

## Recently died

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mrs Elizabeth Collins R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

**Mr John Hexter R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11.45am.

**Mrs Mary Kelleher R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm.

**Miss Loreto Morgan R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00pm.

**Mrs Bridget Pentony R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

**Mr Stanislaw Nubert R.I.P.** – to be arranged



**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, Chris Collins.

**St Mary's:** Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, 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 & Isabelle Nash, Phyllis Shannon.

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**Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff**

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

**St Mary's Acc No: 03285375**

**Holy Family Acc No: 63656861**

**St Mary's SVP contact number 07731847622.**

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On Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for the selfless love shown by mothers. Let the example of Mary's faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.



# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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14th-21st March 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle B

## Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Today's First Reading is taken from the Second Book of Chronicles. This Book gives an account of Israel's history from the era of King David to the Babylonian Exile. Today's extract outlines the historical cycle of Israel's infidelity. "All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem." God had to correct his people repeatedly. However, despite the fact that God displayed such patience, Israel can only be described as a reluctant penitent. Israel's adherence to the pathways of repentance was short-lived. There was a repeating cycle failure, an ever-worsening decline in allegiance. God provided a sequence of messengers but their warnings were ridiculed and ignored. The Second Book of Chronicles points out that eventually Israel lost its independence as a nation-state. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon enslaved and deported a multitude of Israelites. Israel lost the monarchy and many of its institutions. The great Temple of Solomon was destroyed. Despite Israel's infidelities, God had pity on his people. Through the ministrations of another foreign imperial power, Israel would be restored. Cyrus, King of Persia, facilitated the return of the Israelites from Babylon to Jerusalem. God's loving patience with regard to his 'Chosen People' is strangely made manifest through the actions of Cyrus. The Persian King becomes an instrument of God's providence. Despite the fact that Israel is patently unworthy, God operates an indefatigable love which is beyond all logic.

Psalm 136

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Ephesians 2:4-10

"God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy." Just as in our reading from the Second Book Chronicles, here in the Letter to the Ephesians we are reminded that God's mercy is a gift. The gift is a 'grace'. We do not earn the gift. We cannot earn the gift. No merit of ours can make us worthy of the gift. The grace and favour of God is capricious, unearned, and is bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus. We cannot claim credit for our faith, for it too is a gift of grace. A potentate might bestow gifts upon his favourites, but our God has no favourites. God's invitation to us to share the intimacy of a personal relationship itself facilitates our ability to respond.

John 3:14-21

The Gospel of John is delineated into two 'books': the 'Book of Signs' provides an account of the Lord's Public Ministry up to the point when he enters Jerusalem for the third and final time; the 'Book of Glory' accounts for the days of his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Today we hear from chapter three when Jesus is engaged in dialogue with Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin. Here is a man of learning and influence who comes to Jesus by night, who is as yet unwilling to openly declare any allegiance. He is enquiring, searching for understanding. Nicodemus will be challenged, as will all others, to accept that the old cycle has run its course. Jesus is leading Nicodemus to understand who he is and why he has come. "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert." Israel is being addressed. The entire world is being addressed. We, together with Nicodemus, have a choice to make. Will we step into the light? "On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light." Will we allow the light to permeate our lives, stripping away the darkness? God has sent his Son into the world. Will we stand with him in the daylight of redemption?

## Holy Family Masses

### 4th Sunday of Lent (14th March)

6pm Vigil Mass Canon Patrick Daly RIP  
11.00 Seán Bowler

### 5th Sunday of Lent (21st March)

6pm Vigil Mass Nell Strugnell  
11.00 Tina, Mike & Bella

## St Mary's Masses

### Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (14th March) Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday

10am Mario Golano  
12pm Byrne Family  
6pm People of the Parish

### Monday: (15th March)

9.30am Jean & Neil Hunt  
12.15pm Dorothy Petersen RIP

### Tuesday: (16th March)

9.30am John & Julia Cunningham  
12.15pm Eugene Treanor  
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

### Wednesday: Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (17th March)

9.30am Rhian James  
12.15pm Thomas Family  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

### Thursday: (18th March)

9.30am DWA & DR Utley  
12.15pm Teresa Macleod & John Rutter  
7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

### Friday: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19th March)

9.30am Del Pieris  
12.15pm Coulson Family Intentions  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday: (20th March)

12.15pm Christina Sueref

### Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent (21st March)

10am People of the Parish  
12pm Joseph D'Alpa  
6pm Sam Cross

**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). Stations of the Cross Wednesday and Friday at 6.30pm. Confessions on Saturdays 10-11am. Access to the children's liturgy room via the side gate.**

## COMMEMORATIONS OF SAINTS

Wednesday 17th March – St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland



Details of St Patrick's life are uncertain. He may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales in the late 4th century. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north, obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianising Europe.

