheehan;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 24th November

Numbers: 3, 6, 8, 11

No Winner.

Next Draw 1st December £2600

St Mary's Lottery 24th November

Numbers: 3, 4, 9, 19 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Ina Hassett

Next Draw 1st December £2400



BERNARD O' DONAGHUE – RIP

It is with sadness that I was informed of the death of Bernard Donaghue, who passed away on Sunday 24th November at 1100 am. Bernard was our oldest parishioner at 103 Years old.

.Please keep Bernard and his family in your prayers.

ADVENT 2024

The season of Advent is a time of expectation, when we prepare our home and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming”.

Advent is a season of hope, a time to nurture peace and experience joy in anticipation for the love that is made incarnate with the birth of Jesus.

Keep this purpose ever in mind as you make your plans to prepare for Christmas. Everything will make sense or become senseless in relation to this purpose.

Wake up each day with this purpose in your heart and on your mind. Purpose has a way of transforming the way we live our lives. Allow the purpose of Advent to transform you.



ADVENT CAROL CONCERT

On Thursday 5th December all our schools will be holding a Carol Concert in St Mary's Church at 6.00pm.

ST ILLTYDS 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..

MERTHYR PARISHES LUNCH

Please let me know this week (by phone, text or email) if you want to reserve a meal at our four churches get together for a Christmas two course Carvery lunch at mid day on Tuesday 10th December (Not Wed 11th as previously advertised) at Merthyr Town Football Club. Bring a friend or come on your own - there will be plenty of friends there already. Cost will be £20. Please contact John Strand on 07949623722 or strandmartyr@gmail.com to reserve your place.

ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please note that the closing date for Admission Applications for Catholic Schools in Merthyr Tydfil is **20th December 2024.**

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND THE WORLD

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine and the World, for their governments, and all who suffer because of war. Be with them as you stood beside your Son, Suffering on the Cross at Calvary. Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be peace after war AMEN

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm - St Benedicts

7.00 pm - St Illtyd's

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 am - St Mary's

11.00 am - St Aloysius

