

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL**

*Worshipping together*

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St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT St Mary's Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG **Parish**

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**Response to the Psalm:**

**Your words, O Lord are spirit and Life.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;**

**To proclaim liberty to the captives.**

**Alleluia!**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

Eileen Morris; Ron, Mayo and Stephen

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

Francis Moran; Michael Moran; Eileen

**11.30 am St Mary's**

Vaughan; Jean Coffey Pyke ;Mr and Mrs Gosling; Marian Lee (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv);

**Vigil : Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; John and Jane Harrington; James and

Fealey; Mary and Ernest Galleozzie;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Eileen and Vera Veale; Maurice Nelson; Jon Price (Anniv); Canon

Harman (Anniv); Carol Payne; Kate O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Ceri and Grahame

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**12.00 St Aloysius**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 St Mary's**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**10.00 am St Mary's**

**2.00pm St Aloysius**

**St Angela Merici**

**NO MASS**

**St Thomas Aquinas, Priest**

**NO MASS**

**NO MASS**

**FUNERAL SERVICE – MAURICE NELSON**

**NO MASS**

**St John Bosco, Priest**

**People of the Parish**

**FUNERAL SERVICE – TOM WALSH**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**4.30 pm St Benedict's**

**6.30 pm St Aloysius**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**9.30 am St Illtyd's**

RIP) 90<sup>th</sup> B'Day;

**11.30 am St Mary's**

Preece; Louise Hopkins; Jason and Clive Watlins

**Vigil : Presentation of the Lord (C)**

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

**Presentation of the Lord (Year C)**

Gavin Fitton; Cormack O'Sullivan; Maurice Nelson; Patricia Williams (Lee

Bernard McCormack; Michael Hurley; Ron Morgan; Bess, Cliff and Carl

**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; Mary and Stan Jones; Josie Baldwin;

**Requiescat in pace:** Maurice Nelson; Mary Ann James; Kevin McSweeney; Myfidad Illari; Jean Coffey Pyke; Paulette Bridges; Tom Walsh;

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND OF 25/26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY FOR**  
**SPUC**

**St Illtyd's Lottery 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Numbers: 1, 5, 21, 22 No Winner

Next Draw 26<sup>th</sup> January £2800

**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!

**HEALING IN MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. We help couples whose relationships '*need a little help*' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. A survey of past couples who experienced the programme - 75% of couples were still together five years later - gave feedback that it restored trust and healing to their marriage where other strategies had failed.

We offer a programme where couples learn tools to restore trust in their marriage - *to rediscover love or relationship*. Pope Francis recently wrote in his book: 'Hope Is A Light In The Night' : *Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.*

There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped many thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom on ...27 February to 2 March 2025 Call or text 0788

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**JUBILEE FOR ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL**

Pope Francis invites us to let our faith inform our service as the troubles in the world increase. If you work in the Armed Forces, the Police or in Security in general we would like to invite you to a Jubilee Mass taking place at St Joseph's Co-cathedral, Convent Street, Swansea on Saturday 8th February at 11:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev Tom Burns, Retired Bishop of Menevia and former Bishop of the Forces. If you wish to join us as a pilgrim of hope on your Jubilee day please email Fr Michael Doyle ([michael.doyle@rcadc.org](mailto:michael.doyle@rcadc.org)) by Friday 24th January.

If you are a veteran or retired police officer and would like to support those in service with your prayers, you are most welcome to join also. Please let Fr. Michael know.

**St Mary's Lottery 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Numbers 2, 3, 12 14 No Winner

Lucky Dip:

Next Draw 26<sup>th</sup> January £2800