

18th August 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

Website – www.merthyrcc.co.uk

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:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Saturday 17th August

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Gail Singer (Anniv); David Keefe (90th Birthday)

Sunday 18th August

9.30 am St Illtyd's

11.30 am St Mary's

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel Francis O'Sullivan (Anniv); John, Angela & Patty Linskey;

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Mark Esposito; Rita Daly

Monday 19th August

9.00 am St Mary's

St John Eudes. Priest.

Deborah Mary Messer

Tuesday 20th August

NO MASS

St Bernard. Abbot. Doctor.

Wednesday 21st August

NO MASS

St Pius X. Pope.

Thursday 22nd August

NO MASS

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 23rd August

NO MASS

St Rose of Lima

Saturday 24th August

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Vigil – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Gail Singer (Anniv); David Keefe (90th Birthday)

Sunday 25th August

9.30 am St Illtyd's

11.30 am St Mary's

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Daniel Francis O'Sullivan (Anniv); John, Angela & Patty Linskey;

Michael Hurley; Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Connie Green (Anniversary)

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;

Requiescat in pace: Anne Marie Casey; Margaret Eileen Banfield; Michael John Price, Bryan Bodger.

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

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA – APPEAL

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 11th August

Numbers: 7, 9, 12, 20

No Winner

Next Draw: 18th August £ 2200

St Mary's Lottery 11th August

Numbers: 4, 8, 15, 17

No Winner

Lucky Dip; Kevin Morgan

Next Draw: 18th August £165 0

CANON BARRY - DESERVED BREAK!

Canon Barry will be away taking a deserved break from 19th – 31st August. We are blessed to receive the service which Canon selflessly provides across all our Churches. Having Daily Mass is a privilege.

Whilst we will miss Canon we hope that he has an enjoyable time and returns to us refreshed.

FOOD BANK

Your generous donations to the Food Bank are always gratefully received. Please continue to make your contributions at the collection points at both St Illtyd's and St Mary's. Tinned fish and fruit are always welcome. As are basic toiletries.

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!

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.**

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

THE CHOSEN – Fr CARROLL CENTRE

Screening of the Chosen will begin at the Fr Carroll Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 21st August. All are welcome.

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