



### MASS INTENTIONS

There are a number of Mass intentions available at the moment, particularly for weekday Masses. Why not take this opportunity to have a Mass said for a family member or simply a private intention?

### 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, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Doreen Utley, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, John Barry, Peter & Isabelle Nash, Phyllis Shannon.

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

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

**Holy Family Acc No: 63656861**

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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

I am still receiving applications for the sacramental programmes – Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation. I will be contacting the parents of candidates before the end of this month with a view to convening meetings at St Mary of the Angels and at Holy Family during May. It is likely that the celebrations will take place in October.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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18th –25th April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter Cycle B

### Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter

The Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

In today's extract from the Acts of the Apostles we are present in the Temple of Jerusalem to listen to the preaching of Saint Peter when he addresses his fellow Hebrews. "You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate." Peter is explicit in accusing his own people of killing the 'Holy One', the 'Just One', the 'Prince of Life'. However, Peter then goes on to declare that they did not have any idea of what they were really doing. Ignorance led them to reject God's plan. Jesus is the Christ who had to suffer in order to fulfil God's plan. Jesus must be recognised as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah. Peter makes it clear that the Hebrews must recognise that the time for repentance has dawned and all must now come to terms with the scandal of the Cross. God's Chosen People had refused to recognise the Christ through his endurance of shame, humiliation and suffering. Saint Peter not only addresses his own people but all of us with the challenge of accepting the fact that the final glorious vindication of Jesus is achieved only as a result of the Cross.

Psalm 4

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I John 2:1-5

In this first letter of Saint John, we hear the deceptively simple call to conversion: stop sinning. How can we achieve this objective? We cannot succeed solely by our own efforts. However, we must apply all our efforts to adhering to what God has revealed. Jesus the Christ is our advocate with the Eternal Father. Jesus is the Incarnate Son who sacrificed himself for our salvation, "he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's." In Christ, we must demonstrate our allegiance to the commandments. "Anyone who says, 'I know him (God),' and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth." This Eastertide must refresh our commitment to a profound conversion, which begins and ends with the deceptively simple call to 'stop sinning'.

Luke 24:35-48

Last Sunday we heard the account given in John's Gospel regarding the Lord's appearances to his Apostles, firstly on the Day of Resurrection and then on the Octave Day. This week we hear Luke's description of the same encounter. Although 'Doubting Thomas' is not singled-out, the same theme is addressed. The Risen Lord is no mere ghostly appearance. He imparts his greeting of peace to address their fear and agitation. He then invites them to touch him, to confirm his full reality. Jesus even asks for food and eats some grilled fish. He opens their minds to understand all that was written in the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms concerning himself. Once more we are asked to recognise that the suffering of Christ constitutes the pathway to glorification. In communion with the Apostles, the Church through the ages must proclaim the call to repentance to all nations. What began in Jerusalem must spread across the face of the earth. The Hebrew understanding of conversion is best described as a 'turning away' from sin, a 'turning toward' God. The naming and listing of sins have their necessary place in the process of reconciliation but the most fundamental ingredient is the decision to turn toward the light of Christ. This is no mere shallow declaration to the self but a profound decision of obedience and allegiance to Christ.

### Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (18th April)**

6pm Vigil Mass Louise Macpherson

11am Thanksgiving for Baby Gracie

**Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (25th April)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Paul Mantle

### St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (18th April)**

10am Gerry Corbet

12pm DWA & DR Utley

6pm Paul Eugene Irwin

**Monday, 3rd Week of Eastertide (19th April)**

9.30am HRH Prince Philip

12.15pm John Lamb

**Tuesday: St Beuno, Abbot (20th April)**

9.30am John, Ann & Michael Murphy

12.15pm Canon William Isaac

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Wednesday: St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (21st April)**

9.30am Holy Souls

12.15pm Michael Sweeney RIP

**Thursday, 3rd Week of Eastertide (22nd April)**

9.30am Holy Souls

12.15pm HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Friday: St George, Patron of England (23rd April)**

9.30am Glyn Williams

12.15pm John Lamb

**Saturday: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr (24th April)**

12.15pm Mr Michael Kennedy (RIP)

**Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter (25th April)**

10am Gwen, Fred, Susan & Betty Lee Baker

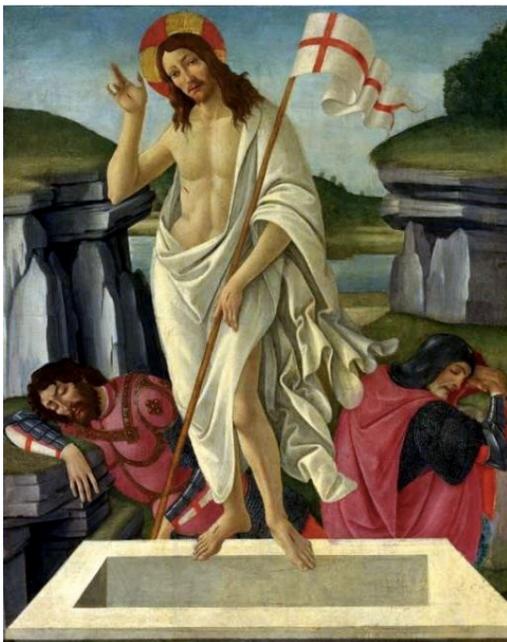
12pm Wayne Grant Lewis

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

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

**Tuesday & Thursday 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer).**

**Confessions on Saturday 10am to 11am. Access to the children's liturgy room via the side gate.**



**Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:**

#### **MR STEPHEN HARRIS R.I.P.**

As this newsletter was being prepared on Friday afternoon, I received a phone call from Carina Foster during which she informed me of the sad news that her son in law Stephen had died during the morning after a long battle with lung cancer. Carina's daughter Heather celebrated her marriage with Stephen here at St Mary of the Angels, though they have lived in Swansea for many years. Please pray for Stephen's eternal repose, for the comforting of Heather and her family in the midst of their devastating loss. Stephen was only 52 years of age. Carina herself suffered a stroke last year and one of her sons has also been seriously ill over recent months. We keep her entire family in her prayers.

#### **MR IVAN SADKA R.I.P.**

Please pray for the eternal repose of Ivan, beloved husband of Patricia. Although Ivan drew his heritage from Jewish tradition, he undoubtedly spent more time in Catholic churches than in the synagogue. He supported Patricia wholeheartedly in the nurturing of their three children in the Catholic faith. Ivan was a notable figure in the legal community of Cardiff for so many years, a partner with Leo Abse (the then well-known Member of Parliament for Pontypool) in their solicitors' practice on Churchill Way. Over and above the many achievements of his professional life, Ivan contributed much time and energy to many public institutions and agencies in service to the common good. Ivan suffered a serious stroke over five years ago and ever since has been cared for so wonderfully in the family home by Patricia, with the sterling support of Brendan. Although Ivan's condition was always precarious, his death came quite suddenly on Easter Monday. We pray for the comforting of Patricia in the midst of her grief, together with her three children – Brendan, Timothy and Melanie – and the wider family. Patricia is perhaps not so well known at Holy Family as in St Mary of the Angels. She has led the bereavement group for many years at S.M.A. and has contributed to the life of the parish and archdiocese in so many other ways. Although Ivan's funeral arrangements are not finalised, it is certain to be a family cremation. May he rest in peace and rise to Easter glory.

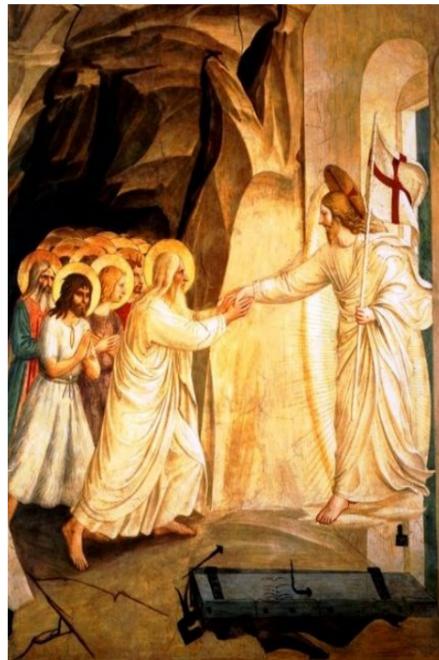
#### **REVEREND CANON WILLIAM ISAAC R.I.P.**

