

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Patricia Taylor R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 2nd August at 12.00pm.

Mrs Luisa Pope R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd August at 1.00pm.

Mrs Noreen Eddy R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 5th August at 11.00am.

Mr Richard Barnicott R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Monday 9th August at 1.15pm.

Miss Mary Payne R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 11th August at 11.00am.

Mrs Kimberley Dainty R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 20th August at 9.45am.

Mrs Kathleen Hoskins R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on a date yet to be arranged.



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

May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: 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, Daniel Stancombe.

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, Joseph Stancombe, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees.

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St Mary's SVP contact number 07731847622.

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1st - 8th August 2021 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Readings for the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15.

Last week we heard how the prophet Elisha fed a large group of men, an event that was meant to be understood in relation to the actions of Moses when his intercession drew down bread from heaven. Today's extract from the Book of Exodus provides an account of the quails and the manna. The phenomena of the manna can be connected to the sweet honey-like excretion which is exuded from certain shrubs found in Southern Arabia. Quails are still easily captured as they fall to the ground following an exhausting migration across open seas. The events reveal the providence of God in caring for his people. Natural phenomena serve a supernatural purpose. The provision was limited to the needs of the day. There was no excess that could be hoarded as a reserve. This constituted a test of faith for the people. Trust in the Lord, always; trust in the Lord each day. In the fullness of time, it is the eucharist that will become the daily testing-ground.

Psalm 77.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24.

There is a tension for the Christian in the proclamation that the Kingdom has come, that it is here, for there is also the realisation that the Kingdom is yet to come in terms of its fulfilment. Past and future are seen in their connectedness and in their distinctiveness. We are already part of the 'New Man' (Christ) and yet we still struggle to cast off the old self. The battle of the present moment can only be understood in relation to how faith is made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

John 6:24-35

Last week we heard the description of the feeding of the five thousand. Next week we will hear the great discourse on the 'Bread of Life'. Today we hear the transitional passage that provides the meaning of the wonderful sign that has been given. Ultimately, faith is not built on mere wonderment. Faith must be built, must feed, upon the true content of what is revealed. The miracles of old and the miracles of Jesus address needs, however, it is not the satisfaction of our need that constitutes the true significance of the miracle. Miracles are indicators of God's power but more importantly of his providential intentions. The eucharist is the 'miracle' that captures the entirety of God's power and purpose. The eucharist is not the bread of this life but of eternal life.

"I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat."

"Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life."

"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world."

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (1st August)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael McMahon

11am Paul Mantle

Thursday: (5th August)

9.30am Meriel Johnson **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Sunday: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (1st August)

6pm Vigil Mass Cliff Jones

11am Gerald Macpherson

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (1st August)

10am John & Monica Jermyn

12pm Yvonne Best RIP

6pm Lucie Anne Jones RIP

Monday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (2nd August)

9.30am Kenneth Lockett

12.00pm Funeral Service for Mrs Patricia Taylor

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (3rd August)

9.30am Mary Coyle RIP **PUBLIC ACCESS**

12.15pm Michael Maher

Wednesday: St John Mary Vianney, Priest (4th Aug.)

9.30am Mr N. K. Joseph (Healing)

12.15pm Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (5th August)

9.30am Frederick Gardner

11.00pm Funeral Service for Mrs Noreen Eddy

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord (6th August)

9.30am S. Sueref

12.15pm Covid Crisis (India/Nepal)

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (7th August)

12.15pm Sheila Sage

Sunday: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (8th August)

10am Antonia & Felix Abela

12pm Peter O'Rourke

6pm Philip Bates (Anniv.)

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

Wednesday 4th August -Memoria of St John Mary Vianney, Priest.



