

30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH

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

Response to the Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.	Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 29th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Donegan; Michael Crotty;

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 30th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

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

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; Martin Mulry;

Vigil :Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Patrick and Margaret; Michael and Mary

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Eileen Jones;

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Maria Davies (Mother's Day); Patricia Williams (Lee); Margaret Gillespie;

Monday 31st March

10.00 am St Mary's

Fr William Isaac;

Tuesday 1st April

10.00 am St Mary's

Joe and Julie Sullivan

12.00 St Aloysius

FUNERAL SERVICE – MARY AND STANLEY JONES

Wednesday 2nd April

St Francis of Paola, Hermit

10.00 am St Mary's

Fr. William Morris

4.30 – 9.30 pm St Mary's

Syro-Malabar Lenten Retreat

Thursday 3rd April

10.00 St Mary's

People of the Parish

Friday 4th April

St Isidore, Bishop, Doctor

10.00 am St Mary's

Fr Paul Chidgey;

7.00 pm St Aloysius

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th April

Vigil :Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Ronald and Terry Clifford;

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Tim and Ada Buckley;

Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

9.30 am St Aloysius

Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Patricia O'Conner; Nancy and Timothy Moran; Patricia Williams (Lee 4th Anniv); Tom and Julia Simcock; Pat, Kathleen and Rita Daley; Julian Aruldoss; Morris and Rees families; Patrick Pudotal; Christine & John Thomas (Diamond Wedding Anniv)

11.30 am St Mary's

Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Bernad McCormack; Paul and Stuart Bartz; Louise Hopkins; Bess, Cliff and Carl Preece; Clive and Jason Watkins; Ceri and Grahame Vaughan;

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; Marlene Chambers.

Requiescat in pace: Mary Patricia Butler; Ann Morgan;; Martin Mulry; Kevin McSweeney; Mary Jones; Stan Jones; Jim Mullins ;Adrienne Kathleen Murphy; Patricia Buckley; Patricia Walker; Morgan Chambers

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

St Illtyd's Lottery 23rd March
Numbers: 2, 4, 7, 10 No Winner

Next draw 30th March £3025

St Mary's Lottery 23rd March
Numbers: 1, 5, 22, 24 No Winner
Lucky Dip: Anthony O Sullivan
Next Draw 30th March £3250

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "*homecoming*" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the joy of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, in his self-righteous elder brother's angry reaction to the prodigal's return, Jesus invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of repentant, sinful people, who are now ready to receive God's forgiveness, to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God and so to love and forgive each other making, generous and lasting peace.

CONFESSION

On Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm in S Mary's, Father Robert James and Father John Kelly and myself will hear confessions.

ST MARY'S GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the new year, starting next week 6 April, are available at the back of church. Please discard any envelopes left over from the past year. If you would like to contribute using envelopes enabling the parish to claim tax back from the government please text or ring John Strand on 079496 23722.

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>.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christine and John Thomas who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

EASTER MASS TIMES

THURSDAY 17th APRIL - MAUNDY THURSDAY

ST BENEDICT'S 7.00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY 18th APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

ST MARY'S 3.00 PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

ST ILLTYD'S 7.00 PM - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 19th APRIL - EASTER VIGIL

ST ALOYSIUS 8.00 PM - EASTER SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY 20th APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY

ST ILLTYD'S 9.00 AM

ST MARY'S 11.00 AM