Canon William was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1949, the son of Jean Fotheringham (nee Kilgour) and was soon afterwards adopted by John and Elsie Isaac. He was baptised within the Church in Wales. He grew up in Gabalfa and his faith was nurtured within the 'High Church' tradition of Anglicanism. In adulthood, William offered himself for ministerial formation and was accepted into St David's College, Lampeter. A fellow student was Barry Morgan, the future Anglican Archbishop of Wales, who was in attendance at the Cathedral for Canon William's Requiem Mass. William became an Anglican Minister on St Peter's Day 1973 at Llandaff Cathedral. He served as an assistant in Port Talbot, in Gilfach Goch and in Splott, Cardiff. He was then appointed Vicar of Gilfach Goch. In 1978 he left the Church in Wales, following the admission of women to the Anglican diaconate. With the permission of Archbishop Murphy, William was soon received into full communion with the Catholic Church. In 1980 Archbishop Murphy accepted William as a seminarian and sent him to the Pontifical Beda College, Rome, which provides a four-year course for 'late' vocations. William was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral by Archbishop Ward in December 1984. I was ordained a little earlier in 1984 and had been appointed as Assisting Priest at the Cathedral, so I played a part in preparing the celebration of William's ordination. William's first appointment was to Morryston, for Swansea was then still part of the Archdiocese. He then moved to assist at Mountain Ash and was appointed as Chaplain to the local Cardinal Newman High School. In 1995 Fr Isaac was appointed as Parish Priest in Bridgend. His years in Bridgend were undoubtedly the happiest of his priesthood. As Parish Priest he had oversight in the building of a long-awaited new church for Bridgend and, as Chair of Governors, successfully steered the project to rebuild Archbishop McGrath High School on an entirely new site. He served as Dean in the Bridgend deanery for many years. In 2014 Archbishop Stack appointed William as Parish Priest of St Teilo's, Whitchurch and Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa. In 2016 the Archbishop nominated and appointed William as a member of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter of Canons. He served for a number of years on the Archdiocesan Clergy Welfare Board. Due to deteriorating health, Canon Isaac had planned to retire from active ministry in the summer of this year, having been diagnosed in 2020 with liver cancer. He spent most of 2021 preparing for major surgery. The operation took place in the middle of March but proved too much for his system. After some early signs of recovery there was a gradual deterioration. He died peacefully on Palm Sunday having received the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church. We give thanks for his priestly ministry and caring pastoral service. May he rest in peace and rise to Easter glory.

#### **H.R.H. THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH R.I.P.**

The Ceremonial Funeral of Prince Philip will be celebrated at Windsor Castle on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021. He will be laid to rest within the vaults of St George's Chapel. Although he was born on the Island of Corfu in 1921, a member of the Royal House that then occupied the throne of Greece, his family traced its heritage back to Denmark, Germany and Russia. Since his death we have all become more aware of the disruptions that afflicted his childhood as a result of the turmoil unleashed following Greece's disastrous war with Turkey. The aftermath of the conflict led to a court martial for his Father and eventual exile for his immediate family. Paris became his new home and the young Philip was eventually sent to an innovative educational establishment in Germany. The school's founder was Jewish. Due to the threat posed by the rise of the National Socialism, the institution was translated wholesale to Scotland. Philip thrived under the influence of the Founder. When the Duke sent his own eldest son to the same institution, the experience was not embraced with the same enthusiasm by the next generation.

