

Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Maria Kirk R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 8th February at 9.45am.

Mrs Rowena Wood R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Friday 12th February at 10.15am.

Mr Spiro Galea R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at the graveside in Western Cemetery on Friday 12th February at 11.30am.

Mr Victor Camilleri R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 15th February at 1.00pm.

Mrs Maria Bernadette Andrews R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Tuesday 16th February at 10.00am.

Mrs Monica Jermyn R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 18th February at 11.00am.

Mr Terence Lord R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 19th February at 11.30am.

Mr David Watkins R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 23rd February at 12.15pm.

Mr Gary Sutton R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 25th February at 11.15am.

Mr Stan MacCormac R.I.P. (brother of Irene Newman)



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

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 Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Mary Bodman, Susanna, Martin, Gary Sutton, Chris Collins, Louise Macpherson.

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

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

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Holy Family Acc No: 63656861

St Mary's SVP contact number 07731847622.

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WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2021

This year's White Flower Appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is arranged for the Masses on Sunday 14th February in both parishes. For more information please consult www.spuc.org.uk



Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP

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7th-14th February 2021 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle B

Holy Family Masses

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (7th February)

6pm Vigil Mass Kitty Heald
11.00 Michael McMahon

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (14th February)

6pm Vigil Mass Dec'd members Clifford Family
11.00 Maurice Ferriter

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (7th Feb.)

10am Dora Karamouzis
12pm People of the Parish
6pm Paul Mantle

Monday: Memoria: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (8th February)

9.45am Funeral Service for Mrs Maria Kirk
12.15pm Monica, Loys & David Ballard

Tuesday: Memoria: St Teilo, Bishop (9th Feb.)

9.30am Dec'd members Foster//Madden Families
12.15pm Robert & Annie Hunt
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday: Memoria: St Scholastica, Virgin (10th February)

9.30am Michael Maher
12.15pm Holy Souls

Thursday: Memoria: Our Lady of Lourdes (11th Feb.)

9.30am Coulson Family Intentions
12.15pm Richard & Sheila Emes
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: (12th February)

9.30am Holy Souls
12.15pm Holy Souls

Saturday: (13th February)

12.15pm Ann Hunt & Walter

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (14th Feb.)

10am
12pm Michael Lynch RIP
6pm People of the Parish

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).

NO CONFESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Readings for the 5th Sunday of the Year

Job 7:1-4. 6-7.

Across the panorama of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, we hear an extract from the Book of Job on two occasions only. The Book of Job contains some of the most moving poetry to be found in biblical writings. The central theme of the book is pertinent to our present condition for it is a reflection upon how and why a good man can be subject to the afflictions of suffering. Job is a just man in every sense, who does not 'deserve' to suffer. Whilst acknowledging that suffering is linked to our fall from grace on the grand scale of original sin, we should not strive to understand suffering in the life of an individual in terms of it being a punishment for sin. Job is an innocent man and yet he experiences afflictions beyond measure: family members are struck down; he loses his property and wealth; he loses his own good health. His condition is reduced to pathos. We should understand that Job is described as one who has not been fully enlightened by the revelation given to the Hebrews. He represents humanity more broadly in the struggle to comprehend life, particularly in reference to the chaos inflicted by suffering. Even though we stand in the midst of the fullness of revelation in Christ, we still struggle to comprehend, yet alone accept, the experience of suffering. Today's extract describes Job in the depths of his afflictions when each moment of time seems like an eternity that exacerbates his suffering. The depiction of Job's condition seems to hold no hope, however, throughout the entire experience there is a suppressed thrill of promised hope. There will come a time when Job declares "I know that my Redeemer lives, and in my flesh I shall see God." Even in the midst of suffering, indeed, especially in the midst of suffering, we must hold fast to the content of a hope that will not fail us.

Psalm 146.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23.

