

Applications for schools outside the Catholic sector

If you are applying for a foundation place for your child in a school outside the Catholic sector, please fill in a form (available at the back of church) to enable Canon Collins to complete a reference of support, and return to the Priory as soon as possible.

FAITH AND PRAYER IN ACTION: NIGHTSHELTER PROGRAMME AT ST MARY'S

There are many global needs relating to poverty and homelessness where we can help through solidarity and financial support. But we mustn't forget the acute needs in our own community where we can help with a 'hands on' contribution. **We need volunteers and donations of appropriate clothing** (sensible warm clothing, new underwear, warm socks, belts, toiletries and duvets) for the Cardiff Nightshelter Programme which provides food and overnight accommodation for the homeless over the winter months and is based at several church centres throughout the city. Our own contribution to this will be each Wednesday evening/overnight from December through to the end of March. For further information and donations of clothing etc, please contact Deacon Maurice (07747038274) and/or leave at the presbytery. Many thanks!

Potential Pilgrimage to Spain in 2020

As many of you will know, I have a close association with Spain, having lived and studied there for 14 years. If there is interest, I would look forward to organising a Parish Pilgrimage to some significant sites in Old Castile such as Avila, Salamanca and Segovia. The trip would undoubtedly include a visit to my alma mater, the Royal English College at Valladolid, with its own rich history. The pilgrimage could possibly take place in the October half term of 2020. If you are interested in joining such a pilgrimage, please indicate your interest to myself without any binding commitment at this stage. I am happy to say that a number of parishioners have already indicated their interest.

For your information...

We are still off-line and unable to receive or send emails, send the newsletter out or update the website. In addition, Mass is not available via the webcam. We should be connected to the internet again by next weekend.

Painting the Priory Work will commence this week on some minor repairs within the Priory and the painting of all the rooms. This refreshment is much needed and will take some time to complete.

Rugby World Cup

As Pat writes these words, we are commiserating with each other, having just witnessed the victory of New Zealand in the third place play-off. Well done to Wales on battling their way through the tournament (sometimes by the skin of their teeth). As we write the newsletter, we are looking forward to the final between England and South Africa and as you read the newsletter you will already know the outcome. I am not one of those Welshmen who support whichever team is playing against England! Having said that, I am presuming that England will win, given their current form, but having won, I do hope they don't get too cocky! Congratulations to both the winners and the losers. Well played and well done to Japan in the hosting of the tournament.

News of Fr Nicholas Williams

As I indicated last week, Fr Nicholas will this week be attending the National Meeting for Vocations Directors which is being hosted at the Royal English College, Valladolid, Spain. Please keep him in your prayers as he settles into his new responsibilities, and please remember to pray for vocations in our diocese. When Fr Nick is away, there will be only one Mass celebrated each day at 9.30am.

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Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Zacchaeus showed himself open to the call of Jesus, to the surprise of his contemporaries who thought there was no good in tax collectors. Sometimes the people who give us lessons in goodness may be people we previously disregarded. Recall when this happened for you.

It was the eagerness of Zacchaeus to see what kind of a man Jesus was that opened him up to conversion. When you consider moments of change in your life, what were the interests or desires that prepared you for change?

The decision of Jesus to eat in the house of Zacchaeus broke the social norms of his day and scandalised those who saw him. When have you found table fellowship a useful way of breaking down artificial boundaries between people? When has a kind word had this effect?

Zacchaeus had become rich off the backs of the people and they thoroughly disliked him. Yet he was the one singled out by Jesus and he responded to Jesus' call. Perhaps you have also seen people who hurt you and caused you pain change their ways. How have you reacted to such a change? What has helped you to see the grace of God at work, and give thanks?

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Archdiocesan Fund for Sick and Retired Clergy. Please read the item on the inside of the newsletter.



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.

