

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mr Colin Murphy R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Friday 16th July at 11.15am.

Mrs Joyce Mahoney R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 19th July at 12.00pm.

Mrs Mary Usher R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 22nd July at 10.45am.

Miss Victoria Godwin R.I.P. (Aged 23) - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 23rd July at 10.45am.

Mrs Mary Coyle R.I.P. (better known here as Mollie Walsh) - Her funeral will take place at her local Parish of Christ the King, Llanishen.



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: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Sheila Ferriter, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Sharon Dobson.

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, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Phyllis Shannon, Mary D'Alpa, John Barry, Joseph Stancombe, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees.

Today is Sea Sunday and there will be a **retiring collection** after all Masses for Stella Maris.

Readings continued

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Mark 6:7-13

The Twelve are sent to preach, spreading the 'good news of the kingdom' to a wider congregation. Christ grants them authority to undertake this mission but instructs them to travel devoid of what we would consider basic necessities – no bread, no haversack, no money, no spare clothing. The point being made is that the Apostles, and the Church throughout the ages, must first learn to rely on what God provides rather than on what man can provide. The Apostle, and all who follow and serve Christ, must act in accordance with the demands of the kingdom. Precedence must be given to the kingdom. The mission is not subject to circumstance, not subject to personalities, not subject to convenience. Welcome or unwelcome, God will reveal his presence and his purposes in the midst of his people. The Apostle is called to simplicity and directness. When the message is welcomed, we can rejoice. When the message is rejected, then we should and must give a sign that the message has been delivered so that there will be no excuse in claiming never to have heard the message. We will not always meet with earthly success in preaching the 'good news'. The message is offered to all, but never forcefully inflicted. Humankind has a choice to make; accept or reject the call of God. "Jesus summoned the Twelve and sent them out in pairs giving them authority over unclean spirits."

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11th July - 18th July 2021 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Readings for the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Following two hundred and fifty years of governance by those who were termed 'Judges', the Hebrew People clamoured for the establishment of a monarchy in emulation of surrounding nations. Reluctantly God permitted this innovation, accurately predicting how it would go wrong. Only three kings ruled over a united people: Saul, David and Solomon. Following the death of Solomon, the kingdom split in two. The southern kingdom of Judah remained centred on Jerusalem while the northern kingdom of Israel chose Bethel for its capital, the location of a new and separate royal court and religious sanctuary. The north became ever more cosmopolitan with greater foreign influences leaving their mark on society. The south remained more religiously orthodox with its focus on the ancient Jerusalem Temple. Today we hear from the Prophet Amos. He was a reluctant prophet having been quite content in his work as a shepherd and tending to his sycamore trees. However, God chose Amos as his prophet and instructed him to travel from his home in Judah northward into the realm of Israel. When Amaziah, a priest of Bethel, told Amos to retreat back to his home then Amos declares that he is but serving the will of God. Amos is the great prophet of justice. God has instructed Amos to rebuke Israel for its infidelities and corruption. In relative terms, the northern kingdom of Israel has become rich in comparison to the southern kingdom of Judah. Luxuries have too easily corrupted the hearts of the north; king, priests and people have turned away from the Lord. Amos says that he could no more refuse the call from God to prophesy in the midst of the people than he could fail to experience fear if he stood in the presence of a roaring lion. Amos is vigorous and direct in his criticisms. He employs the earthy imagery and vocabulary of the countryman. He calls the rich and pampered citizens of Bethel "cows of Bashan", alluding to the pagan ways of the Canaanites who occupied the land before the Hebrews. And the Lord said, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Psalm 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Today we will listen to an extract from the Letter to the Ephesians and we will continue to do so for a further six weeks. The theme of the letter leads to concentrate on the fact that Jesus Christ is the Head of his Mystical Body, the Church. The whole of Creation has been united in Christ and Christ presents all things to the Father. Although the themes contained in the Letter to the Ephesians reflect what we find in the undoubted personal letters of Paul there is a fundamental difference in the language employed. Ephesians is rather grandiose in its style, distinct from how Paul usually expressed himself. Paul expressed himself eloquently and was sophisticated in his theological argumentation. The author of Ephesians was probably close to Paul, with his own eminent spiritual and intellectual stature. The author of Ephesians shares Paul's vision. In the first chapter we hear what is properly described as an ancient theological hymn which praises God's plan of salvation. The text of the hymn provides an ordered series which describes God's favour: he chose us, made us adopted sons, forgave us, revealed the mysteries of faith to us in Christ, placed all things under Christ, bestows the seal of the Holy Spirit upon us that enables us to praise the glory the God. "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ."