Paul declares that he will not insist on what is his right, that is, to demand from others what the Gospel entitles him to expect. "So, though I am not a slave of any man, I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could." Paul is highlighting the fact that the Christian community is composed of a wide cross-section of people. Those who possess broader talents and/or greater resources must remain aware of the limitations of others. The strong must hold back, be patient, for the sake of those who cannot progress as quickly as they. This does not constitute an undermining of what is true and what is right, it is rather an expression of the Lord's own patience and compassion. The Church is the 'Body of Christ', one and whole. In imitation of Christ, Paul is prepared to submit himself to the needs of the weak. We all have our own strengths and weaknesses, though we are tempted to emphasise our own strengths and the weaknesses of others. The Corinthian community had many weaknesses but Paul's wisdom recognises that he, and we, must bring encouragement to all.

Mark 1:29-39.

We continue our progress through the first chapter of Mark's Gospel. Jesus leaves the synagogue in Capernaum and makes his way to the house of Simon and Andrew. He brings healing to Simon's mother-in-law and then to a succession of others who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another. He also casts out many devils. Last Sunday we witnessed how Jesus performed a miracle within the synagogue, setting a man free from possession by an evil spirit. We remind ourselves once again that these events should not be interpreted as merely a demonstration of his power, but rather they constitute signs of God's Kingdom emerging into the midst of the world. The healing of an individual, or even a group, is only an indication of what is to come. Through his sacrifice and triumph, Christ will establish the Kingdom that abolishes all sin and even death itself. At the last, Christ alone can wipe away every tear from our eyes.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

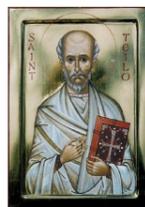
Monday 8th February – Memoria: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.



She was probably born in the year 1869, in the village of Olgossa near Dafur in Sudan. She was born into the family of a local chieftain and enjoyed a happy and relatively prosperous early life. When she was aged seven or eight and Arab slave trader kidnapped her and sold the child into slavery. She endured a sequence of appalling Arab and Turkish ‘owners’ who abused and even tortured her. She was eventually ‘bought’ by an Italian family who took her to Italy in 1883. As slavery was outlawed in Italy, Josephine was able to escape her effective confinement. Having come under the care and influence of the Canossian Sisters, Josephine was baptised in January 1890. After further catechesis she entered the novitiate of the religious congregation in 1893, making her vows in 1896 at the the age of forty-one. The remainder of her life was filled with joy. She died aged seventy-eight. She was canonised on the 1st October 2000 and has become the Patron Saint of her homeland, Sudan, and is Patron of the Survivors of Human Trafficking.

Tuesday 9th February – Memoria: St Teilo, Bishop.

The sixth century Welsh Saint Teilo is also known as Elidius or Eliud. He was probably born in what we identify as Pembrokeshire. He is renowned as a scholarly monk and bishop, his work being centred on Llandeilo Fawr in Dyfed. No written account of Teilo exists before the text provided by Geoffrey of Llandaff in 1130. This text claims that Teilo was a student under Saint Dyfrig and Saint Samson. The medieval claim is that Teilo succeeded Dyfrig in the See of Llandaff. We invoke his particular intercession in support of our two parishes in recognition of the fact that tradition places him in our very midst.



Wednesday 10th February – Memoria: St Scholastica, Virgin.



St Scholastica is usually defined in terms of being the sister of her more famous brother, St Benedict, the Father of Monasticism in the West. When Benedict finally established his monastery at Monte Casino, Scholastica soon established her own abode some five miles away at Plombariola. With the assistance and direction of her brother, Scholastica established what could properly be described as a convent of nuns. Brother and sister would meet formally once a year. Neither could rightly enter the enclosure of the other, so Benedict, accompanied by a few of his brethren, arranged to meet Scholastica in a house located between the monastery and convent. A legend depicts the last occasion when they met. Their annual encounters always consisted of mainly spiritual reflections. Late into the evening Benedict rose to take his leave but Scholastica asked that he stay. Benedict was insistent that he needed to return to the monastery with his brethren but Scholastica had recourse to prayer and invoked a furious thunderstorm that kept her brother and his brethren in her company through the night so that they could continue their conversation on the ‘joys of heaven’. It would prove to be their last meeting as Scholastica died three days later. Benedict brought his sister’s body to Monte Casino and she was buried in the tomb he had prepared for himself. Benedict himself died in the same year, 543 A.D., just a few weeks later on March 21st.