St Patrick was a man of action, with a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate. He died in 461. His burial place is said to be near Down Cathedral in Northern Ireland.

Thursday 18th March – St Cyril of Jerusalem

Cyril was born in or near Jerusalem in the year 315. He was educated locally and was ordained a priest by the then Bishop of Jerusalem, Maximus. He was employed in teaching pre and post baptismal catechesis. His great catechetical discourse is the best known of his works. He succeeded Maximus as Bishop of Jerusalem around the year 349. He soon had to contend with ecclesiastical politics when the Arian Bishop of Caesaria, Acacius, claimed precedence over the See of Jerusalem. Cyril successfully resisted this interference. Cyril was also brought into the great theological debate of the time, the controversies surrounding the Arian heresy. The Arians were undermining the doctrine that Jesus had both a divine and a human nature by denying the divinity of Christ. Cyril was in fact condemned by both sides of the argument, by the Arians and by those who are called the 'homoousians' (a Greek phrase employed in the argument over the two natures in one person). Cyril's vocabulary was interpreted as lacking precision. As a result of imperial prejudice and interference, Cyril was exiled in 357 by Emperor Constantius though recalled in 359 by Emperor Julian - Julian would later become an Apostate and began an attempt to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem. Cyril was banished once again 367 as a result of the policies imposed by the Emperor Valens. He was eventually restored to his position by the Emperor Gratian in 378. Cyril's life and ministry was afflicted by so much theological and political tension. He went on to participate in the First Council of Constantinople where he consented in full to the use of the term 'homoousios'. He died in the year 386 having been a bishop for thirty-five years, sixteen of which he spent in exile. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 1882.



Tuesday 19th March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We honour the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Foster-Father and Guardian of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. We have reference to Joseph in the first two chapters of both Matthew's Gospel and Luke's Gospel. We are told that Joseph was of Davidic descent and that he was a carpenter by trade. It is from the unwarranted influence of the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James that we think of Joseph as being an old man at the time of his betrothal to Mary. Such an image runs contrary to his role of Guardian as described in the actual Gospel. A Greek document entitled the 'History of Joseph the Carpenter', dating from the 5th or 6th centuries, was influential in spreading liturgical devotion to St Joseph. In the medieval period, various mystery plays depicted Joseph in an almost comical role. To combat this, the likes of St Vincent Ferrer, St Bridget of Sweden, St Catherine of Siena, St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) and St Ignatius Loyola promulgated a strong devotion to Joseph in his role as Guardian. It was on the 8th December 1870 that St Joseph was declared 'Patron of the Universal Church' by Venerable Pius IX. In 1955 Pope Pius XII designated May 1st as the feast of St Joseph the Worker. In 1962 St John XXIII added Joseph's name to the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer). Joseph is also designated as Patron of Families and we should turn to him whilst praying for a Holy Death. Pope Francis has designated 2021 as a Holy Year in honour of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

As we are still heavily constrained by the pandemic restrictions, we will be unable to arrange general meetings for candidates and their parents. The sacramental programmes will need to adapt to the circumstances. It is my intention to post some video presentations on the parish web-site to support home learning. Let us pray for our children and young people who are looking to complete their Christian Initiation. By their participation in these programmes may they expand their understanding of the Catholic faith and deepen their commitment in service to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## 2021 COHORT FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST

An information document can be collected after Mass or at The Priory on March 13th and 14th. It has also been incorporated into this newsletter so that you can print it out at home if you so wish. When this is completed I would ask all parents of potential candidates to either telephone or e.mail me (Canon Collins) to arrange a time when the document can be delivered in person to The Priory and catechetical resources can be collected.



## 2020 AND 2021 COHORTS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

An information document can be collected after Mass or at the Priory on March 20th and 21st. It has also been incorporated into this newsletter so that you can print it out at home if you so wish. When this is completed I would ask all parents of potential candidates to either telephone or e.mail me (Canon Collins) to arrange a time when the document can be delivered in person to The Priory and catechetical resources can be collected.