St John Baptist Mary Vianney was born at Dardilly near Lyons in 1786, the son of a peasant farmer. He obtained little formal education in his childhood. The Republican era inflicted a radical secularism on the French State and the Church suffered greatly. John was conscripted into the army but eventually deserted, along with many others, with the intention of pursuing a path toward priesthood. He first studies in the seminary at Verrieres but transferred to Lyons in 1813. He found the studies most difficult but was eventually ordained to the priesthood in 1815. The seminary at Lyons described him as the most un-learned student but the most devout. Today he is universally identified as the Cure d'Ars. He became Parish Priest of Ars-en-Dombes three years after his ordination. It was from this remote French hamlet, that had a population of just two hundred and fifty souls, that his reputation spread as an insightful confessor and director of souls. His life was marked by significant mortifications and austerities. He preached a sermon every day at 11.0'clock. Many penitents travelled to visit him and many lives were transformed by his priestly ministry. He retained a childlike simplicity and humility whilst exercising a mystical ability that enabled him to perceive the injuries present in the souls of those who came to him for confession. He would regularly hear confessions for sixteen hours each day. In later life, when the monarchy had been restored, the Cure d'Ars was honoured with a Knighthood of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honour. Although he was not allowed to refuse the honour, he refused to the formal investiture and never wore the insignia. He died on the 4th August 1859. He was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

Thursday 5th August – Memoria of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major.

There is an ancient tradition in Rome which describes how the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a Patrician named John, during which she instructed him to construct a church dedicated to her honour. The spot was marked by a fall of snow in the midst of summer. John founded and endowed the church during the fourth century pontificate of Liberius (Pope from 353 to 366). The church was first identified as the Libe-rian Basilica. Pope Sixtus III enlarged the structure in 435 and specifically designated the title in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The magnificent façade was added to the complex in 1741. The designation 'Mary Major' indicates its dignity as first amongst the churches that honour the B.V.M., in Rome and throughout the world. Along with the Basilicas of St John Lateran and St Peter's, the Basilica of St Mary Major has an altar that is exclusively reserved for use by the Holy Father.



Friday 6th August – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.



Today's feast marks the occasion when Our Lord manifested his divine glory to the three most cherished Apostles – Peter, James and John. The Transfiguration took place at the summit of Mount Tabor, a rounded mountain-top located in Galilee. The Lord's countenance became resplendent and his garments shone. Moses, the Lawgiver, and Elijah, the greatest of the Prophets, appeared and conversed with him. The Apostles were overwhelmed, with Peter declaring that "it is good for us to be here" and offering to construct three tents. The Father's voice declares that "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The same three Apostles would be closets to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Transfiguration provided a glimpse of the Lord's divinity and the future glorified humanity of Jesus. This revelation strengthened the three Apostles for their future witness and ministry.

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.

REFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*** N.B. TWO MEETINGS FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM BOTH PARISHES ARE NOW IN THE DIARY:

1. WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST, FROM 4.00pm TO 6.00pm, IN ST MARY OF THE ANGELS.
2. WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, FROM 6.30pm TO 8.00pm, IN ST MARY OF THE ANGELS.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

A homily for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Apostles, who had received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in fulfilment of the Lord's promise, had power to complete the work of Baptism by the giving of the Holy Spirit, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles. When St Paul had laid his hands on certain people who had been baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

The Bishops, as successors of the Apostles, possess the same power and, either in their own right or through Priests lawfully appointed to fulfil this ministry, they confer the Holy Spirit on those who have already been born again in Baptism.

Even if today the coming of the Holy Spirit is no longer widely made manifest by the gift of tongues, we know by faith that the Spirit, through whom the love of God has been poured into our hearts and through whom we are gathered in unity of faith and in diversity of callings, is received by us and is working invisibly to make the Church holy and one.

Dearly beloved candidates, the gift of the Holy Spirit, which you are about to receive, will be a spiritual seal, by which you will be conformed to Christ and will be made more fully members of the Church. For Christ himself, anointed by the Holy Spirit in the baptism he received from John the Baptist, was sent forth for the work of his ministry, to pour out on the earth the fire of the same Spirit.

Therefore, you who are already baptized will now receive the power of his Spirit and be signed with the cross on your foreheads. And so, you must always bear witness to his Passion and Resurrection before the world, so that your manner of life, as the Apostle says, may be in every place the pleasing fragrance of Christ. His Mystical Body, which is the Church, the People of God, receives from him diverse graces, which the same Holy Spirit distributes to individuals for the building up of that Body in unity and love.