Thursday 11th February – Memoria: Our Lady of Lourdes.

Today’s Memoria is designated as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, a designation that holds particular importance within the context of the current world-wide pandemic. February 11th marks the first of eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette in 1858. It was on March 25th when Bernadette asked ‘the beautiful lady’ her name. The response was “I am the Immaculate Conception.”



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.

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.

Mass Intentions

There are a number of Mass intentions available at the moment, particularly for weekday Masses. In addition, please note that when a Mass is said in either parish for the People of the Parish, this refers to the members of both parishes.

Celebrating First Holy Communion

Please pray for Fatima who will celebrate her First Holy Communion at the 10.00am Mass at St Mary's and for Andrea who will celebrate her First Holy Communion at the 12.00pm Mass.

Please pray for Caitlyn and Zofia will be celebrate their first reception of Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass at Holy Family.

I ask you all to keep the entire cohort of children at the heart of your prayers over the coming weeks.



AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR MORE STEWARDS

I am immensely grateful to Amy Hewett, who has been coordinating the rota for stewards at St Mary of the Angels over these past months. She will have to step back from this responsibility as her NHS commitments are about to expand as she assists in the vaccination programme. John Cho, another of our stewards, is about to take up full time employment that will involve weekend work and so he too will have to withdraw from stewarding commitments. This means that we have a desperate need for more volunteers to step forward to assist with stewarding, otherwise we will not be able to sustain our timetable of Sunday Masses. If you are in a position to assist, then please contact me as soon as possible. The training can be undertaken on site or online and is quite straightforward. Can I finish by once more expressing my gratitude to Amy for her dedication to the task of coordination which has been critical to sustaining our ability to remain open.

We also require more volunteers for stewarding at Holy Family. The cohort of stewards at both parishes have shown immense dedication, week in, week out. If you are in a position to assist then please contact me as soon as possible.

The parish telephone number is 029 2023 0492. My email is Peter.collins@rcadc.org. Fr Nicholas' email is Nicholas.williams@rcadc.org.

MAINTAINING OUR VIGILANCE AS WE STRIVE TO REMAIN OPEN AND ABLE TO CELEBRATE PUBLIC MASSES

The conditions of our current 'Lock-Down' have allowed for the continuance of our public masses. Our ability to thus celebrate is facilitated by the continuing generosity of our cohort of Stewards at St Mary's and at Holy Family. I once again express my gratitude for their substantive service. In order to minimise the risk to one and all, our adherence to guidelines has proven to be outstanding. As I mentioned some weeks ago, the various Funeral Directors who have visited our two parishes over the past months have been eager to express their appreciation for the quality of our operating protocols. They have repeatedly said that our systems are the best they have seen in any church across the denominations. Particular thanks for this achievement should go to Fr Nicholas. We must continue to exercise the greatest vigilance over the coming weeks as we confront the threat of increased transmission resulting from the spread of the new strain of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Needless to say, we will respond rapidly and appropriately to any change in circumstances.

A Statement from the Catholic Education Service



The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill currently before the Senedd will effectively remove the rights of parents as the first educators of their children. It will threaten the nature and purpose of Catholic schools as well as being an affront to devout Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in Wales.

In the provisions concerning Human and Sex Education, the responsibility and privilege of parents to choose the right moment and language to discuss love and human sexuality with their children will be overridden by the imposition of a curriculum not in conformity with Christian teaching and that of many other faiths. The right of parents to remove their children from such classes will be removed.

The implications of this Bill places the right of the State before that of the parents of a child in such an important part of life. Should this ideologically driven Bill become law, it will remove the ancient freedoms and duties of parents in the education of their children. It would restrict freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, freedom of worship and conscientious objection. These are fundamental human rights which should be respected in a pluralistic society. They are not being upheld by this proposed legislation.

