



8th December 2024

Second 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:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!

Indeed, we were glad

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight

all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

Saturday 7th December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 8th December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Anniv);Gavin Fitton; Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Kathleen Jones; Jenna Tasker; Michale Clancy; Eileen Robinson; Sheila Baxter; Keith Baxter

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce ; Mary and Leonard Cottoral and Family; Jason Watkins (9th Anniv); Eileen Mahoney RIP;Ada Lewis (B'Day); Ada Lewis (B'Day)

Monday 9th December

10.00 am St Mary's

Tuesday 10th December

9.00 am St Mary's

12.00 St Aloysius

Wednesday 11th December

10.00 am St Mary's

12.00 St Mary's

Thursday 12th December

9.00 am St Mary's

7.00pm St Mary's

Friday 13th December

10.00 am St Mary's

Saturday 14th December

4.30 pm St Benedict's

6.30 pm St Aloysius

Sunday 15th December

9.30 am St Illtyd's

Richards; Philip Morgan; John Higgins; Richard (Richie) Williams; Kathleen Jones;Jemima and Jeremia Donovan;

11.30 am St Mary's

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce ; Royston Lamb; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Roy Price:

Vigil – Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Bernard Donaghue;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Cornelius O'Regan (Anniv);

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Donegan and Lewis Families; Richard Edwards;Finola O'Sullivan (Cork –

Anniv);Gavin Fitton; Betty and Tom Summers; Irene Budding; Kathleen Jones; Jenna Tasker; Michale Clancy; Eileen Robinson; Sheila Baxter; Keith Baxter

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce ; Mary and Leonard Cottoral and Family; Jason Watkins (9th Anniv); Eileen Mahoney RIP;Ada Lewis (B'Day); Ada Lewis (B'Day)

Immaculate Conception

Matebian Hogi Limalisan ; Mayo, Ron and Stephen Fealey;

Our Lady of Loreto

June and Bernard O'Sullivan (Anniv)

FUNERAL SERVICE – DAVID THOMAS

St Damascus 1, Pope

People of the Parish

FUNERAL SERVICE – MAUREEN SHEEHAN

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Resieo Ho Seu-Mali;

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession (7.00 – 8.00)

St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Gwylfa Thomas (Anniv)

Vigil – Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee;

Bernard and Mary Corcoran;

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Margaret Gillespie (Anniv); Kitty and Charles Pritchard;Thomas Moran Jnr; Flora

Richards; Philip Morgan; John Higgins; Richard (Richie) Williams; Kathleen Jones;Jemima and Jeremia Donovan;

Bernard McCormack; Ron Morgan; Michael Hurley; Margaret Pierce ; Royston

Lamb; Connie Green; Louise Hopkins; Roy Price:

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Oliver McAleer, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Bernard Donoghue; 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 O'Donaghue; Maureen Sheehan; Margaret Pierce; **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.**

St Illtyd's Lottery 1st December

Numbers: 3, 4, 5, 10

No Winner.

Next Draw 8th December £2625

St Mary's Lottery 1st December

Numbers: 4, 6, 19, 23 No Winner

Lucky Dip: Anthony O'Sullivan, Rhydian Evans

Next Draw 8th December £2450

Second Sunday of Advent - 2024

As the journey of Advent continues, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.



YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT

We are thrilled to announce a special Advent Retreat for young people aged 12–18 across the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia organised by our new Youth Council!

The retreat will be held at St David's College, Ty-Gwyn Road, Cardiff, CF23 5QD on Saturday 14th December 10.00 am – 6.00 pm. Secondary school students (12–18, including sixth form; 19-year-olds still in secondary education are welcome to inquire). Cost: £10 (includes lunch and transport) – pay by cash or card on the day.

Programme Highlights: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole, followed by an engaging Q&A session.

- - Prayer, Adoration, and opportunities to meet new friends Fun activities, music, and food,

Sign up via this <https://forms.gle/a5cks4e3Jm8R7SRj6>

ST ILLTYD'S SCHOOL CONCERT

St Illtyd's school will be holding their school concert, in school on Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 11th December at 5.00pm.

MERTHYR PARISHES LUNCHES

Please let me know this week (by phone, text or email) if you want to reserve a meal at our four churches get together for a Christmas two course Carvery lunch at mid day on Tuesday 10th Cost will be £20. Please contact John Strand on 07949623722 or strandmartyr@gmail.com to reserve your place.

ST ILLTYDS CAMPUS CAROL CONCERT

St Illtyd's Campus Carols in the Community will be held in the School Hall on Monday 16 December from 1.30. All welcome, come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with the children followed by Tea, mince pies and cake.

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. Donations of prizes are welcome at both churches..

BERNARD DONOGHUE

Bernard Donaghue will be received into St Mary's Church on Wednesday 18th December at 5.00pm. A Requiem Mass will take place at 10.00 am on Thursday 19th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 5.00pm - St Benedicts

7.00 pm - St Illtyd's

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30 am - St Mary's

11.00 am - St Aloysius

