

Recently died

Please keep the deceased and their families in your prayers at this particularly distressing time.

Mrs Ellen Philomena Murphy (known as Irene): The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd September at 12pm in St Mary's

Mr Lawrence Tobin: The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 24th September at 12pm in St Mary's.

Mrs Susan Cadogan: The funeral will be celebrated on Friday 25th September at 2.30pm in St Mary's

Ms Juanita Marie Lestonrana: Date and time to be arranged

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



NEWS OF FR AMBROSE WALSH

Fr Ambrose is a son of Saint Mary of the Angels and his family are embedded in both our parishes. I have been informed that Fr Ambrose is in hospital and is seriously ill. Please keep him and his family in your prayers at this time.

Pray for the Sick

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

St. Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, John & Marian Lamb, Jean Hayman, Will Johnson, Laurence Tobin, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, Anthony Jackson, Margaret Griffiths, Tom Hopkins, James Church, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Doreen Utley, Maria Sullivan, Carina Foster, Thomas Hyde (now living in Canada), Ivan Sadka, Mary D'Alpa, Richard Watson.

Home Missions Sunday

Today is Home Missions Sunday, which provides us with the opportunity to pray for the spread of the Gospel across our homeland. The work of evangelisation is a duty incumbent upon every one of the baptised. Sharing with others our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ should be a work that attracts our greatest enthusiasm. For more information, see Homemission.org.uk.

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Sort code: 20-18-23 (for both)

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20th-25th September 2020 25th Sunday of the Year Cycle A

Readings for 25th Sunday of the Year

Isaiah 55:6-9.

"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near." From the most precious part of the Book of Isaiah we hear this extract which presents the great appeal for a return to the Lord and his ways. The People of Israel were exiled from their homeland three times across the centuries, geographically transplanted to various foreign territories. The greatest exile that can afflict the human condition is when we become exiled from God in the depths of our being. When the soul is overwhelmed by sin, we become ever more subject to the cravings of self-indulgence. On one level the Lord God can seem distant, beyond our understanding for "the heavens are high above the earth." However, by the very fact that "his thoughts are not our thoughts, his ways are not our ways", in the midst of our exile we are captured by the God who will always go in search of that which is lost. Let us abandon all allegiance to evil ways and return to the God of mercy and compassion.

Philippians 1:20-24, 27.

"Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ." We will be listening to St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians for four Sundays. The community of Philippi is Paul's most beloved congregation. Paul tells his people that part of him longs to be with Christ in the glory that awaits the faithful soul, but he knows that there is still work to be done. All Christians should long for the life to come but we must ensure that we are living life to the full here and now. As we hear elsewhere, if we are to rise with Christ then we must first die with him. Living life to the full is the renunciation of self-indulgence. Every day must involve a dying to self and a rising to new life in Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16.

"Why be envious because I am generous?" We hear a parable concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. There is work to be done in the vineyard and the landowner hires workers at different hours across the day, from daybreak unto the eleventh hour. The rate of pay is

set at dawn, one denarius for a day's work. At the end of the day, the landowner pays the same rate to those who came last as to those who came first. We might be tempted to think that if we had laboured all day then there should be some distinction made between ourselves and those who had only laboured for one hour. Would that not be the just outcome? The original agreement was clear and was not contravened. Our God moves beyond justice and his ways are defined by the generosity of mercy. The parable reminds us that we cannot demand a reckoning with God, we cannot negotiate our own salvation. We must not presume to calculate our own merit and demand a reward from God for doing what was simply our duty. The parable can only offer a simplistic representation of the fact that salvation is a gift from God. We cannot earn our salvation. We should rejoice to embrace as brothers and sisters all who receive the 'coin' of salvation, the gift that is beyond price. We should take note of the reversal of earthly

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 25th Sunday of the Year (20th September)

6pm Vigil Mass Sunil Deceased Family
11am Michael Christopher McGrath

Sunday: 26th Sunday of the Year (27th September)

6pm Vigil Mass Felix & Agnes Macpherson
11am Leona Hayes

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 25th Sunday of the Year (20th Sept.)

10am Ann Hesselmann
12pm Antonino & Joseph D'Alpa
6pm Patsy Curran RIP

Monday: St Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist (21st Sept.)

9.30am Thanksgiving (Jamuna)
12.15pm Nomi & Ed Fowler

Tuesday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time (22nd Sept.)

9.30am Intentions of the Celebrant
12.15pm Ellen Finnigan
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (23rd Sept.)

