

7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
For his love has no end..**

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus said; 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia

Saturday 6th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 7th April

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Patricia O'Connor; Maria Davies; Nancy & Timothy Moran; Jennifer Handy; Patricia Williams (Iee) (Anniv); Anthony Hughes; Julia & Tom Simcock; Michael Clancy;

11.30 am St Mary's

Andrew Jones; John Gill; Michael and Bridget Gill ; Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Clive and Jason Watkins; Louise Hopkins; Cliff, Bess and Carl Preece; Morty, Annie Cronin and Betty & Shelia Nee Cronin; Molly and Phil Evan and deceased members of Cronin Family in Ireland and Wales; Kathleen Jones & Family; Brian James; Chris O'Malley; Ceri & Grahame Vaughan; Ron Morgan;

Monday 8th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 9th April

9.30 am St Mary's

11.00am St Mary's

Wednesday 10th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Thursday 11th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Friday 12th April

10.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 13th April

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 14th April

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Maria Davies (90 B, Day RIP); Nigel Scrivens; Mary and Bertie Wade (Anniv);

Annette Rees (B, Day) Gavin Fitton; Betty Brogden (Cronin); Anne Lewis; Deceased Members of Legion of Mary;

11.30 am St Mary's Tomsett Family RIP; Jimmy and Muriel Higgins; Connie and Bill Casey (Anniv);

John, Nancy and Stephen Donovan; Michael Hurley; Peggy and Cei Powell; Doreen and Brenda Connolly; Tony Campbell

(B'Day); Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan;

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Pat O'Brien, Nicholas Santos, Beryl & David Keefe, Ed Rees, Margaret Banfield, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Thomas Fitton, Mark Esposito, Eileen Robinson, Jimmy Mullins.

Requiescat in pace:

Bernard McCormack.; John Jenkins; Michael Clancy; Andrew Jones; Teresa Prothero .Kristan Thomas; Wayne O'Neill;

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 31st March

Numbers 6, 16, 17, 19

No Winner

Next Draw :7th April £1725

St Mary's Lottery 31st March

Numbers 9, 12, 19, 20

No Winner: Lucky Dip;

Next Draw 7th April £5550

Thank You

Canon Barry would like to thank all parishioners for their gifts, cards and offerings this Easter. Also THANK YOU to all the parishioners who helped to prepare the churches for the Easter services and for all who took part in the services.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Berakhiah and Bettina Ebita-Anga who will be baptised this Sunday at St Mary's. Also, congratulations to Bailey George Richards who was baptised on Palm Sunday at St Iltyd's.

St Mary's Easter Raffle

The list of prize winners for Easter Raffle can be found at the back of the church. Thank you to all who supported and contributed prizes for the raffle which resulted in £280 towards parish funds.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Help the parish get free money from the government. Use the Gift Aid envelopes which will be available on Envelopes to be used for the current year are available to collect at the back of the church. PLEASE DISPOSE OF UNUSED ENVELOPES FROM LAST YEAR.

A Note from The Bench

The old adage, 'A Bad Workman Always Blames His Tools' often springs to mind. You may have heard some very strange noises coming from the organ in St. Mary's over the last eighteen months. Although I am not perfect, I can honestly put my hand up and say 'It was not me'. There is a big problem with the instrument and having sought the advice of more than one organ engineer, they all tell me it is beyond repair. To this end, some 12 months ago, I explored the possibility of getting grants to replace the instrument. I am happy to inform you that, last week, The Lottery Heritage Fund told me that they were giving us a grant of £12,500, towards the purchase of a new instrument. Good news indeed, but for a decent digital instrument we need to have at least £40,000 available, and, to this end, I am applying for grants from other bodies. I also hope to instigate some local fund raising in the coming months. Chris Wilkinson.

Food Bank

Your donations to the food bank are always very gratefully received. Thank you for your generosity.

Stress Club

A proud moment for the newly reformed Stress Club. In just 4 weeks they have managed to raise a fantastic £400 to contribute to HCPT group 102, our very own parish group! Through bake offs, raffles and kind donations, Stress Club leaders Catherine and Sinead would like to thank the group for all their hard work and contributions. If you or any family members would like to join the club and enjoy some fun, a quiz and some friendship please do get in touch with Catherine Pinkerton on 07970742495.

Bethany Orphanage

Please see below Easter blessings to all from the orphanage at Bethany which we have been supporting. If you would like to contribute to the orphanage, please contact Deacon Garth.

From the children and everybody at Jeel al Amal, we wish you a blessed Easter, HE is risen!

Praying for peace.

Blessings,

Najwa Sahhar/Sayegh

Jeel Al Amal (Generation of Hope)

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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