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Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (11th July)

6pm Vigil Mass Morgan & Rona Jones

11am Anne Kehoe

Thursday: (15th July)

9.30am Doreen Jones RIP (PUBLIC ACCESS)

Sunday: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (18th July)

6pm Vigil Mass Carmelo Scarvaglieri

11am Dec'd Davies & Donovan Families

St Mary's Masses

Please note that there is only one Mass on weekdays in July while Fr Nicholas is away on holiday.

Sunday: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (11th July)

10am Lian Scotto d'Abusco RIP

12pm Thomas Iannucci (Anniversary)

1.30pm Celebration of Baptism

6pm Mary & Sean Maher (Birthday)

Monday: St John Jones (12th July)

9.30am Mary & George Phillips

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (13th July)

9.30am Dec'd members Jones Family (PUBLIC ACCESS)

Wednesday: St Camillus de Lellis (14th July)

9.30am Lynch Family

Thursday: St Bonaventure (15th July)

NO MASS THIS WEEK

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16th July)

9.30am Thanksgiving Anniversary (Mr & Mrs S Suarez)

Saturday: Votive Memoria of Our Lady (17th July)

12.15pm John, Ann, Michael, Murphy Family RIP

Sunday: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (18th July)

10am Matthew Thomas

12pm Massah Elizabeth Moiwu-Koya (Anniversary)

3pm Celebration of Baptism

6pm DWA & DR Utley

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

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.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK



Monday 12th July – Memoria of St John Jones, Priest and Martyr.

John Jones (also known as Buckley) was the son of a Catholic gentleman in the Parish of Clynog Fawr, Caernarvonshire. We know little of his early life. We know that as a young man he entered the Franciscan Friary at Greenwich, but this was suppressed and dissolved in 1559. John moved to the continent and was professed at Pontoise in France. He subsequently returned to England as a Secular Priest of the Mission specifically in order to labour amongst the prisoners in Marshalsea Prison. In this undertaking he was identified as a priest and incarcerated at Wisbeach Castle in 1587. He managed to escape this captivity and journeyed abroad once again, this time to Rome, staying at the Ara Coeli Franciscan House. He joined the Roman Province of the Reformed Franciscan Order of Strict Observance. He longed to return to the English and Welsh Mission and was eventually granted permission to do so, receiving a personal blessing and commendation from Pope Clement VIII. He returned to England either at the end of 1592 or at the beginning of 1593. He settled in London but was soon visiting various locations beyond the city. During this time, his fellow Franciscans elected him as their Provincial Vicar. He was arrested in 1596 having been betrayed by an infamous spy (Topcliffe). John Jones was eventually charged on the 3rd July 1598, along with Robert Barnes and Jane Wiseman who had both been helping him in his missionary labours. John made clear that he was not guilty of any crime against his Queen (Elizabeth I) or his country, however, the Judge Clinch made it clear that to be a Catholic Priest in England itself constituted an act of treason. John declared: “If this be a crime, I must own myself guilty, for I am a priest, and came over into England to gain as many souls as I could for Christ.” He had suffered a great deal of torture during his confinement, including regular scourging. He was sentenced to death and was taken to Thomas’ Waterings (now the Old Kent Road) on the 12th July 1598 where he was hanged, drawn and quartered. Fr Henry Garnet (himself later martyred and canonised) wrote an account of Jones’ execution only three days after the event.

Wednesday 14th July – Memoria of St Camillus de Lellis.

