

16th March 2025

Second 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

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.	Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Wisdom of God the father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard; 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Wisdom of God, the father.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
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Saturday 15th March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

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6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 16th March

9.30 am St Aloysius

Julia Simcock (Anniv); Kathleen Jones; Teresa Sheehan; The O'Sullivan Family;

11.30 am St Mary's

Luigi Giovanna Fulgoni; Guido and Elvina Fulgoni; Giovana Cavalli; Thomas Mathai (Anniv); Paul and Stuard Bartz;

Andrew Jones (Anniv);

Monday 17th March

10.00 am St Mary's

12.45 pm St Mary's

Tuesday 18th March

9.00 am St Mary's

11.00 am St Mary's

Wednesday 19th March

9.00 am St Aloysius

Thursday 20th March

10.00 St Mary's

5.00 pm St Mary's

Friday 21st March

10.00 am St Mary's

7.00 pm St Mary's

Saturday 22nd March

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 23rd March

9.30 am St Aloysius

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

11.30 am St Mary's

Guido and Elvina Fulgoni; Giovana Cavalli; Thomas Mathai (Anniv); Paul and Stuard Bartz; Adrianne and Terry Murphy; Mary and Leonard Davies;

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 9th March

Numbers: 7, 15, 19, 23 No Winner

Next Draw 16th March £2975

St Mary's Lottery 9th March

Numbers: 1 6 16 24 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Anthony O'Sullivan, Chris Jones

Karen Esposito; Malcolm O'Donovan

Next Draw 16th March £3150

CAFOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 15TH AND 16TH MARCH**NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Please consider making Nominations for the Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees. Any nominee will need to agree to be put forward and will need a proposer and a seconder.

The Parish Finance Committee has been working well in supporting Canon since the summer of 2023. All current members of the Finance Committee have declared availability to continue.

However, the Pastoral Committee needs to be revitalised. It is this Committee which assists in enriching our Parish life and would benefit from committed individuals coming forward. Please give this important matter proper consideration. Nomination forms and posting boxes will be available at the back of all our Churches.

NOMINATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**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.

WALK WITH ME

Walk with Me booklets are now available for £1 at all our Churches. They are an excellent daily companion during the Lenten season. Introduce them in your families.

ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER- IRISH STEW, MUSIC, BAR AND A GOOD CRAIC

We will be holding a fundraiser on Friday 14th March at 7.00 pm at the Father Carroll Centre. Tickets are £10.00 and will include Irish Stew and freshly baked bread (Vegetarian option available). Please contact Jane Shankland on 07899953898 for tickets. All proceeds in aid of the Restoration funds at St Mary's and St Illtyd's Churches.

HOLY CROSS ABBEY – COME AND SEE WEEKENDS

We are pleased that altogether 3 women joined our "Come and see Weekends" in 2024. Your prayers are much appreciated. During this Jubilee Year we will be hosting 2 "Come and See weekends" They will be held on Friday 30th May – Monday 2nd June and Friday 8th August to Monday 11th August. Single Catholic women aged 25-45 are welcome.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS -DOWLAIS MALE CHOIR

An evening of Welsh entertainment with Dowlais Male Choir will take place at Blessed Carlo Acutis school on Wednesday 19th March at 6.30 pm. The cost is £5.00 per person with refreshments included. Proceeds will go towards the Rome pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis. If you are able to donate and support this worthy cause, please do so via this link <https://gofund.me/326ead41>.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill O'Keefe who celebrates his 97th birthday on 22nd March.

THANK YOU

Lilian O'Connell (Ty Cwm), would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents and best wishes on her recent birthday. (100th)

ST MARY'S ORGAN PIPES

The organ pipes had to be removed whilst work was carried out at St Mary's. However, due to the determination of our organist Dr Chris Wilkinson and the grant he obtained, the full cost to reinstate the pipes was obtained. We thank Dr Chris Wilkinson for his work and for overseeing this project.

ST BENEDICT'S

A new instrument, a piano has been installed at St Benedict's to replace the old organ, It is scheduled to be tuned on 24th March.

DEANERY MASS

A Deanery Mass will be held at Our Lady and St Illtyd's Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major CF61 1TQ, on Friday 28th March at 7.00 pm.