

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 24th March at 11.30am.

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

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

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

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

Mr Stanislaw Nubert R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 6th April at 11.45am.



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

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St Mary's SVP contact number 07731847622.

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21st - 28th March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle B

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The Prophet Jeremiah is writing at a time when the institutions of Israel were collapsing. The monarchy had failed and Israel was subject to Babylonian exile. The great covenant of the Law had been forged some seven hundred years earlier, following Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. In the midst of the desert, in Sinai, the tablets of stone were inscribed by the hand of God himself. The gift of the Law was majestic but the People of Israel proved themselves unworthy of such an inheritance. In his 'Book of Consolation' Jeremiah laments the repeated failings of Israel. Jeremiah insists that each and every Israelite must assume responsibility for their own actions. The corporate failure of the People is a manifestation of failures on the part of individuals. The Law must be interiorised. Each person must foster a deep personal relationship with God. "Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people." The old dispensation had descended into a detached structuralism. A new dispensation must be forged. The outcome must not become a selfish individuality but the fostering of a personal intimacy with God, the identity of the individual retaining its context within the identity of the 'Chosen People'.

Psalm 50.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Hebrews 5:7-9.

This passage from the Letter to the Hebrews is most precious in that it reveals the full humanity of Jesus. It is explicit that Jesus prayed in tears to be delivered out of death, that is with distress and anguish. "During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard." It is explicit that Jesus learnt to obey and was thus made perfect, that is the perfecting of his humanity. The humanity of Jesus is no mere external appearance. The prayer offered by Jesus was not that he be delivered from dying, for he did in fact die. It is properly described as a prayer to be delivered 'out of death' unto a new life. It was not in the act of dying that Jesus saves us, but in the manner of his dying. We are saved by Jesus because he was obedient unto death, offering to his Eternal Father the perfect act of submission and communion. It was not the agony of his sufferings that saves us but rather his loving obedience.

John 12:20-33.

"Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

John's Gospel provides no account of the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. John's Gospel consistently presents the humiliations endured by Christ as part of his glorification. The death and the resurrection are parts of one movement. They form one moment at the heart of time itself, capturing the whole of creation. The wheat grain must fall on the ground and die before it can yield a rich harvest. "What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?" The gibbet of humiliation will become the standard of glorification.

Holy Family Masses

5th Sunday of Lent (21st March)

6pm Vigil Mass Nell Strugnell

11.00am Tina, Mike & Bella

Wednesday (24th March)

11.30am Funeral Service for Mrs Elizabeth Collins

Palm Sunday (28th March)

6pm Vigil Mass Carlos Velasco

11.00am Patrick Morris

St Mary's Masses

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

10am People of the Parish

12pm Joseph D'Alpa

6pm Sam Cross

Monday: (22nd March)

9.30am Philip & Alex Vickery

12.15pm Thanksgiving (Benedict)

Tuesday: (23rd March)

9.30am In Thanksgiving for the Priesthood

12.15pm For the Victims of the Pandemic

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday: (24th March)

9.30am Deceased Members Dacey/Sheehan Families

12.15pm J Lamb

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday: Annunciation of the Lord (25th March)

9.30am Mary Hickey

11.45am Funeral Service for Mr John Hexter

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: (26th March)

9.30am Rhian James

1.00pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Kelleher

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday: (27th March)

12.15pm Deceased Members Jones Family

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Sunday: Palm Sunday (28th March)

10am Veronica McCarthy (née Jones)

12pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

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). 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED TRIDUUM

St Mary of the Angels:

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| Thursday 1st April-Holy Thursday | 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Friday 2nd April-Good Friday | 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion |
| Saturday 3rd April-Holy Saturday | 8.30pm Easter Vigil |
| Sunday 4th April-Easter Sunday | Mass at 10am, 12pm and 6pm |

Holy Family:

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BOOKING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY

Fr Nicholas is preparing booking lists for each celebration at both churches from the Mass of the Lord's Supper through to the Evening Mass on Easter Sunday. As you know, space is still limited by the safety restrictions which are still in place. We have duplicated the celebrations across both parishes to facilitate the attendance of as many as possible. Following confusions at our Christmas celebrations, we will have to insist that once you have booked a place, there will be no opportunity to transfer to another celebration. Despite the difficulties, the booking will be on the basis of first come first served. I am sure we can rely upon your patience and cooperation.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – EXTRA PROVISION IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

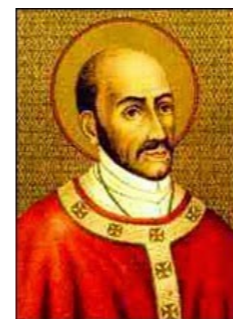
Wednesday 24th March from 5.00.pm to 6.30.pm at St Mary of the Angels.

