

27th July 2025

Seventeenth 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 Mary's, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG

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

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH

Deacons: Rev. DAVID O'KEEFE 01685 375761 Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

Response to the Psalm: Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.	Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father. Alleluia.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 26 th July		Vigil – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Martin Skelly
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Terry Godfrey; Ceirion Galliers
Sunday 27 th July		Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Kenneth Scrivens; Mary & Michael Buckley; Veronica Richards; Thomas Moran
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Joan & Dinny O'Leary (Anniv); Rob Callanan; Thanks to St Michael Archangel & St Gertrude
Monday 28 th July		Feria
10.00am	St Illtyd's	Bryan Gillespie (B'day)
Tuesday 29 th July		Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
10am	St Mary's	Thanks giving on Birthday of Ravi Michael Robson
Wednesday 30 th July		St Peter Chrysologus. Bishop. Doctor.
10am	St Mary's	Leighton Thomas
Thursday 31 st July		St Ignatius of Loyola. Priest. Religious.
10am	St Mary's	Stuart & Paul Bartz
Friday 1 st August		St Alphonsus Liguori. Bishop. Doctor.
10am	St Illtyd's	Nora Scannell; Pauline O'Halloran
Saturday 2 nd August		Vigil – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Pat Lee; Leighton Thomas; Bill Hughes; Claire Price.
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Jimmy Mullan;
Sunday 3 rd August		Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Stuart & Ceri Phelps; Gavin Fitton.
11.30am	St Mary's	Royston Lamb; Louise Hopkins; Freda Harris; Bess, Cliff & Carl Preece; Clive & Jason Watkins; Paul & Stuart Bartz; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, 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; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington.

Requiescat in pace: Stephen Tomsett; Angela Evans; Patricia Jones; Robert Phelps.

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 20th July	St Mary's Lottery 20th July
Numbers: 3, 7, 15, 21 No Winner	Numbers: 13, 14, 18, 20 No Winner
Next Draw: 27 th July £4,100	Next Draw: 27 th July £

ST ILLTYD'S – 179 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

St Illtyd's marks its 179th Anniversary on 23rd July. The first Mass was celebrated there on the Feast of St Bridget of Sweden in 1846. St Illtyd's is one of the earliest Catholic Churches in Wales after the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829. We remember Fr. Carroll and all the priests who have served us at St Illtyd's.

OUR LADY OF PENRHYS

The Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys will take place on Sunday 17th August. Mass will be celebrated (weather permitting) at the foot of the statue. All are welcome. Bring your own seat!

THE 2025 NATIONAL JUBILEE WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage for England and Wales with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is an initiative of the Hearts in Search of God project. The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20 day pilgrims joining for day stages. Pilgrims can register for day stages at: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrimfor-a-day>

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER

March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and support for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Two coaches will be travelling to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, **Trefoest** contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; For information on the coach leaving St Alban's, **Cardiff** contact Clare on 07983 522 851

WALKING PILGRIMAGE – ITALY 2026

We are looking for anyone who may be interested in walking a pilgrimage in Italy next year. We will be walking the Via Francigena last section which is 110 km, on average 13+ miles a day. We are looking at September 2026. This is strictly for people who are physically fit for the elevation and distance walked daily. Please contact Kevin on kevincanav@hotmail.com

ARCHDIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team will be holding TWO DBS clinics for anyone who requires a DBS for the first time, anyone needing to renew their DBS information, those who need further information, or clarify their DBS status and for those who are unsure whether they are required to have a DBS for the role they carry out.

The clinics will be held in the Father Carroll Centre, St Illtyd's, Dowlais on TUESDAY 23rd JULY FROM 5.00 pm to 7.00pm AND SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Please be sure to bring a minimum of THREE ID documents with you. e.g. Passport, Driving licence, proof of address, Utility Bill, Bank Statement or NHS Letter Also you will need to bring your last Council tax letter. If in doubt please contact either Deacon Garth or the Safeguarding team. safeguarding@rcadc.org or telephone 02920 379480

FAREWELL TO CANON BARRY

The Parish Committee is currently organising a farewell event for Canon Barry. All parishioners will get an opportunity to thank Canon for all he has done for us. The event is likely to take place in mid-September. More details to follow.