Holy Family Masses

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

6pm Vigil Mass Phyllis de Alwis (10th anniv)
11.00 Lena Griffiths

Thursday

9.30 Veronica Matthew

Saturday

11am Mass of Remembrance

Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

6pm Vigil Mass For the Fallen
11.00 Terry Donovan

Confessions available before each Sunday Mass.

St Mary's Masses

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

10.00 Mario Azzopardi
12.00 People of the Parish
6.00 Maria & David Lewis

Monday (*St Charles Borromeo, Bishop*)

9.30 O'Sullivan & Jermyn families

Tuesday (*Feria*)

9.30 Antonino & Joseph D'Alpa

Wednesday (*St Illtud, Abbot*)

9.30 Thanksgiving (J&J)

Thursday (*Feria*)

No Mass

Friday (*All Saints of Wales*)

9.30 Michael Maher

Saturday (*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*)

12.15 Charles O'Connor

Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

(*Remembrance Sunday*)

10.00 Joey, Lenny & Jimmy Morgan
12.00 Carlo Toscano & Gorden Baker
6.00 Peter Murray

Confessions: Saturday 9.30 - 10am
11.30 - 12noon

News & activities Holy Family Parish



Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Saturday 9th November at 11am, to recall family and friends who have sadly died over the past year. All are welcome. There will be tea and coffee afterwards (all help welcomed). Please bring biscuits or cake if you would like to.

There is a basket at the back of the church for you to put the names of loved ones you would like remembered during the month of November.

SVP Appeal There will be a collection of good quality clothing and bric à brac to stock the local SVP shops **next weekend 9th/10th Nov.**

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available from this weekend and you can sign up to donate one of the listed prizes. No additional prizes will be required. The draw will be made at the **Carol Service** which is at 4pm on **Sunday 15th December.**

Churches Together There will be a Prayer Breakfast at St Peter's Hall on St Fagans Rd on Saturday 9th November at 9am. All are welcome.

Church cleaning Group A w/b 7th November.

Holy Family Scouts



Scout Post Stamps are on sale at the back of church at the fantastic price of 30p each.

Last posting date Monday 2nd December (cards can be posted at the back of the church up to Sunday 1st December)

The God Who Speaks

The Year of the Word in the Catholic Church in England and Wales 2020

The formal launch of the Year of the Word will come on the First Sunday of Advent when we commence Cycle A, which focuses on St Matthew's Gospel. As previously indicated, there will be four blocks of presentations between now and next May, each block consisting of four sessions. The first block will commence on Thursday 21st November; this session will examine the place of Scriptures within the History of Salvation and the Life of the Church. The second session on Thursday 28th November will describe the structures and themes of the four Gospels. The third session on 5th December will examine Matthew's Gospel in further detail. The fourth session on Thursday 12th December will be a reflection upon the readings that prepare us for Christmas. All of these sessions will be aimed at enabling all parishioners to approach the Scriptures with greater confidence and understanding, encouraging a greater integration of the Scriptures into the pattern of our personal prayer. Although I hope that these sessions will be stimulating and informative, I assure you they will not be a dry academic exercise. I am very grateful to the members of the Forward in Faith group, who will assist me in the preparation and delivery of this initiative. The venue for the first block of sessions will be the community room at St Mary's hall. Each session is on a Thursday and will commence at 7.30pm and conclude at 8.45pm.



Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: David Rogers, Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Joan Lewis, Collette Griffin, Edward Brown, Bernard Perry, Vivian Miller, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Gary Sutton, Mary Bodman, Brian Webster, Martin, Chris Collins, Hanna Marengi, May Dalet.

St. Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Madison Lane, Jean Allen, Jean Hayman, Heugette Skinner, John & Marian Lamb, Will Johnson, Ivan Sadka, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Margaret Griffiths, Teresa Francis, Tom Hopkins, Anthony Jackson and Joanne Coakley.