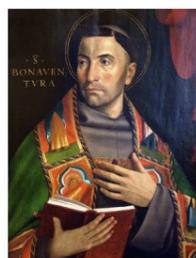
St Camillus was born in 1550 at Bocchianico in the Abruzzi, within what was then the Kingdom of Naples. He grew to become a soldier, joining the Venetian Army to combat the Turks. He was an exceptionally big man for his era, or any era, being some 6 feet 6 inches tall. He led a wayward life, having a hasty temper and becoming an inveterate gambler. Due to gambling debts, Camillus was forced to work as a labourer. In this occupation he found himself working on a building belonging to the Capuchin Franciscans. The Guardian of the Friary engaged Camillus in many conversations, exhorting him to change his ways. Camillus was moved to ask for admittance into the Capuchins and twice advanced through the novitiate, but having to withdraw on both occasions because of a severe and incurable ulcer on one of his legs. He eventually moved to Rome and entered the San Giacomo Hospital for Incurables where he received personal treatment but also rendered significant service to those in greatest need. Camillus attended to the most menial and basic needs of his fellow patients. At the age of thirty-two he initiated his formation for the priesthood. Following his ordination, Camillus went on to lay the foundations for what would become the Congregation of Regular Clerics. This work began in 1585. He faced much opposition but eventually gained approbation from the Holy See. Camillus received much guidance and support from one who would himself become a Canonized Saint, Philip Neri. Members of the Congregation would offer nursing care to those afflicted by the plague, working in homes, hospitals and prisons.



Between 1595 and 1601, members of the Congregation served on the battlefields of Hungary and Croatia in the ongoing conflict with the Turks. This provision constituted the first recorded example of a military ambulance unit.

The Congregation went on to establish two large hospitals, one in Rome and the other in Naples. Care for galley-slaves was a particular strand of service, many being saved from their desperate situation. Many members of the Congregation died as a direct result of caring for plague victims. Camillus lived to see his Congregation establish fifteen houses and eight hospitals. Despite suffering increasing illness and affliction, Camillus spared no personal effort in caring for the sick up to the end of his own life. Camillus died on the 14th July 1614 and was canonized in 1746 by Pope Benedict XIV. Saint Camillus is a Co-Patron of the Sick and Patron of Nurses.

Thursday 15th July – Memoria of St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.



Whilst the great Dominican Theologian St Thomas Aquinas is referred to as ‘The Angelic Doctor’, the great Franciscan Theologian is known as ‘The Seraphic Doctor’. St Thomas would be more inclined to the Aristotelian rational method and Bonaventure was more Augustinian in the patterns of his thinking, with a stress on the importance of the affective insight of the mind.

Bonaventure was born at Bagnoreggio, near Orvieto in Tuscany, in 1221. He was the son of a physician whose family belonged to the lower strata of nobility. Originally named John, he became known as Bonaventure as a consequence of an exclamation uttered by St Francis of Assisi. John’s Mother asked Francis to pray for her son’s deliverance from a dangerous illness. When John was seen to be saved, Francis cried out ‘Good Fortune’ – ‘Buona Ventura’.

At the age of twenty-two, Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Following his first vows and in recognition of his intellectual gifts, he was sent to the University of Paris to study under the celebrated Alexander of Hales, an English Franciscan. Following the death of this great teacher, Bonaventure continued his studies under the direction of John of Rochelle. It was in Paris that Bonaventure forged his great friendship with St Thomas Aquinas. These two received their Doctorates together, Bonaventure ceding to Thomas the honour of having the conferral first.

At the age of thirty-six, Bonaventure was chosen as Minister General of the Franciscan Order. It can properly be claimed that Bonaventure was the ‘Second Founder’. The Franciscan Order had grown rapidly but St Francis had not established a clear structure of organisation. It was Bonaventure who restored peace to the Order which had suffered much division following the death of St Francis of Assisi. It was Bonaventure who wrote the first ‘Life of St Francis’. In contradiction to Francis, Bonaventure insisted on the importance of study for members of the Order. In 1265 he was chosen to become Archbishop of York. When the Papal messengers arrived with news of his nomination Bonaventure was washing the dishes at the Friary of Mugello near Florence. He told the messengers to wait until he had finished the task. After receiving the news, Bonaventure begged Pope Clement IV not to be forced to accept the dignity of the office. Although he managed to avoid appointment to York, a later Pope (Gregory X) named Bonaventure as a close adviser, making him one of the six Cardinal Bishops of Rome (Bishop of Albano, one of the six titular suffragan dioceses of Rome).

Bonaventure relinquished his role as Minister General of the Franciscan Order before he died. Bonaventure died on the 15th July 1274 while undertaking a significant role at the Second Council of Lyons which was striving to effect reunion with the separated churches of the East – Thomas Aquinas had died while making his way to the same Council.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK (continued)

Bonaventure was primarily responsible for effecting an accord with the representatives of Constantinople and he preached at the Solemn Mass which was celebrated to mark the great reconciliation. Bonaventure died before the news arrived that Constantinople repudiated the agreement that had been so hard won. His achievements were many and elevated but his contemporary colleagues were clear in emphasising his personal qualities of gentle courtesy, compassion and accessibility. He was canonized by Pope Sixtus IV in 1482 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588.