The assertion of power by Welsh Government in the lives of its citizens is not always malicious, but it cannot go unchallenged. The responses to the consultation on this Bill have been largely ignored. The First Minister of Wales and the Members of the Senedd need to be reminded very clearly that they were elected by us in order to represent us. We do not elect members of the Senedd to usurp our role as parents, grandparents and families. The rights and duties of parents are more significant than party view and politics. This abuse of government power cannot go unchallenged. If we remain silent, there will be no appeal.

ACT NOW AND URGE YOUR LOCAL MS TO REJECT THE CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT (WALES) BILL BY USING THE LINK BELOW:

<http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents?tmpl=component&print=1>

This link will take you to a pro forma from the Catholic Education Service, they will provide you with details of your local MS on the basis of your postcode. Individual letters registering your objection to this proposed legislation are better than copied circulars.

A Personal Message:

The proposals from the Welsh Government that are presented for consultation at the present time, regarding the syllabus for Religious Education and provisions for Personal, Social and Sexual Education constitute a substantive threat to the provision of Catholic Education. Indeed, the proposals would invalidate the mission of our schools to deliver the Catholic faith. Our schools already give great account to the fact that we inhabit a pluralistic environment, however if we cannot deliver the integrity of the Church's teaching on faith and morals, then there would be no reason to maintain a Catholic school. Please play your part in defending the provision of Catholic education by supporting the Church's submission within this period of consultation.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary,

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary,

V. And the Word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary,

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

We will be hosting our annual White Flower Appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on Sunday 14th February in both parishes.

S.P.U.C. is currently campaigning to stop 'remote' or 'home' abortion. Assessment is conducted remotely, via telephone or video connection. The drugs used to induce a chemical abortion are posted and then self-administered, therefore without the presence of medical supervision.

Please consult the S.P.U.C. website for more detailed information.

Donations can be made directly to S.P.U.C. via www.spuc.org.uk/donate

The Welsh Government are conducting a consultation on the issue which ends on the 23rd February.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns?Wales-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Owen Collins and his team have facilitated the raising of over £1,250,000 from various sources over the past year. These funds will be used by the Archdiocese to support 21 listed buildings. £127,667 has been granted to the Archdiocese by the Welsh Government Cultural Recovery Fund to assist with core costs to the charity during periods of lockdown. The first round of the Archbishop's Food Voucher Scheme distributed £51,160 to 27 parishes and 40 schools across the archdiocese. Deacon Maurice is preparing to apply for funds within the second round of allocations that will soon be forthcoming. We thank Owen for all his hard work on behalf of the archdiocesan charity.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

31st January - £ 302.10

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

31st January - £233.50

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

COPIES OF 'THE UNIVERSE' ARE ON SALE AND AVAILABLE FOR £2.40

COPIES OF THE LENT EDITION OF 'BIBLE ALIVE' ARE ON SALE FOR £3

Contributions via Virgin Money

I am very grateful to those who have contributed to parish funds through the use of the Virgin Money donate button on the website. This mechanism is an excellent way of making your one-off donations.

If you intend to make a sequence of donations over the coming months, then the establishment of a standing order remains the most efficient method of contributing regular payments.

All our parish details (St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family) that are required by your bank in order to set up a standing order can be found in the Parish Contacts section of the newsletter.

N.B. All sums donated via Virgin Money will be considered as contributions to the parishes. Do not use this mechanism to contribute to any separate purpose, for example, the Reaching Out scheme or Clergy Offerings at Christmas and Easter.

Newly established Standing Orders

Our indomitable Parish Secretary has brought to my attention that a significant number of parishioners have recently established Standing Orders for their weekly/monthly donations to the parishes. This has obviously been prompted by the disruption to attendance as a result of the pandemic. I am very grateful for such thoughtfulness in the present circumstances.

May I encourage all parishioners who are taxpayers to consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration that would enable an increase to their contributions of 25%. Please contact Canon Collins or Fr Nicholas directly or contact the Parish Office on any Friday when Pat is at her desk. The telephone number is 029 2023 0492.

ADVANCE NOTICE – LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY

We will be celebrating our Lenten Family Fast Day on

Friday 26th February.

