

Other News and Events

Mystagogia Talks

Following the success of the Lenten Talks, the Cornerstone Planning Group has arranged 3 Mystagogia talks on 3 separate Wednesday evenings after Easter from 7.30pm to 9pm, with tea and coffee served from 7pm. They will be held at the Cornerstone, Charles St, on **Wednesday 1st May, 15th May and 5th June**. Subjects will include spirituality, pastoral contribution to the life and ministry of the parish, fulfilling your baptismal promises and looking towards Pentecost. Whilst these talks were originally planned for RCIA candidates who will have been received into full communion with the Church at Easter, they will be interesting for all parishioners to hear. Everyone is welcome. For more information please email: madeleine.walters@rcadc.org

The Archdiocese of Cardiff Family Life Commission are organising a training day for all those interested in either starting a Bereavement Support Group in their parish or those who have joined a group over the last year. The course will be one day and will be held at the Pastoral Resource Centre on Saturday 6th July. The cost of the course will be £25 and this will include all materials and lunch. There will also be a day for existing groups on 8th June. This will give people the opportunity to share their ideas, worries and resources. There will be an input from Papyrus, a charity working to raise the awareness of young suicide and support available. <https://papyrus-uk.org/> We would urge anyone joining us on the 6th July training day also to join us on 8th June when information on setting up new groups will be given.

Mariapolis in Wales
Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys 24-26 May 2019
 A Mariapolis is a gathering organised by the Focolare Movement. People of all ages, backgrounds and cultures come together to put into practice the universal values of the Christian Gospel. How can we put the words of Jesus into practice? How can we both respect diversity and live unity when we come from different cultures and beliefs? Daily registration fee £10 adults £5 children. For more details visit www.focolare.org/gb
 Email 2019.unity@gmail.com or call 01568 611708 / 07769 819565.

City Voices Cardiff Concert
 In aid of HCPT Group 73
 St Joseph's Church, New Zealand Rd, Cardiff
Friday 10th May at 7.30pm
 Tickets £5 (children £3)
 Available online at: buytickets.at/hcptgroup73
 or on the door.

20s/30s Catholic Drinks
Sunday 28th April
 On the last Sunday of each month, starting at 7.30pm. Venue: Duke of Wellington, The Hayes, Cardiff City Centre. Catholic Young Adults from across Cardiff are invited to meet friends new and old who share our faith and to relax before Monday morning - all are welcome!

 **All parishioners, newcomers and visitors are very welcome to visit St Mary's Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee after 10am Mass today.**

Dates for your Diary

12th May	St Mary's PAC meeting	7pm	St Mary's Priory
19th May	First Holy Communion	2pm	St Mary's Church
1st June	Confirmation	6pm	Holy Family Church
8th June	First Holy Communion	10.30am	Holy Family Church

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

28th April - 5th May 2019 2nd Sunday of Easter - Cycle C

2nd Sunday of Easter
 Mass pages

Collect	730	Prayer over the Gifts	738
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It's perfectly understandable: Thomas is having trouble believing that Jesus has returned to be with his friends again. The disciples, who witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture, death and burial, are now talking about having seen Jesus in the flesh again. It sounds impossible. Thomas was not there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, so of course he is doubtful.

Thomas' moment of doubt earned him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas'; this a little unfair. Thomas' wobble of faith does not necessarily cast him in a negative light; it makes him easier to relate to. He is grieving after the death of his master and friend. He is not ready to hear the words of comfort and consolation offered by the others, when they tell him 'We have seen the Lord'. His pain is too deep. He can't believe it, or won't believe it, until he experiences it for himself. And when he does encounter Jesus, his declaration of faith is swift. 'My Lord and my God!' We can almost hear the relief and joy in this exclamation.

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. It can be hard to hang on to our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

Sri Lanka

Following Easter Sunday's suicide bombs in Sri Lanka, the 12 noon Mass will be offered for the dead and those who were injured. We will also pray for the Sri Lanka people that they will be comforted and supported during this difficult time

Holy Family Masses

2nd Sunday of Easter
6pm Vigil Mass Hugh McKeown
 11.00 Catherine Bearwish
Thursday
 9.30 Joan Corcoran
3rd Sunday of Easter
6pm Vigil Mass Bridget Lucey
 11.00
Confessions available before each Sunday Mass.

St. Mary's Masses

2nd Sunday of Easter
 10.00 Stan & Frances Trigg
 12.00 Iain Morrison
Sri Lanka people
 6.00 Thomas family
Monday (*St Catherine of Siena*)
 9.30 Sean Maher
Tuesday (*St Pius V, Pope*)
 9.30 Mary Taylor
 12.15 Delaine, Jackie Maxwell
Wednesday
 9.30 Vittorina Bord
 12.15 Theresa Connolly
Thursday (*St Athanasius, Bishop*)
 9.30 Celine Mulrooney
Friday (*Sts Philip & James, Apostles*)
 9.30 Jones family
 12.15 Antonino Mavilia & family
Saturday
10.00 Maria Gomes
3rd Sunday of Easter
 10.00 Catherine Watkins
 12.00 Eileen Maher
 6.00 T P O'Connor
Confessions: Saturday **9.30 - 10am**
11.30 - 12noon