Friday 16th July – Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Today marks the patronal feast of the Order of Carmelites. Their name is derived from Mount Carmel as identified in the Sacred Scriptures. It is claimed that a Chapel was dedicated in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary upon the slopes of Mount Carmel even before her Assumption. Today's feast also marks the day in 1251 on which the Carmelites claim St Simon Stock, the English Father General of the Carmelites, received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary whilst he was in Cambridge. Mary is said to have revealed to him the brown 'scapular' that was to be worn over the shoulders as a sign of devotion and penance.

Simon Stock went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land when a young man and was greatly impressed by the hermitical Carmelites he encountered there. He embraced their rule and eventually had to return to Europe as a result of Islamic persecutions. He settled back in Aylesford, Kent. The years from 1245 to 1255 were critical for the Order of Carmelites for it was during this period that the Order migrated from its hermitical origins. The Carmelites became Mendicant Friars alongside the Franciscans and Dominicans. Simon Stock died in Bordeaux. His relics were brought from Bordeaux to Aylesford in 1951. Although never formally canonized, in 1564 the Holy See gave approval for the Carmelites to celebrate his feast at their altars which equates to recognition.

SISTER JOSEPHINE EGAN DHS R.I.P.

Please pray for the eternal repose of Sister Josephine who died recently. She was a Daughter of the Holy Spirit, a religious Congregation dedicated to education. Sister Josephine dedicated most of her religious life to working within the boundaries of our Archdiocese, based in the Convent at Abergavenny. She also served for many years as Vicar for Religious, the Archbishop's representative to religious communities. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REVEREND DEACON ELLIOT HANSON

We offer our congratulations and extend the assurance of our prayers to Deacon Elliot Hanson who was recently ordained to the diaconate in Rome. He has now returned to Cardiff for the summer before proceeding to Paris in September for further study at the Institut Catholique. By the grace of Almighty God, Elliot will be ordained to the priesthood next year.

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP STACK

Archbishop George recently sent a message to the Clergy of the Archdiocese relating the news that the Apostolic Nuncio had informed His Grace that the Holy Father has accepted his resignation letter. According to the norms of Canon Law, all bishops are required to submit their resignation to the Holy See upon reaching their 75th birthday. Following the submission of a resignation letter by a diocesan bishop/archbishop, the Holy Father can choose to respond in a number of ways and to act according to a number of options. The Holy Father may decide not to accept the resignation, asking the individual to simply continue in post until a later date. The Holy Father may decide to accept the resignation, asking the individual to remain in post 'Nunc pro Tunc' (simply translated as 'now for then'). This is the option taken by the Holy Father in the case of our Archdiocese. This means that the Archbishop continues in post with full authority as Ordinary until the Holy Father appoints a successor at some indeterminate time in the future. Another option would have been to appoint the Archbishop as 'Apostolic Administrator' which would normally involve the maintenance of ordinary jurisdiction for the interim until a successor is appointed. If the Holy Father had accepted the resignation of the Archbishop with immediate effect then either another bishop would be appointed by the Holy See as Apostolic Administrator (with full or limited authority) or the College of Consultors would appoint a Diocesan Administrator (with limited authority) to take charge of the Archdiocese until a new Archbishop was appointed. Let us keep Archbishop George in our prayers as he continues to serve the Archdiocese of Cardiff coupled with his additional responsibilities as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Menevia. Archbishop George asks us all to prayerfully invoke the Holy Spirit as Pope Francis continues the process of deliberation regarding the appointment of the Eighth Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff.

RETURNING TO MASS - 'THE DAY OF THE LORD'

"It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters.

We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed."

A MESSAGE TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

I have now received the ordered copies of the YOUCAT Confirmation books for candidates. These can now be collected from myself after the Sunday Masses. These are the books that you will retain and they cost £10 each. I hope to convene a meeting for all candidates in the next few weeks after you have had an opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the workbook.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The 14th July marks the thirty-seventh anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I give thanks to Almighty God for the sustenance of his grace. Please pray for me and for the nurturing of vocations to the priesthood.