Donations to CAFOD will then be offered at the Masses on

Sunday 28th February.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is celebrated each year on the 11th February, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. Let us pray for our own parishioners who are bearing the burdens of acute and chronic illnesses. We are particularly aware of the added burdens that are imposed by the pandemic restrictions. To access the English text of the Holy Father's Message please click on <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-francis-world-day-sick-message-2021.html>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Monday 8th February sees us celebrate the Memoria of St Josephine Bakhita. In recognition of her life story, we invoke her intercession as the Patron Saint of Victims of Human Trafficking. We also pray for all those who are working to eradicate slavery in the contemporary world.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

On Sunday 14th February, the 6th Sunday of the Year, we will celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Unemployed. The full economic impact of the pandemic has not yet been revealed and the Bank of England recently predicted a sharp increase in the unemployment rate over the coming months. Let us keep in our prayers those who have lost their jobs in recent times.

BRINGING LOURDES HOME

There will be a 3 days Novena Devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes from the 8th February till 10th February via Zoom and a Live Telecast on the Feast day at the Cathedral on the 11th February. Our Lady of Lourdes is known throughout the world to intercede for both spiritual and physical healing. During this time last year, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France closed its gates for the first time in over a century. The Sanctuary has a privileged place in our hearts of prayer for and with the sick. It is still a place of intercession. The last year has taken its toll on many people in different ways, whether emotionally, spiritually, or physically. Let us unite ourselves in prayer during these 3-days Novena with all those who seek the healing intercession of Our Blessed Lady.

JOIN US EACH NIGHT

When: 8th February – 10th February (Monday till Wednesday)
Time: 7pm – 8pm Zoom Link : 868-571-1627 / Password: cathedral

FEAST DAY : 11th February (Thursday)

Time: 6pm (Rosary followed by Mass)
Live-Stream: www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk

Reflection by Guest Clergy

Rosary
Novena Prayers

Request for Prayers

Please continue to pray for Canon William Isaac, Parish Priest of St Teilo's in Whitchurch and Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa. His surgery was delayed due to him contracting Covid-19. He has now undergone the first of two surgical operations and has returned to the presbytery. He is now preparing for more significant surgery in five weeks' time.

Please continue to pray for Fr Raymond O'Shea, who remains in hospital. He has now tested positive for Covid and has deteriorated over recent days.

A NOTE FROM DEACON MAURICE

'REACHING OUT': Many thanks to all who have made donations over the last few weeks and to all our volunteers who have enabled us to provide food parcels, hampers, children's toys and food vouchers to around 100 families in need across West Cardiff over the Christmas period. We are now continuing this weekly food distribution programme for which we need ongoing funding of around £500 monthly so please continue to help if you can with money or food donations or both. Perhaps you may be able to make a regular weekly or monthly donation of £5, £10 or £20 - or more or less, by Standing Order? If you are willing and able to contribute with a one-off donation or on a more regular basis please contact me on 07747038274 or email: mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk or Neil O'Toole on 07860647367 or email: neilgot@me.com Thanks for your ongoing generosity in these troubled times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient for just a few more months!



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE R.I.P.

This past week brought us the sad news that Captain Sir Tom Moore had died. It had been announced previously that Sir Tom had been taken into hospital with pneumonia and then contracted COVID-19. Last year, in response to the pandemic, he had set himself the task of raising £1,000 in support of various NHS related charities by walking up and down his garden driveway 100 times. The figure of 100 held significance as Captain Tom was preparing to celebrate his 100th birthday. As we all know, his fund-raising efforts caught the imagination of our nation and the world. He cheerful demeanour coupled with a clear determination demonstrated a combination that appealed to us all in the midst of a most challenging situation. Accounts of his life story drew our attention to his army service during the Second World War. His spirit and example encapsulated all that was best in that generation that endured the greatest of all hardships. His fund-raising effort brought forth an abundance of fruitful generosity. He raised the staggering total that is just short of £40,000,000. In recognition of his great achievement, he was Knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in the grounds of Windsor Castle and elevated to the rank of Honorary Colonel within his regiment. We give thanks for his contribution throughout his long life and particularly for the truly iconic role he has played during his 100th year. We pray for eternal rest and offer our condolences to his family in the midst of their grief.