**PARISH OF SAINT MARY OF THE ANGELS  
PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF  
RECONCILIATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST**

**NAME OF CANDIDATE:**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**DATE OF BAPTISM:**

**NAME OF CATHOLIC PARISH WHERE THE BAPTISM WAS CELEBRATED:**

**NAME OF THE SCHOOL ATTENDED BY THE CANDIDATE:**

**NAME OF FATHER:**

**RELIGION:**

**NAME OF MOTHER:**

**RELIGION:**

**NAME OF GUARDIAN:**

**RELIGION:**

**ADDRESS:**

**TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER:**

**E.MAIL CONTACT DETAILS:**

**ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

**PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF  
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## Great Penitential Psalm 129/130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption; Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## PAPAL VISIT TO IRAQ

We offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the recent safe and fruitful pilgrimage to Iraq undertaken by the Holy Father. Despite being 84 years of age, Pope Francis embraced a full timetable across the three days of the visit. The images of the Pontiff at prayer within the devastated ruins of churches were most evocative.



## NEWS OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Please keep the Pope Emeritus in your prayers. In April he will celebrate his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. In a recent interview it became clear that his health is gradually deteriorating. "His words come out drop by drop; his voice is a whisper that comes and goes." During the interview, Benedict's personal secretary, Archbishop Ganswein, had to repeat and translate with Benedict nodding approval of the interpretation.

## The Stations of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is a devotion to the Sacred Passion in which we accompany, in spirit, our Blessed Lord in his sorrowful journey from the house of Pilate to Calvary, and recall, with sorrow and love, all that took place from the time when he was condemned to death to his being laid in the tomb. We meditate devoutly on the Passion and Death of our Lord as come before each station. Although we cannot physically move around our Churches at present, let us engage fully with this devotion at home.

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

R. Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

First Station: Jesus is condemned to death.

Second Station: Jesus receives the Cross.

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time.

Fourth Station: Jesus is met by his Blessed Mother.

Fifth Station: The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time.

Eighth Station: The women of Jerusalem mourn for our Lord.

Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time.

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

Fourteenth Station. Jesus is placed in the Sepulchre.

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Wednesday and Friday.

## Origins of the Stations of the Cross

We can trace the devotion back to the Patristic era when large numbers of pilgrims began visiting the sites of the Passion in and around Jerusalem. This practice continued into the Middle Ages, though disrupted in the aftermath of the Crusades when Islamic Governance was imposed on the Holy Land. When it was no longer possible to visit Jerusalem, there arose in Europe a demand for pictorial representations of the Passion of the Lord. When the Franciscan Order took over custody of the shrines in the Holy Land in 1342 AD, they propagated devotion to the 'Holy Places'. Shrines were erected across Western Europe as a result. The number and titles of the 'stations' varied. The current norm can be traced back to Spanish Low Countries in the sixteenth century. The pattern was standardised in the eighteenth century with a series of Papal pronouncements. The Franciscan Friar Leonard of Port Maurice (Died 1751 AD) was the chief promoter of this devotion being responsible for the erection of five hundred sets of stations, the most famous being established in the Colosseum of Rome.



## One Year On: Remembering Our Loved-Ones

On 23rd March 2021 we will reach a significant milestone in the country's fight against Coronavirus: for it was on this day that we entered the first of the lockdowns. With these words of the Prime Minister, our lives radically changed, and the era of a 'new normal' was ushered in:

*"From this evening I must give the British people a very simple instruction - you just stay home".*

Since then, we as a nation have lost over 121,000 lives, with the total here in Wales exceeding 5,000. These are no mere statistics: each number is a life, each life is a memory, each life is a family trying to grieve in such exceptional circumstances.

On Monday, 23rd March, I will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. David's Cathedral for all the faithful departed who have died as a consequence of the pandemic. I have opened a Book of Remembrance at the Cathedral, and I invite you to send in the names of your loved-ones who have died over the last year as a result of the pandemic. The Book of Remembrance will be given place of honour at the Requiem Mass before the pascal candle at the Requiem Mass. If you would like the name of your loved one included in the Book of Remembrance, please email Fr. Daniel at [cathedral@rcadc.org](mailto:cathedral@rcadc.org).

The Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral 12:45pm on Monday, 23rd March. Due to limited numbers able to safely be present at the Cathedral, those who may wish to attend will need to reserve a seat by telephoning Fr. Daniel Stanton at Clergy House on 029 20 23 14 07. There are thirty-four spaces available in the Cathedral for yourself or your bubble. These seats will be reserved on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The Requiem Mass will also be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

With every blessing,

Archbishop George Stack

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:  
7th March - £438.28  
CAFOD Lenten Family Fast total - £350.00  
St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:  
7th March - £238.21  
CAFOD Lenten Family Fast total - £314.05  
Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

Thank you for your generosity in support of the White Flower Appeal.

### WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

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

### New boilers at Holy Family Church

I am happy to report that a new set of boilers have been installed at Holy Family. We delayed the work from last year as we awaited news of grant applications that were undertaken on our behalf by the Archdiocesan Development Officer. This process has yielded £2500. This sum was most welcome but I have to inform you that the total cost amounts to £26,280. Both our parishes have significant funds on deposit and so we are able to deal with such expenditure. Having said this, it is opportune to point out that there are a number of repair and development projects that will soon require further significant capital expenditure. During the period of the pandemic, our parishioners have continued to contribute generously to parish funds through the various options now available. However, our income is probably 30-40% below its norm. I am as always appreciative of the fact that many families are facing financial uncertainties. We will need to be careful and prudent with our parish resources, taking account of the fact that our parish plant is extensive. With regard to the installation of the boilers, I wish to express my thanks to Monsignor Maguire for facilitating access, and I extend my thanks to Phil Smith for coordinating the whole process.

#### Message to Holy Family Red Box Holders

Please bring the boxes, or ideally the counted contents, to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or contact Phil Smith on 07305571513, 02920306210 or [pwsprint@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pwsprint@hotmail.co.uk) and he will collect them from their homes, following Covid guidelines. Anyone wishing to become a box holder should contact Phil. If any one should wish to make a one off donation it would be gratefully received.

Please remember that you can also set up a Direct Debit for the Mill Hill Mission and gift aid it. Many thanks for your continued support.

### 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](mailto:mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk) or Neil O'Toole on 07860647367 or email: [neilgot@me.com](mailto: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!



69 boxes of food are now being delivered each week to very grateful families in the west of Cardiff through the Reaching Out project. The families send their thanks and appreciation.

### Contributing to the Reaching Out Project

In order to facilitate the best possible accounting process, we would encourage you to direct all your contributions to the Reaching Out Project to the Holy Family parish account. I have had a meeting with Deacon Maurice on this matter and in order that the parish secretary can maintain an effective scrutiny of the funds being contributed, then the above suggestion provides the simplest remedy.

### 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.

I have been made aware that the Welsh Government has accepted a number of amendments to their proposals. This acknowledgement of the problems we have been highlighting is most welcome. I would still encourage you to contribute to the Consultation as outlined in the statement from the CES. Their website will provide you with all necessary information regarding the Church's concerns.

### **HEADTEACHER - ST MARY'S AND ST PATRICK'S, MAESTEG**

The Governing Body of St Mary's and St Patrick's in Maesteg are seeking to appoint a Headteacher who will strengthen our ambitious and committed leadership team.

We are looking for a Headteacher who:

- Is a committed, practising Catholic, who will continue to support the Catholic ethos of our school and maintain strong links with our parish
- Has the vision and drive to promote and inspire the highest standards of teaching and learning based on pedagogical research and evidence-based practice
- Will lead by example and provide inspiration and motivation to the school community
- Is a strategic thinker, with the vision to achieve excellence, and has the ability to both identify and sustain areas for improvement
- Is fully aware of the new Curriculum in Wales, developments in Welsh education and with a clear vision of Catholic Education
- Will continue to promote a strong sense of engagement with children, parents, parish and the wider community
- Has high expectations and aspirations and will promote and celebrate the achievements of all our children.

Please look at our website for more information about us <https://stmaryandstpatrick.co.uk/> or on twitter @stmarypatrick

Closing date: 12th April 2021 at 12noon  
Shortlisting: 14th April 2021  
Interviews to be held: 22nd /23rd April 2021

Applicants must use the current CES application forms (Senior Leadership 2020) which is attached. Completed applications should be emailed to Miss Fear, Clerk to the Governing Body, [admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk)

The successful candidate will be expected to sign the Catholic Education Service Contract of Employment.

St Mary's and St Patrick's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitments. Appointments to this post will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and satisfactory references, which will be taken up for all shortlisted candidates prior to interview. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.