9.30am Sarah Peters
12pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Ellen Philomena Murphy

Thursday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time (24th Sept.)

9.30am Michael Gerard McMahan
12pm Funeral Mass for Mr Lawrence Michael Tobin
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time (25th Sept.)

9.30am Jheremay Dalet
12.15pm Holy Souls (Donovan)
2.30pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Susan Cadogan

Saturday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time (26th Sept.)

12.15pm Holy Souls

Sunday: 26th Sunday of the Year (27th Sept.)

10am For St Mary of the Angels SVP Conference
12pm Joseph & Andree Aperghi
6pm Stella Beaverstock RIP

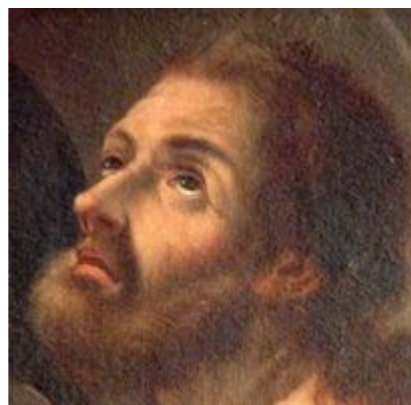
The Angelus and Prayer During the Day live-streamed at 12pm daily. **Evening Prayer** live-streamed at 7pm daily except Sundays.

Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer). Confessions 10-11am Saturdays (South side-gate) & on request.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 21st September – Feast: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

Matthew, son of Alphaeus, is called Levi in the Gospels of Mark and Luke. He was a publican, that is a tax-collector. He was a Jewish man who worked for the Roman authorities and therefore would have been hated by his own people as they suffered the oppressions of Roman occupation. In chapter nine of the Gospel we hear of how Matthew is called by Christ to follow him, leaving behind the ways of exploitation and oppression. The style of Matthew's Gospel is clear and concise, suitable for public proclamation. The emblem of Matthew is his depiction as a man because his writing emphasised the humanity of Christ, as depicted in the genealogy given at the start of the Gospel text. Together with the other Apostles, Matthew would first have preached to his own people within the borders of Palestine. There are two strands of tradition that depict his later ministrations. One line has Matthew journeying to Ethiopia and another describes him as traveling to Persia. In both cases he embraces martyrdom for the faith he professes and proclaims.



Wednesday 23rd September – Memoria: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.

Grazio Forgione and Maria Giuseppa De Nunzio rejoiced at the birth of their son on the 25th May 1887 in the Village of Pietrelcina, Province of Foggia, Italy. The boy was baptised the following day, receiving the name of Francesco. At the age of sixteen, Francesco entered the Novitiate of the Franciscan Capuchin Friars on the 6th January 1903 at Morcone. He formally received the habit on the 22nd January, taking the name of Pius – Brother Pio. At the end of his Novitiate in January 1904, Pius embraced his Simple Vows. In January 1907 he embraced his Solemn Vows and celebrated the reception of 'Minor Orders' in December 1908. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 10th August 1910. Soon after ordination he experienced severe pain in his hands and feet which causes him to be consigned to remaining with his family for the next six years, serving his hometown of Pietrelcina. In December 1916 he was assigned to the Friary in San Giovanni Rotondo where he remained for the rest of his life. On the 5th August 1918, Padre Pio experienced the 'transverberation' of his heart, a painful spiritual piercing of the heart described by the great Mystics. On the 20th September 1918, Padre Pio receives the stigmata on his body. Between 1923 and 1933 he was forbidden to write letters and was placed under many other restrictions by his Order. He was renowned for his ascetic life together with his spiritual insight. His own Order and other Church authorities were at first unsure, if not distrustful, of his claims. The scrutiny of the Church over time gave recognition to his teachings and spiritual experiences. He died aged 81 years on the 23rd September 1968. I remember Archbishop Ward telling me of his own encounter with Padre Pio and of how difficult it was at times for the Capuchin Order to 'cope' with the future Saint. Padre Pio was Beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1999 and Canonised on the 16th June 2002.



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NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL TO BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER

It has been confirmed that Pope Francis will travel to Assisi on 3rd October to formally put his signature to a new Encyclical Letter addressed to the Universal Church. The encyclical will address the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and are therefore brothers and sisters to one another. The Italian title of the encyclical will be 'Fratelli Tutti' which could be translated as 'Brothers and Sisters All'. The Pope has drawn his inspiration from the 'Sixth Admonition' of St Francis of Assisi to his first cohort of Friars. The themes of this teaching document will be human fraternity and equality of dignity, the obligation of solidarity linked to the preferential option for the poor and the universal destination of goods.

