

**23rd March 2025**

**Third Sunday of Lent (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 Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

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> The Lord compassionate and gracious.	<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.	<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 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**4.30 pm** St Benedict's  
Crotty

**6.30 pm** St Aloysius

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**9.30 am** St Aloysius

100<sup>th</sup> B'Day ; Kathleen Jones; Teresa Sheehan; The O'Sullivan Family; Sybil Joseph;

**11.30 am** St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Luigi Giovanna Fulgoni;  
Guido and Elvina Fulgoni; Giovana Cavalli; Thomas Mathai (Anniv); Paul and Stuart Bartz; Adrienne and Terry  
Murphy; Mary and Leonard Davies;

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am** St Mary's

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am** St Mary's

**7.00 pm** St Aloysius

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am** St Mary's

**7.00 pm** ST Mary's

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00** St Mary's

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00 am** St Mary's

**7.00 pm** Our Lady and St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major – DEANERY MASS

**7.00 pm** St Aloysius

**Vigil :Third Sunday of Lent (C)**

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Michael and Mary Donegan; Michael

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; ; Jimmy Mullan;

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Vincent Davies (Anniv); Billy Williams; Maurice Nelson; Clinton Sullivan

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Luigi Giovanna Fulgoni;

Guido and Elvina Fulgoni; Giovana Cavalli; Thomas Mathai (Anniv); Paul and Stuart Bartz; Adrienne and Terry

Murphy; Mary and Leonard Davies;

Fr: Michael F Tomkins;

**Annunciation of the Lord**

People of the Parish

Fr; Francis Murphy;

**CONFESSION**

People of the Parish

Fr William Clancy

**Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**4.30 pm** St Benedict's

**6.30 pm** St Aloysius

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30 am** St Aloysius

Teresa Davies; Mary Ellen Foley; Kathleen Jones; Teresa Sheehan; The O'Sullivan Family; Doreen Gillespie;

**11.30 am** St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Pat

O'Brien; Brian and Kay Hodges; Margaret and Dave Jones; Ann and John Snell; John and Vera Strand;

**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; Ann Evans; Maria Evans;

Ann Watkins; Mary Wade;

**Requiescat in pace:** Kevin McSweeney; Mary Jones; Stan Jones; Patricia James; Patricia Howells; David Edward

Power; Patrick O'Brien; Sian Louise Tomos; Jim Mullins ;Adrienne Kathleen Murphy; Patricia Buckley; Patricia

Walker

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

**St Illtyd's Lottery 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Numbers: 1, 2, 7, 13 No Winner

Next draw 23<sup>rd</sup> March £3000

**St Mary's Lottery 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Numbers: 8, 14, 18 24 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Kerry O'Donovan

Next Draw 23<sup>rd</sup> March £3200

**ALL NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEES MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH.**

### **WHAT IS LENT?**

Lent is a solemn season of preparation, as we get ready for Easter (the celebration of Christ's resurrection!) It is 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving where we remember Jesus' 40 days he spent in the desert fasting and being tempted by Satan after His baptism. We use this time to grow closer to God, limiting distractions and repenting for our sins.

During Lent, we grow closer to Jesus by praying, fasting and giving. This means praying more, not eating meat on certain days as well as giving up other "comforts," and donating our money, time and talents. This is a time to remember our Baptism too, when we began our new life in Christ (many adults going through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) to become Catholic are preparing to be baptized as well!)

### **A PRAYER FOR LENT**

A very simple prayer for Lent that is typically said during the Stations of the Cross goes like this:

"We adore You O Christ  
and we bless you  
because by your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the World."

### **BIBLE FOR THE BEMUSED**

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Newbridge will be hosting a three week Bible Zoom course starting 22nd March aimed at young adults (18-35) but anyone who is interested in the course can join! For further information email [newbridge@rcadc.org](mailto:newbridge@rcadc.org)

### **HCPT GROUP 102 QUIZ NIGHT**

HCPT Group 102's famous quiz nights are back! Friday 28th March, 7:00pm and the Horse & Groom. Tickets are £10 and include a fish shop supper. This event is ticket only! For tickets, please contact Caitlin on 07855718175 by 21st March. We can't wait to see you there.

### **CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS**

If you are able to donate and support the selected pupils of our high school. Please do so via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>.

### **DEANERY MASS**

A Deanery Mass will be held at Our Lady and St Illtyd's Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major CF611TQ on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm.

### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults , (RCIA) is the rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please e mail Canon Barry on [merthyr@rcadc.org](mailto:merthyr@rcadc.org).

### **CAFOD COLLECTION**

Please see below the amounts collected for CAFOD. Thank you all for your generosity.

St Mary's £356.00 , St Aloysius £171.86, St Benedicts £359.00, St Illtyd's £445.18

**A GRAND TOTAL OF £1332.04**