Under the influence of his Uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Prince Philip became a Cadet at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Although he had already met Princess Elizabeth when she was a young child, it was whilst at Dartmouth that Philip encountered the adolescent Elizabeth. Prince Philip began his Naval career and was engaged in action throughout the Second World War. He was 'Mentioned in Despatches' and played a significant role in at least two major naval engagements. He ended the War in command of his own ship. The relationship between Philip and Elizabeth had grown deeper over the years and they were married in 1947, with Philip remaining a serving Officer in the Royal Navy. We are all aware how his naval career was cut short in 1952 following the death of Elizabeth's Father, King George VI. The marriage of Elizabeth and Philip would last for 73 years. His life ended peacefully at Windsor Castle, aged just two months short of a century, having rendered longer service than any other Consort to a British Sovereign. His life was extraordinary in so many respects. We recognise his contribution to the World Wide Fund for Nature; his enthusiasm for technological innovation; his establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and his support for many other initiatives that encouraged the development of the younger generation; we remember his particular sense of humour, his direct manner and 'occasional' gaffe! We acknowledge his Christian faith, first nurtured within the Eastern Orthodox tradition and then through Anglicanism. We honour his military service and his lifelong dedication to duty, a true Servant to the Sovereign, to our Nation and to the Commonwealth. Above all he was the 'Liege Man' to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Sovereign declared him to be her rock of stability and in this regard the depth and extent of his contribution will remain unseen. Let us pray for the comforting of Her Majesty and the entire Royal Family in the midst of their grief. May His Royal Highness rest in peace and rise to Easter glory.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

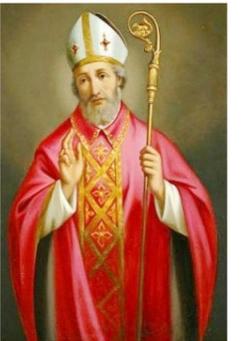
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Memoria of St Beuno, Abbot.



Beuno was Abbot of a significant monastic community in North Wales during the sixth century. The well-known biography was not actually written until the fourteenth century. It may be that Beuno was born in what is now Herefordshire (the village of Llanfeuno) but the focus of his life and ministry is properly located at Clynnog Fawr in Gwynedd. It was here that he founded his principal monastery. He is acknowledged as the founder of a number of other foundations, particularly across North West Wales. It is claimed that Beuno was the uncle to Saint Winefride (Gwefrewi). Significant excavations took place in 1914 at the site of Clynnog Fawr.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Memoria of St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

St Anselm was born into the nobility of the Piedmont (Lombardy) in 1033. He moved to Burgundy, where his Mother's family had interests. Attracted by the reputation of Lanfranc, the foremost scholar of the age, Anselm moved to Normandy. After much hesitation, he entered the Benedictine Monastery of Bec at the mature age of twenty-seven. He studied under the direction of Lanfranc, who would later be appointed by William the Conqueror as the first Norman Archbishop of Canterbury. Although engaged in substantial analysis of Augustinian theology, we have no surviving texts of Anselm's own writings from this early stage of his ecclesiastical life. Anselm became Prior of his monastery in 1063 and then Abbot in 1078, following the death Herluin who had founded the monastery. It was in 1077-78 that he wrote the Monologion and Proslogion. It is in the latter work that we find Anselm's famous ontological argument for the existence of God. Anselm had forged great links with the Church in England as a result of his on-going contact with Lanfranc. The clergy wanted Anselm to become Archbishop of Canterbury in succession to Lanfranc, who died in 1089. King William II (Rufus) would not appoint him to the post for another four years. As Archbishop, Anselm resisted the injustices perpetrated by William 'Rufus'. As a result of tensions with the King, Anselm travelled to Rome in 1097. During a stay at a monastery in Calabria he composed his famous work on 'The Incarnation' (Cur Deus Home?). He was a participant at the Council of Bari and was a major influence in defended the double procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son (the 'filioque' debate with the eastern churches). He played a part in persuading the Pope not to excommunicate the English King, despite his own difficulties with the Sovereign. At this time Anselm wrote a number of other significant works on metaphysics. He remained in exile until the death of William 'Rufus' in 1100. Upon his return to England, it was not long before tensions arose with the new King, Henry I, and in 1103 Anselm embarked upon another journey to Rome. He was supported by Pope Pascal II as he had been by Urban II. Anselm returned to England in 1106. Anselm was not politically astute but was universally respected in Church circles for his sensitive and intuitive mind. He enhanced the recognition of the primacy of Canterbury. Anselm died in 1109. It was Thomas Becket of Canterbury who made the request to Pope Alexander III in 1163 that Anselm be canonized. In 1720 Anselm was named a Doctor of the Church, recognised as the most significant theologian between Augustine and Aquinas.