Thursday 25th March from 5.00.pm to 6.30.pm at St Mary of the Angels.

Tuesday 30th March from 6.00.pm to 8.00.pm at Holy Family.

FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 23rd March – Commemoration of St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop.



St Turibius was born on the Island of Majorca, Spain, in 1538. As a layman he became a famous Professor of Law at the University of Salamanca, where he was privileged to study. King Philip II of Spain personally appointed him as President of the Court of Inquisition at Granada. In 1581 Turibius was astounded when he was called upon to become a bishop, even though he had not yet even been ordained a priest. He invoked Canon Law so as to decline the appointment. Both Church and State 'insisted' he accept and eventually he did. All the requisites were conducted and celebrated and he was enabled to take up his appointment as Archbishop of Lima in Peru.

He would go on to prove himself a most dedicated pastor of the flock entrusted to his care. He was fearless and tireless in attending to his responsibilities within a hostile environment. His first visitation of his diocese lasted seven years due to the difficult terrain. In 1591 he founded the first seminary on the American continent. It is estimated that Turibius baptised and confirmed close to a million people. He was fastidious in learning a number of indigenous languages so as to proclaim the Gospel effectively. He is renowned for his defence of the indigenous peoples against mistreatment by the civil authorities of Imperial Spain. It was Bishop Turibius who befriended and confirmed the young girl who would become St Rose of Lima. He fell ill whilst visiting his outpost at Pacasmayo. He was taken to nearby Santa where he died on the 23rd March in 1606, at the age of sixty-eight. He was canonised in 1726.

Thursday 25th March – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

On the solemn feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the day when the Archangel Gabriel addressed the Blessed Virgin Mary with the invitation to become the Mother of the promised Redeemer. With Mary's acceptance of the invitation, according to the will of the Eternal Father, the Divine Son assumed a human nature by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Son of God became the Son of Mary. We celebrate the true and full Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Archangel Gabriel addressed the Maiden of Nazareth, who deemed herself to be the least worthy among the Daughters of Zion.



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.

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

The relevant information document can still be collected after Mass or at The Priory. 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

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SOME REFERENCES FROM SCRIPTURE AND THE CATECHISM

“Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.” Acts 8:14-17.

Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporating us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason, one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life.

The Prayer of Confirmation invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these words: All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right-judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A REFLECTION FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

C.S.Lewis is a well-known literary figure of the last century, a Tutor at Oxford and later a Professor at Cambridge. Apart from his academic career, he is best known as the author of the Chronicles of Narnia which I hope many of you have read. Lewis lost his faith when young, following the death of his Mother. Twenty years later he re-discovered the faith he had lost and became a great 'apologist' – proclaiming and explaining the Christian faith through his writings and public speaking. He was a member of the Anglican Communion. He was a great friend and academic colleague of J.R.R.Tolkien, who was Catholic. During the Second World War (1942), C.S.Lewis broadcast on B.B.C. Radio a series of fifteen talks on Christianity.

There is a famous extract from his second address that challenges his listeners to understand the central ingredient of the Christian faith. This is what he said:

“I'm trying here to prevent you from saying the really silly that that people often say about Him (Jesus): 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.' That's the one thing you mustn't say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd be either a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he's a poached egg – or the Devil of Hell. Of course, you can take the line of saying He didn't say these things, but His followers invented them. But that's only shifting the difficulty. They were Jews too: the last people who would invent such a thing, the people who had never said anything of the sort about Moses or Elijah. That theory only saddles you with twelve inexplicable lunatics instead of one. We can't get out of it that way. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman: or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool; you can spit at Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But don't come to Him with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He hasn't left that open to you. He didn't intend to.”

As you begin your journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I am asking you to be thoughtful and reflective. As you grow towards your maturity, physical and spiritual, you will need to enquire and undertake research. Above all I am asking you to explore, through prayerfulness, your whole relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. The full outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation will complete your Christian Initiation but then you must develop your faith to its maturity over the course of your entire life. Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of our parish communities.