AWAITING NEWS FROM THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

We are all aware that the U.K. Government, which controls health policy and delivery in England, has prepared the ground for changes to COVID restrictions and guidelines from the 19th July. We will soon hear from the Welsh Government regarding their approach to possible changes. Until we hear differently, we will continue to follow the procedures we have successfully implemented during the past year. I take this opportunity once again to express my gratitude to the cohort of Stewards in both parishes who have so wonderfully facilitated our access to both churches. We are gradually opening both Parish Halls to use by outside groups. Three organisations are now re-engaged at Holy Family. Use of St Mary's Hall was already much diminished before the pandemic struck. Only two small scale groups are intending to re-engage as the dance class have found a new venue with better parking facilities. Without groups regularly hiring the Hall at St Mary's, the venue becomes an increasing financial drain on Parish resources. This simply highlights the many issues which will need to be addressed and assessed when we return to 'normality'.

PRAYERS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Last Thursday marked the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party. We can rejoice to see China developing economically, bringing benefits for many, though not all, of its vast population. However, we are so very conscious that the Peoples Republic of China is a one-party state which employs repressive measures of control. Although the Vatican has signed an accord with the Chinese Government, the Catholic Church continues to suffer severe restrictions, manipulations and even persecutions. Due to extensive media coverage, we are very much aware of the sufferings inflicted upon the Muslim communities across Western China but we are not so well informed regarding the suffering bourn by our Catholic brothers and sisters across China. I ask you to pray for all people of faith in China who are suffering at this time.

MASS AT HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At 9.30 on Thursday 15th July, I will be delighted to celebrate an end of year Mass at Holy Family Primary School. Apart from one meeting with the headteacher on site, this will be my first opportunity to visit the school since the beginning of the pandemic. Please keep the school community in your prayers, remembering particularly the children in Year 6 as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. There is no access to the school for parishioners at this time but Fr John will still celebrate the 9.30am Mass in Holy Family Church on that day.

A WORD OF THANKS TO MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE

I am very grateful to Fr John, who is providing pastoral supply for our Sunday Masses during this month when Fr Nicholas is on holiday. From September, Fr John has willingly volunteered to assist with our Masses for the immediate future.

FR NICHOLAS ON HOLIDAY

Fr Nicholas will be on holiday from his parish duties until July 26th.

A GIFT FOR FR NICHOLAS UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PARISHES

As you know, Fr Nicholas will depart from The Priory on the 1st September to take up his appointment as University Chaplain. Fr Nicholas has served the parishes of St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family as Assisting Priest since his ordination to the priesthood three years ago. I first came to know Fr Nicholas nearly twenty years ago when he began attending the Sunday Evening Mass at the Cathedral. I soon called on him to become a Minister of Holy Communion.

I kept contact with him when a work appointment took him to the South Coast of England. It was during this period that he developed his consideration of a possible vocation to the priesthood. I observed his journey from initial discernment to the six-year pathway of his seminary formation. I was delighted to attend his ordination to the diaconate at Oscott and had oversight of his ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral. I have been blessed by his companionship and support since my arrival at The Priory two years ago. Although I will miss his presence, I am delighted at his appointment. He is well qualified for the role of Chaplain at Cardiff University and the Chaplaincy will flourish under his leadership.

Whilst Fr Nicholas is away on holiday I take this opportunity to invite parishioners to contribute to a departure present for him. Could I ask you to place a donation in an envelope, marking it 'For Fr Nicholas', and placing it in the collection baskets over the coming weeks. It is not yet certain as to whether we will be able to gather for some kind of communal farewell, but at the least we will present our donation to him on his last weekend with us. Thank you.

UEFA EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Euro 2020 had to become Euro 2021, a long wait for football fans across the continent. Although we were disappointed to see Wales drop out, we had the satisfaction of seeing the team progress beyond the Group Stage. We now await the final between England and Italy. Italy are not quite so assured as they seemed to be at the start of the competition. I was obviously supporting Spain in the semi-final clash with Italy, a game Spain should have won following the run of play. England have graduated to the final with a developing assurance. It will be a well-balanced and tense contest. It has been fifty-five years since England were victorious in the World Cup of 1966 and we wish the team well for Sunday's encounter.