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Feast of St George, Patron of England.



There is little that is certain about the life St George, however, there is clear evidence of extensive devotion from the fourth century. The Emperor Constantine the Great erected a church in honour of St George in Constantinople. He probably suffered martyrdom at Lydda in Palestine in 303. Some say he was a soldier who tore down imperial edicts regarding the persecution of Christians. He was particularly honoured across the East in the centuries of the first millennium. The ‘Golden Legend’ influenced devotion in the West, promulgating the image of George confronting and overcoming a marauding dragon. Norman Kings gradually established George as Patron of the English nation. It was King Edward III who established the Order of the Garter under the patronage of St. George. Beyond England, many other lands have adopted George as their patron – Venice, Genoa, Catalonia, Portugal and many others.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Memoria of St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr.

St Fidelis was born in 1577 at Sigmaringen in the Principality of Hohenzollern. He was educated at the University at Freiburg-in Breisgau, obtaining doctorates in philosophy and Law. From 1604 to 1610 he acted as tutor to a succession of students. He then decided to dedicate his life to the newly established Capuchin branch of Franciscan Friars. It was at this stage that his name changed from Mark to Fidelis. Between 1618 and 1622 Fidelis was Superior in three houses of the Order. In service to the Roman Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Fidelis was sent with eight companions to establish a mission among the Calvinists and Zwinglians in the Swiss Canton of Grisons. His life was often threatened but he persevered and was successful in gaining many converts. Fidelis had a number of premonitions regarding his martyrdom. On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1622 he offered his confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then celebrated Mass before leaving to undertake a preaching mission at Gruch. From Gruch he made his way to Seewis where a Calvinist attempted to assassinate him. Although there was shot, Fidelis was unharmed. On his way back to Gruch, Fidelis was killed by an angry mob of Zwinglian peasants. Even his attackers gave witness to the fact that Fidelis died with prayers pouring from his lips. He was canonized in 1746.



### 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  
REMINDE 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.

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

11th April - £565.20

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

11th April - £236.40

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

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

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**N.B. Parishioners at Holy Family will this week have their opportunity to contribute to the annual collection in support of the Holy Places which should have taken place on Good Friday.**

## ANNUAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next week, 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> April, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we will host the annual collection in support of the Priest Training Fund. This collection was not taken last year due to the pandemic restrictions which required our churches to be closed. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often termed as 'Good Shepherd' Sunday as the Gospel Reading relates how Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. At Masses this week you will be provided with an information leaflet together with a donation envelope for any contribution you can offer next Sunday. We currently have three seminarians in formation for the Archdiocese of Cardiff: Elliot Hanson in Rome, Dale Cutlan in London and Gwyn Jones who should be in Valladolid, Spain, but who is still resident with us at the Priory. The annual cost per seminarian amounts to over £20,000.

## A LETTER OF THANKS FROM CAFOD

I have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD regarding our parish contributions to the Lenten Family Fast Day. I thank you all for your on-going generosity to CAFOD.

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Envelopes are available for collection in both parishes.

Please collect them from the church if possible.

## A WORD OF THANKS TO TINA AND BELLA

My thanks to Bella and Tina for their work on the beautiful floral decorations at Holy Family in celebration of the Easter Season.

## FROM DEACON MAURICE – UPDATE AND APPEAL FOR REACHING OUT

As you may be aware we have obtained funding from the SVP (London - £50k) and the Welsh Government (£25k) to refurbish the former St Clare's Church on Mill Road in Ely as a Vincentian Community Centre to provide help to those in need in our communities. This will form an important link between the SVP groups and all our volunteers in St Mary's, Holy Family and St Francis Parishes. The work is due to start in the next week or so and the projected time scale to completion is around 4 – 5 months. Our food distribution/food bank programme, which forms part of our 'Reaching Out' service, will move from Holy Family parish hall to this new community centre when refurbishment is complete and in addition we plan to open a charity shop for good quality clothing, a café/meeting room and facilities for counselling/support. This is an exciting and important development and we will need volunteers to help bring it to fruition. So please, please let me know if you would be willing/able to give a few hours of your time to take this important and exciting charitable project forward, remembering that more hands make light work. ([mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk) or 07747038274).