Parish Councils and Finance Committees

Forthcoming meetings: St Mary's Finance Committee on Wednesday 6th November at 3pm in the Priory; St Mary's Parish Advisory Council on Sunday 10th November at 7pm; combined meeting for the Holy Family Finance Committee and the former Parish Advisory Council on Tuesday 12th November at 6.30pm in the church hall. I am very grateful to the membership of both Parish Councils and Finance Committees for their past service and for the willingness of some members to continue in post during this period of ongoing transition. Their assistance will provide me with invaluable support in my administrative responsibilities.

Sunday Collections

Many thanks for your generosity

	St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid:	£151.78	£187.00
Loose:	£745.22	£304.38

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion



There will be preliminary meetings for parents/guardians with children who are candidates for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion on the following dates:

Monday 11th November in **Holy Family Church** at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 13th November in **St Mary's Church** at 6.30pm.

Please note that the meetings will be convened in the two churches, not the halls.

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

Our annual collection in support of the Archdiocesan Fund for Sick and Retired Clergy will be taken at the Sunday Masses on 3rd November. An information pamphlet together with a Gift Aid envelope will be available this weekend in anticipation. You will note that the two priests highlighted in the literature have close connections with our parishes, Fr Ambrose Walsh and Fr Raymond O'Shea. Our retired priests, including of course Msgr John Maguire, devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people, and remain priests for life. Many continue in ministry leading active lives - celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all. They've been there for us, living their vocation and bearing witness to our Catholic Faith. The least we can do is say 'thank you' by supporting the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. Over the next ten years, just under half of our current listing of diocesan priests will reach retirement age, which means that the cost of care will rise dramatically. I ask you to be as generous as possible in supporting this diocesan responsibility.

November, the month of Remembrance

The month of November is when we particularly pray for all the Faithful Departed, remembering our own loved ones together with the Holy Souls who have no one consciously praying for them. Remembrance Sunday on 9th November will be a time to remember the Fallen, and there will be a solemn commemoration at the beginning of each Mass on that day.

Foodbank Collections

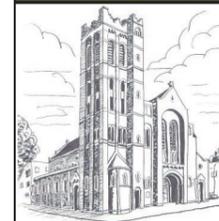
Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - Sunday 17th November

Holy Family - **this weekend 2nd/3rd November**

The Piety Stall is open after 10am Mass every Sunday. We are beginning to stock Christmas Cards and other related items. Let us know if you require something which we don't currently stock and we'll do our best to help

News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



Red Mission (APF) boxes
Please bring your boxes into the Sacristy for emptying and counting. Many thanks.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Updated

Rota available in the Sacristy.

Christmas Bazaar

We are now able to receive donations for the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November. We are looking for quality goods of all types including bric-à-brac, books, toys, toiletries and gift sets. No electrical goods, clothing or jigsaws (to avoid trauma). Please ensure all items are **in good condition**. We are also seeking items for the bottle stall including wine and spirits. Tins are needed for the school stall (please be careful of sell by dates). There will be a massive soft toy collection donated by Fr Peter's sister. Various activities will be organised as usual eg Santa's Grotto, Play Your Cards Right, plastic skittles. Finally, cakes can be brought for sale on the day. Teas, coffees and fun for all the family. Please contact Patricia McCormack, Sheila Williams or Clare Groves for tickets or donations. Entrance 50p.

St Mary's Grand Prize Draw

Tickets £1 per book

On sale at Sunday Masses until 24th November

The Draw will take place during the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November. 1st prize £200, 2nd prize a luxury Christmas Hamper plus 10 other prizes. Please take tickets home and sell them to your families, colleagues, friends and neighbours. Contact any member of the Finance Committee to donate a prize (including the hamper). Many thanks.



Request for volunteers St Mary's sacristy

I have cleared and reorganized all the cupboards and drawers in both sacristies at St Mary's. Before I can integrate the vestments and other materials, the sacristy requires a thorough clean. I would be most grateful for volunteers to assist in this task. Once this is complete, I will be turning my attention to the cupboards and drawers at Holy Family! Don't stand still or I might put you in a black bag!