HOLY FAMILY DEFIBRILLATOR

The recently purchased defibrillator is now in place on the wall in Holy Family Church. The parish would like to thank members of SCRAP for their most generous donation of £500 which enabled us to purchase the defibrillator. Another individual donor has very generously given £200, for which the parish is most grateful.

Defibrillators save many lives each year but obviously there have to be people who know how to use them in order for the full benefit of having one on the premises to be gained. Calon Hearts is offering free training on the use of a defibrillator. They are easy to use and give voice prompts to assist the user.



Please consider being trained in the knowledge that you may one day be able to save a life. St Mary's parishioners are welcome to apply for training as well. We already have about a dozen volunteers so we will shortly be arranging dates. Please contact Pat Davey on canton@rcadc.org.

CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE CAMPAIGN

The United Kingdom will this year host the United Nations Climate Change Conference – COP26 – in Glasgow during the month of November. We are all conscious of the dangers posed by Climate Change, dangers that threaten the poorest countries most of all. CAFOD – our Catholic Agency in England and Wales for International Development – is launching a campaign to influence our own national and local politicians regarding necessary policy change. Radical action is needed now if we are to achieve our objectives. I urge all parishioners to log on to the CAFOD website to sign a petition and to download various suggestions for action. Please consult the following:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/latest-campaigns>

Recent weeks have provided a devastating example of worsening climate patterns. The West Coast of North America has been caught in a high-pressure loop that has been confined in a static bubble by the flow of the Jet Stream. Temperatures just short of 50 C have been recorded in British Columbia. There have been a number of deaths and crops are in danger of being lost. If two of the most developed countries are finding it difficult to cope with the effects of such phenomena then we can only imagine how the poorest countries will suffer as they struggle to confront the worsening situation. Situations that were once considered extraordinary will become increasingly frequent and widespread.

Let me quote the opening two paragraphs of 'Laudato Si', the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis that was published in 2015, which reflects upon caring for our common home:

“‘Laudato Si’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.”

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Romans 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Genesis 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

4th July - £456.70

Day for Life total - £233.51

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

4th July - £297.16

Day for Life total - £159.41

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

In addition, as there have been a number of retiring collections in recent weeks, we have made a donation of £100 from each of the parishes for Peter's Pence

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

SEA SUNDAY – SUPPORTING 'STELLA MARIS' (THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

Today we pray for the work undertaken by 'Stella Maris', formerly known as 'The Apostleship of the Sea', which is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. Stella Maris supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Most seafarers are now recruited from developing countries. They facilitate world trade by enduring a very challenging workplace environment, separated from family for long periods. They are often vulnerable to exploitation and their stays in port are few and much restricted. Stella Maris brings much needed support to seafarers and their families. Our national agency is linked to the worldwide network of sister Catholic bodies across the world. I am aware that we are in the midst of a sequence of special collections through the summer months. Contributions can be placed in the envelopes that will be distributed on arrival for Mass. For more information on Sea Sunday please visit the website www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate



BANK DETAILS FOR STANDING ORDERS

Bank details for standing orders, which are directly linked to the respective parish accounts are as follows:

Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff

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

St Mary's Acc No: 03285375

Holy Family Acc No: 63656861

Our live-streaming facility is now available again on the website. If the problem should arise again, please be aware that you can also access the service via the following link: <https://mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-mary-of-the-angels>

FROM DEACON MAURICE – 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 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 or Neil O'Toole on 07860647367 or email: 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).

REACHING OUT PROJECT UPDATE

I would like to thank all of those involved in the day to day running of the Reaching Out project, as well as all who have made such generous and substantial donations. If you wish to make a donation via online banking, whether a one-off payment or a regular amount, please use the Holy Family account (it is easier to operate the system smoothly if all payments go through one account). Alternatively, put cash or a cheque into an envelope, pop it into the Priory, give it to one of the priests or even put it into the collection box. **As long as it is clearly marked Reaching Out, it will definitely reach its destination.** Thank you once again.

EXAUDI – A NEW INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

I wish to highlight the launch of EXAUDI, a new international Catholic News Agency. It has been created as part of the Church's effort to promulgate a 'New Evangelisation' in the contemporary environment, particularly in response to the influence of atheistic secularism. EXAUDI will seek to present information, opinion and analysis regarding the mission of the Church worldwide. Please reference the following website:

<https://www.exaudi.org>