Our food distribution work continues really well, so many thanks to all who have made donations so far and to all our volunteers who are enabling us to provide food boxes to 60-70 families on a weekly basis across Ely, Caerau, Canton, Fairwater and Pontcanna. 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 but improving times. God bless you all and keep safe and patient for just a little longer (hopefully).

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

This past week I convened a meeting of our Parish Clergy to develop further our conversations regarding future developments. We are of course contemplating our gradual emergence from pandemic restrictions and the imminent departure of Fr Nicholas as he will take up his new role as University Chaplain in September. Our conversations were most productive and we will be reconvening in 3 weeks to further progress our reflections. I will of course be consulting both Parish Councils in the near future, and it is my intention to convene parish meetings as and when that becomes possible. In May, I will issue a document that will outline the areas of parish life that will need attention and renewal within the context of immediate and longer term needs.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK MEGGITT-PHILLIPS

Jack assumed the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative at St Mary of the Angels in 2020. I wish to congratulate him upon the publication of his first book, the first in a trilogy that are to be published. He writes for children and this first volume is entitled "The Beast and the Bethany", published by Egmont. I already have my copy and I look forward to reading it. You'll have to buy your own copy to discover the story! Well done Jack.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### \*\*\* Archbishop's Food Voucher Scheme.

The third round of applications for this scheme closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Twenty nine Schools and eleven Parishes have applied for a total of £36,610.

A total of £127,251 has now been distributed through this scheme thanks to the generosity of various donors and charities.

The issue of food poverty will remain with us well into the future, not least as a result of the economic impact of the pandemic. Donations to this important work can still be made through

[www.rcadc.org/donations](http://www.rcadc.org/donations)

### \*\*\* Combined Project between the Archdiocese and the S.V.P.

The Archdiocese of Cardiff is working with the Society of St Vincent de Paul (National and Local) to create an outreach centre at the former church of St Clare's, near Ely Bridge. The Archdiocese is providing the building and its site with the S.V.P. investing a significant amount to upgrade the premises so that a variety of services can be offered to various groups of the vulnerable and needy. A full pastoral plan will be published once the preliminary works are completed. Deacon Maurice Scanlon and Mr Christopher Jones, Diocesan Projects Manager and a parishioner of St Mary of the Angels, are key figures in progressing the scheme. Let us keep this project at the heart of our prayers.

### \*\*\* Emerging from the Pandemic.

Fr Bernard Sixtus represents the Catholic Church in Wales on the Welsh Government Places of Worship Task and Finish Group. Many Christian denominations and other religious groups are represented. The Welsh Government is as yet reluctant to provide guidance as to how and when restrictions will be lifted regarding places of worship. The U.K. Government has provided some indicators that will apply in England by the end of July. The purdah that is imposed as a result of the forthcoming elections here in Wales will further delay the issuing of such guidance. We await further clarity following the Election Day.

### Press On!

#### A Life in the Spirit Seminar by Cardiff Cathedral

Join us at 7pm each week with a Guest Clergyman. Zoom Link ID : 868-571-167  
Password: cathedral

Session 3 (22nd April 2021) New Life in Christ

Session 4 (29th April 2021) Receiving God's Gift – Discipleship

Session 5 (6th May 2021) Receiving the Holy Spirit

Session 6 (13th May 2021) Keep Growth, Press On!

Session 7 (20th May 2021) Transformation – Be His Witness

### REMINDER NOTICE REGARDING SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 have until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to apply to the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their right to live and work in the United Kingdom. Access to such services as healthcare could also be denied. It should be noted that the requirements of this scheme do not apply to Irish citizens.

Information can be referenced on the following websites:

1.U.K.Government.

[www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families)

2.European Commission

[www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know](http://www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know)

3.The Charity 'Settled'.

[www.settled.org.uk](http://www.settled.org.uk)

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org)

### LEARNING AND SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

You may be interested in the following session offered via the RCADC website.

<https://rcadc.org/events/category/events/>

April 21 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am. **Social media and Community Engagement.**