DISINFECTING FOGGER MACHINES

We have recently purchased three disinfecting fogger machines for use in our churches, two for Saint Mary's and one for Holy Family. These machines can effectively expel a disinfecting spray throughout a building, eradicating the dreaded virus. Such machines are used extensively in hotels, restaurants and various commercial settings. The employment of these machines will facilitate a further expansion of access to our two churches. The cost for all three amounted to £745.20.

I AM GRATEFUL TO A PARISHIONER WHO DONATED £100 TOWARDS THIS EXPENDITURE.

Dial-up service for Recorded Sunday Mass

I am grateful to Fr Nicholas for setting up our telephone connection that will enable those who do not possess internet access at home to nonetheless tune into our celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy. The 10.00.am Mass on Sunday will be recorded each week and will then be accessible by dialing our designated number. Fr Nicholas edits the recording to cut out the inevitable silences. The telephone charge is a minimal local tariff. Please share the designated number with those you know who would benefit from this connection.



The number is a local Cardiff number – (20) 098 149. If you are dialing from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone you will need to dial 02920 098 149. Call charges will apply depending on your phone contract but please bear in mind that if you don't have inclusive minutes, the BT standard tariff is 20p per minute.

Did you know we have a **YouTube** channel, **St Mary of the Angels & Holy Family, Cardiff** on which we regularly post videos explaining points from the catechism, tours of the church or discuss Saints' feast days? We have, this week, uploaded a series on the Eucharist.

CONTINUING INCREASE IN INFECTIONS

The rate of infections continues to rise in many parts of the country. The County Boroughs of Caerphilly and R.C.T. (Rhondda Cynon Taff) have seen the imposition of greater restrictions on contacts and activities. The threat of yet more widespread restrictions or even lock-downs remains a real possibility. Let us be vigilant in our adherence to guidelines. Maintaining social distancing coupled with regular and thorough hand cleansing remain the most important elements in tackling the spread of the virus. Let us stay safe and protect one another. We must be particularly aware of our duty to protect the most vulnerable. If you know of anyone who is in any kind of need then please contact the Priory directly.

PARISH HALLS MUST REMAIN CLOSED

Our most recent advice from diocesan officers means that Government guidelines make it impossible to open our parish halls for use by external bodies for the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL/ FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST.MARY'S.

A meeting of St.Mary's Parish Advisory Council took place on Monday 14th September. Members were updated on the condition of the parish finances together with an account of how the reopening of the churches has been conducted. Deacon Maurice updated us regarding his steering of an application for external funds to support the refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets at St.Mary's Hall. The proposal to upgrade the facilities has particular reference to the functioning of the Night Shelter. We are hopeful that a significant amount might be forthcoming. Deacon Maurice also drew our attention to a project being developed between the Archdiocese and the National Office of the S.V.P. It is hoped that the former church of St.Clare's near Ely Bridge can be designated as a Support Centre for the Homeless. I will keep you updated on the progress of these projects.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF HOLY FAMILY.

A meeting of the Holy Family Finance Committee took place on Tuesday 15th September. I am most grateful to the members of the Committee for adopting the proposition that the parish might fund the refurbishment of the Presbytery that was undertaken last autumn so as to provide accommodation for Monsignor Maguire. The Archdiocesan Fund for Retired Clergy would normally be liable for the costs, however, given that Holy Family Parish has nearly £300,000 on deposit it was felt appropriate that we assist the diocese by contributing the £41,000. The Presbytery is now in tip-top condition and appropriately inhabited by our former Parish Priest. Fr.John is very happily ensconced and through the early summer dedicated himself to improving the garden. The house remains part of parish property and its value is naturally enhanced by the work that has been completed.

We are awaiting news of our application for external funding to enable the replacement of the boilers for church and hall. Mr.Owen Collins, Archdiocesan Development Manager, has formulated our applications to draw on various sources of funding. I am grateful to Phil Smith for liaising with Owen on this project.

On behalf of Fr.Nicholas and myself, I wish to express appreciation for the decision taken by the Finance Committee to donate £500 to each priest from parish funds in lieu of this year's Easter Offerings.

ACTS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Prayer by St.Alphonsus Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A Prayer by St.Thomas More.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ... give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You. And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER OF SORROW / ACT OF CONTRITION

Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. Psalm 50:4-5.

Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke 15:18; 18:13.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

LET US DAILY OPEN OUR HEARTS IN CONTRITION TO ALMIGHTY GOD AND REMIND OURSELVES HOW ESSENTIAL IT IS TO GRANT MERCY IF WE EVER EXPECT TO RECEIVE MERCY.

RESUMPTION OF SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS

We are pleased to be able to offer a regular Saturday morning slot for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **10-11am at St Mary of the Angels** in the children's liturgy room, accessible through the side gate on the right hand (South) side of the church.

PRAYER FOR WALES

O Almighty God, who in your infinite goodness have sent your only-begotten Son into this world to open once more the gates of heaven, and to teach us how to know, love and serve you, have mercy on your people who dwell in Wales. Grant to them the precious gift of faith, and unite them in the one true Church founded by your divine Son: that, acknowledging her authority and obeying her voice, they may serve you, love you, and worship you as you desire in this world, and obtain for themselves everlasting happiness in the world to come. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for Wales.

Saint David, pray for Wales.

Saint Winefride, pray for Wales.

Aid to the Church in Need

Our recent generous donations in support of the people of Lebanon will now be directed through the auspices of Aid to the Church in Need rather than through CAFOD. My enquiries have led me to the conclusion that ACN, an established Catholic charity, is better placed to channel the funds to the front line.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Last week's Offertory Collection at St Mary's amounted to £554.87

Last week's Offertory Collection at Holy Family amounted to £738.05

Many thanks for your generosity.

SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER

If you decide to set up a standing order so that your offerings go directly into the parish bank account, we can only claim the Gift Aid if you complete the appropriate form. If this is more convenient for you than a weekly envelope and you are a tax payer, **please ask after Mass or at the Priory for a Gift Aid form.** As you know, Gift Aid provides a very significant amount of money each year to both parishes but does not cost you anything as an individual. If you are not attending Mass at present, please phone the Priory and we will post you the relevant form. Many thanks as always for your tremendous generosity.

During lockdown a number of you chose to make donations to the parishes directly into the relevant bank account. If you are taxpayers, please consider gift aiding your donations, which are thus increased by 25p for every £1 you have donated during this tax year. Please contact the Priory for the appropriate form to be sent to you.

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PURCHASING COPIES OF THE UNIVERSE AND BIBLE ALIVE

Copies of The Universe Catholic Newspaper can once again be purchased. Simply place the monies in the collection baskets as you leave the Church after Mass.

Copies of the monthly magazine Bible Alive can also be purchased in similar fashion.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please continue to pray for our schools as they face the daunting task of delivering effective education whilst dealing with the demands of COVID precautions. Please keep the children and staff in your prayers.

THE RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

OUR RETURN TO THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASSES

We will maintain our established schedule of Sunday Masses over the coming weeks. We cannot yet extend the provision of access to weekdays as we do not have sufficient stewards, or provide for the celebration of baptisms or marriages. No dates can yet be set for the celebration of the First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Schedule of Masses:

Saturdays - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in Holy Family.

Sunday – Mass at 11.00am in Holy Family.

Sunday – Mass at 10.00am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm in St Mary of the Angels.

All our policies and procedures are in accordance with Government Guidance on the Safe Re-opening of Places of Worship and we also reference the guidance provided by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The Bishops' Conference has made it clear that the Sunday obligation has been suspended for the duration of the pandemic. All parishioners should therefore be thinking in terms of attending Mass every three weeks. Although shielding protocols have been lifted, not all parishioners will yet feel able to attend even though they may wish to do so. Let us display patience as we move forward through this period of facilitation.

N.B. MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO THANK THE COHORT OF STEWARDS IN BOTH CHURCHES FOR THEIR STALWART SERVICE. I ALSO WISH TO EMPHASISE HOW CRUCIAL IT IS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS TO ADHERE TO THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE STEWARDS AS THEY STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE OBSERVED.



PARTICULAR NOTE REGARDING FUNERALS

Please note that the number of mourners who can attend a funeral in either of our churches will be restricted to 30 persons.

MORE STEWARDS NEEDED

We have recently begun once again to celebrate funerals in our two churches. We are hoping to be in a position when we can also celebrate baptisms and weddings. Such an expansion of activity is dependent upon the presence of sufficient stewards. Some of our stewards are now back at work and are therefore unavailable during the week.

COULD I ASK FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST IN BOTH OUR PARISHES.

The necessary training can now be undertaken on-line, though we will provide on-site training for those who cannot access the internet.

Could new volunteers please contact Fr.Nicholas or myself for details.