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DATE OF BAPTISM:

NAME OF CATHOLIC PARISH WHERE THE BAPTISM WAS CELEBRATED:

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NAME OF FATHER:

RELIGION:

NAME OF MOTHER:

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NAME OF GUARDIAN:

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E.MAIL CONTACT DETAILS:

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

**PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
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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.

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.

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.

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.

TEN YEARS OF WAR IN SYRIA AND CONTINUING OPPRESSION IN SO MANY OTHER REGIONS

As we acknowledge the tenth anniversary of the war in Syria, we pray for the millions who have suffered so much and who continue to suffer. As we behold the images of destruction and the scars inflicted by so many wounds should cause us to raise our voices in defence of peace with justice. Alongside Syria we could mention Yemen, Myanmar, China and so many more places where the effects of injustice and violence can be witnessed. Let us feed the spirit of solidarity that keeps us consciously connected with and supportive of our brothers and sisters across the world who are suffering.

POPE FRANCIS NAMES A WOMAN SCRIPTURE SCHOLAR AS SECRETARY OF THE PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL COMMISSION

Pope Francis has appointed Sister Nuria Calduch-Benages as Secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. She has been a member of the Commission since 2014. Sister Nuria is an Old Testament Scholar and a Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University. She was born in Barcelona and is 64 years of age. She is a member of the Missionaries of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The Commission is a body of twenty biblical scholars affiliated to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. She obtained her Bachelor's degree at the Pontifical Urbanium University followed by her Licentiate and Doctorate from the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

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 Tuesday, 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.

The Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral 12:45pm on Tuesday, 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

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE PANDEMIC LOCK-DOWN

Tuesday 23rd March will mark the passage of one year since the initiation of the first lock-down in response to the pandemic. Across the United Kingdom we are asked to participate in a one-minute silence at 12.00.pm and again at 8.00.pm. We are encouraged to light a candle or shine a torch into the sky. Cardinal Vincent Nichols reminds us that "for all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Reflection informs our prayer and prayer completes our reflection. It is prayer that opens our life to its true horizon. Without prayer we live in a fore-shortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy." By March 23rd 2020 there were 335 deaths recorded as linked to Covid-19. The figure now stands at over 125,000.

We pray for continuing success in the roll-out of vaccinations. We remind ourselves that our country enjoys a privileged position in this regard and so we must pray for a generous and just response to the needs of those who are most vulnerable across the world.



FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
14th March - £553.02
St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £ 600.00

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:
14th March - £257.60
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 FOR £2.40

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE PREPARED COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLETS AND PRAYER CARDS FOR THE FEAST OF ST PATRICK. COPIES ARE FREELY AVAILABLE ON THE TABLES AT EACH CHURCH

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR

Envelopes will be available in Holy Family from this weekend and in St Mary's from the following weekend. Please collect them from the church if possible.

EASTER OFFERINGS FOR THE CLERGY

Envelopes will be available in both parishes from this weekend. As you know, offerings to the clergy at Christmas and Easter are greatly appreciated.

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 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.

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 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!



NEW ARCHDIOCESAN PROGRAMME

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce its new programme:

Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish.

The Commission has spent the year of lockdown creating the programme and then piloting, reviewing, and amending it. The Programme has been approved by His Grace, Archbishop George Stack. It is a seven-week programme, running for one and half hours via Zoom on one evening a week. The dates will be Wednesday, April 21st and 28th, May 5th, May 12th and May 19th, June 9th and June 16th 2021. It will be delivered by members of the Evangelisation Commission.

The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese. The new Programme will remind participants of the Great Commission and the basic Gospel message. It will cover a rudimentary history of the early church and will consider important messages from recent papal papers, how to give witness testimonies, evangelise non-church going Catholics with practical approaches and tools for building a parish team to evangelise.

The Genesis Mission will be an important follow-on activity offered to participants, providing the necessary skills for successful encounters.

For more information and to register for the Programme, please email Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org

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VIRTUAL PUB QUIZ HOSTED ON ZOOM

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LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: 7.30PM 28TH MARCH 2021
FOR CATHOLICS AGED 18-35, HOSTED BY THE PARISHES
OF THE CARDIFF DEANERY

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:

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 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.

Archdiocese of Cardiff

ST. MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Queens Hill, Newport NP20 5HJ

4x Class teachers

MPS

Required for 1st September 2021

2 x Full time temporary 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022

2x Full time temporary (Maternity cover) 1st September 2021– 8th April 2022

**Advert and full Job description can be found on ETEACH and
Newport City Council Website
Closing date April 12th 2021**