



22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

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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:**

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Response to the Psalm:

Bring us back to God;

Let your face shine forth and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord;

Let it be to me according to your word.

Alleluia

Saturday 21st December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

Richard Hill (Anniv);

6.30 pm St Aloysius

remember them;

Sunday 22nd December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Thomas; Betty and Elphege Hurley; Jean, Jerry and Alison Minahan; Betty and Gus Cronin and Sons; Kathleen Jones and Sullivan Family; Mary and Tommy Murphy; Jack, Dolores, John and Christopher Kennedy; Andrew Bailey;

11.30 am St Mary's

Cummings; Jason Watkins (B'Day);

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Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Richard Hill (Anniv); Bernard Donaghue;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Donald and Jacqueline Lamb; All who have no one to

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Margaret Gillespie; Catherine Coakley; Maria and Vincent Davies; Muriel and Vic Thomas; Betty and Elphege Hurley; Jean, Jerry and Alison Minahan; Betty and Gus Cronin and Sons; Kathleen Jones and Sullivan Family; Mary and Tommy Murphy; Jack, Dolores, John and Christopher Kennedy; Andrew Bailey;

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Thomas and Jane Ann

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The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the peace that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season, as we eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.



Monday 23rd December

10.00 am St Mary's

St John of Kanty, Priest

Nora Scannell; Jeanette Herbert;

Tuesday 24th December

5.00 pm St Benedicts

Pollard; Ada and Mike Lewis; Bernard and Elsie O'Brien; Stephen Fryzer; Nora Hill (B'Day);

7.00 pm St Illtyd's

CHRISTMAS EVE

Michael Crotty (B'Day) ; Carmel English; Tony Campbell; Lewis Campbell Pollard; Ada and Mike Lewis; Bernard and Elsie O'Brien; Stephen Fryzer; Nora Hill (B'Day);

Patricia Williams (Lee); Teresa Davies (b'Day); Carol Payne; Nora Scannell;

Wednesday 25th December

9.30 am St Mary's

Powell; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Peggy and Cie Powell; Doreen and Tim O'Donovan; Patricia and Daniel Horrigan; David Delaney; Evan Kinsey; Nancy and Louis Connally; ;Special Intention Breda and Karl; Pat and Patrick O'Brien; Ann Saunders;

11.00 am St Aloysius

CHRISTMAS DAY

Jen Aclan-Olivas; English Family; Doreen and Brendan Connely; Reggie Albert Powell; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Peggy and Cie Powell; Doreen and Tim O'Donovan; Patricia and Daniel Horrigan; David Delaney; Evan Kinsey; Nancy and Louis Connally; ;Special Intention Breda and Karl; Pat and Patrick O'Brien; Ann Saunders;

Bernard Mahoney; Joan and Dinny O'Leary;

Today (Christmas Day) , the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Nativity the Lord, the Birth of Jesus Christ, and the First Day in the Octave of Christmas.** Throughout Advent the Church longed ardently for the coming of our Savior. Today she celebrates His birth with unrestrained joy. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."



CANON WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Thursday 26th December

12.00 St Mary's

Pollard;

Friday 27th December

Saturday 28th December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 29th December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Price; Teresa Collins; Ian Murphy; Faye Wallen; Bryan and Margaret Gillespie; Stephen Donovan;

11.30 am St Mary's

Families; Louise Hopkins; David Craze;

St Stephen , First Martyr

Bryan and Margaret Gillespie (Wed. Anniv); Tony Campbell; Lewis Campbell

St John, Apostle

Hannah, Bernard, Alun and Teresa Owens;

Vigil –Holy Family(Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Bryan James (Anniv);

Holy Family (Year C)

Moran, Walsh and Scrivens Families; Louise Hopkins; Connie Green; Claire

Price; Teresa Collins; Ian Murphy; Faye Wallen; Bryan and Margaret Gillespie; Stephen Donovan;

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Davies, Thomas and Morgan

Families;

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;

Requiescat in pace: Eileen Robinson; Maureen Sheehan; David Thomas ;Bernard Donaghue; Maureen Sheehan; Margaret Pierce; Kris Michael Evans; **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

St Illtyd's Lottery 15th December

Numbers: 4, 16, 20,22

No Winner.

Next Draw 22nd December £2675

LOTTERY ST MARY'S : On Sunday 22nd December there will be a special prize of £50.00 for one entry to be selected at random. If you don't already have a standing order, please put your entries in the box at the back of the church

RECYCLING BATTERIES

Don't forget to recycle your batteries in our collection boxes at each of our churches, you're bound to have loads after Christmas!

CLERGY CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Envelopes for the Clergy Christmas Offering which will be taken on Christmas Day, are available at the back of the church. If you are a taxpayer please complete the front of the envelope to enable the parish to claim a government refund under the Gift Aid scheme.

ST MARY'S AND ST ILLTYD'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Raffle sheets are available at the back of each church for the St Mary's Christmas raffle, and the St Illtyd's Christmas raffle. St Mary's raffle will be drawn on Sunday 22nd December. Thanks to all who donated prizes.