THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

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St Benedict's. Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

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

St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil Cf47 8RG

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Response to the Psalm: Gospel Acclamation:

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia! Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word

And my father will love him

And we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Saturday 10th August Vigil – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

4.30 pm Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; St Benedict's

6.30 pm Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Joan & Dinny O'Leary (Anniv); Stuart Bartz **St Aloysius**

Sunday 11th August **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Michael Moran; Nora Scannell; Linda Sproles; Jen Aclan-Olivas 9.30 am St Illtyd's

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Mark Esposito; Rita Daly 11.30 am St Mary's

Monday 12th August St Jane Francis de Chantal

10.00 am St Mary's Hannah & Bernard Owen; Mary & William Hughes

Tuesday 13th August Feria

9.00 am St Mary's Good Health of George & Lilian Powell

Wednesday 14th August Maximilian Kolbe. Martyr. Priest.

10.00 am St Mary's Kathleen Donaghey RIP

St Mary's 12 Noon **HOLY HOUR**

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.00pm St Benedict's

Mark Elliott

Thursday 15th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - HOLY DAY

St Mary's Veronica Wallen; Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 10.00am

12 Noon **St Aloysius** Anne Marie Casev 7.00pm Terence & Alfred Davies St Illtyd's

Friday 16th August St Stephen of Hungary

10.00am St Mary's Linda Sproles

Funeral Service - Michael John Price 12.15 St Mary's

Saturday 17th August Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Healing Mass with Annointing of the Sick. 12 Noon St Mary's

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; 4.30 pm St Benedict's

St Aloysius Gail Singer (Anniv); David Keefe (90th Birthday) 6.30 pm

Sunday 18th August **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Daniel Francis O'Sullivan (Anniv); John, Angela & Patty Linskey; 9.30 am St Illtyd's

11.30 am St Mary's Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Vera & John Strand; David,

Doreen & Howard Morgan; John Doyle (10th Anniv); Michael & Davina Snell

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Nicholas Santos, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, Eileen Robinson, David Lewis; Bernard O'Donaghue; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Brian Bodger.

Requiescat in pace: Anne Marie Casey; Margaret Eileen Banfield; Michael John Price. Eternal rest grant unto them O May they Rest in Peace. Lord.

St Illtyd's Lottery 4th August

Numbers; 1, 7, 15, 24

No Winner

Next Draw: 11th August £ 2150

St Mary's Lottery 4th August

Numbers 4, 5, 12, 23

No Winner

Lucky Dip; Ian Lewis, Jane Shankland

Next Draw: 11th August £1600

HCPT Group 102 Fundraising Ball

HCPT Group 102 are holding a fundraising ball to raise funds for their 2025 pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday 19th October, 7pm, Pentrebach Cricket Club. Tickets are £45 each with a £10 deposit required. Includes a 3 course meal, arrival drink & entertainment. Please contact Caitlin on **group102@hcpt.org.uk** or **WhastApp on 07404 040394** to book your tickets. Get your glad rags on & help us raise funds for this amazing cause!

MASS FOR THE SICK

Please note that there will be a Mass of healing with Anointing of the Sick at Noon on Saturday 17th August. Anyone who feels they would benefit is very welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Did you know that volunteering is good for your health? It's proven that helping out others improves your mental health and is also good for your gut health. There are lots of opportunities to help your parish and improve your health too.

In September we'll have a new way to do this. Our local Council is helping us to improve the appearance of our garden by sorting the meadow and clearing the paths. We have a bench donated by Keep Wales Tidy and plan to plant some fruit trees, all we need now is you to help. Please contact Deacon Garth if you can help or if you'd like to donate a fruit tree in memory of a loved one.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Anne England of St Benedict's who was admitted to membership of 'The Gorsedd' at the Eisteddfod on Friday 9th August. This was to recognise "over 30 years of working for the promotion of the Welsh language and culture". Admission to such an august body is one of the highest honours one can receive in Wales. Well done Anne!!

PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

From 2 to 9 October 2025 we're traveling to Malta to see the places associated with the Apostle Paul. Paul was shipwrecked in Malta on his way to Rome (Acts 27.27-28.5) around 60AD. We'll visit all those places, celebrate Mass each day and generally have a splendid time!

Cost for the week including flights, half board (plus 2 lunches) trips etc is £1495 sharing. Single supplement £295. Further information and booking form from Deacon Garth

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA – WHITE FATHERS

On the weekend of 24th and 25th August we will welcome Fr Mike Heap who will celebrate Mass at all of our Churches and make an appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa.

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