Be living members of this Church, therefore, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to serve all people like Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. And now, before you receive the Spirit, call to mind the faith which you professed in Baptism or which your parents and godparents professed with the Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Do you renounce Satan, and all his empty promises? I DO.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? I DO.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? I DO.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost? I DO.

Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? I DO.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AMEN.

The Laying On of Hands

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The Bishop then lays hands on the head of each Candidate

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anointing with Chrism

The Bishop inscribes the Sign of the Cross with Sacred Chrism on the forehead of each candidate as he says:

(Using the chosen Confirmation name of each Candidate) N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Candidate replies: AMEN.

The Bishop adds: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

The Candidate replies: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

REFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*** N.B. THERE WILL BE A MEETINGS FOR ST MARY'S CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH ON TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 4.30pm.

*** N.B. THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR HOLY FAMILY CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 4.30pm.

*** N.B. FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM ST MARY'S PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – TIMES AND FORMAT TO BE ARRANGED.

*** N.B. FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM HOLY FAMILY PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER – TIMES AND FORMAT TO BE ARRANGED.

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.”

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Where God meets humanity: Jesus, Son of God and King of Israel.

Fr. Michael Hall explores St. John's Gospel and how extra-biblical material helps our understanding of it, particularly as we consider the role that the Temple plays in this gospel.

Between the Testaments Series:

St. John's Gospel and Temple Theology by Fr. Michael Hall.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/scripture-seekers/between-the-testaments/where-god-meets-humanity/>



RETURN OF OUR READERS

I am hoping that a new rota for our Readers will be operational for August. Our engagement with the Word of God at Mass is of critical importance and it will be a delight to once again to hear a variety of voices proclaiming the scriptures.

MARRIAGE CARE

The Coronavirus pandemic may have put normality on hold but Marriage Care's support for your relationship continues. The impact of COVID-19 has put increasing pressure on relationships, and we urge people to seek the support or expert help they need before reaching breaking point.

We offer marriage preparation, relationship counselling and more.

We specialise in helping couples build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships, and in providing support in times of relationship difficulty. Why? Because better relationships make for better lives, more stable families and a stronger society.

We're ready to help, whatever your circumstances.

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/>

Relationship Counsellors—volunteers needed

Are you looking to volunteer in a friendly environment and to make a difference in your community? Then Marriage Care has the opportunity you are looking for!

We are currently recruiting Relationship Counsellors to support couples, particularly from across the Cardiff Archdiocese, via webcam and face-to-face, who are experiencing difficult times.

To apply, you will need a recognised qualification in Relationship Counselling & 150 hours of client experience. All our volunteer Counsellors are provided with the necessary supervision and CPD necessary to fulfil their role.

For more information, please visit [marriagecare.org.uk/getinvolved](https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/getinvolved) or contact rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk

With thanks to the Cardiff Diocesan Trustees for their financial support of this recruitment process.

STATISTICS FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

Worldwide Causes of Death in 2020.

Cardiovascular Diseases: 18,000,000

Cancer: 10,000,000

Covid-19: 1,800,000

Other: 30,000,000

Abortion: 73,300,000

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*** Two Volunteer Administrative Assistants:

One two-hour slot on Tuesdays from 10.00.am to 12.00.pm and another two-hour slot on Thursdays from 10.00.am to 12.00.pm. These suggested times are flexible. Can you help?

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO TWO PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED. I WOULD STILL WELCOME OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST.

*** Volunteer(s) to Administer the Piety Stall at St Mary's:

The task would involve opening a stall for access to parishioners before and after 10.00.am Sunday Mass. It would involve ordering stock from our established wholesale suppliers in anticipation of needs – according to liturgical seasons, feasts and sacramental programmes etc. Can you help?

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>

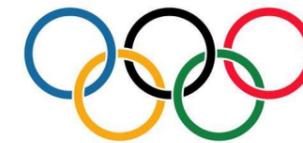
HOLY FAMILY DEFIBRILLATOR

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 training and will inform you when we have the date. Please contact Pat Davey on canton@rcadc.org

Update: Calon Hearts have been inundated with requests for assistance in recent weeks, so we are still awaiting training dates.



CELEBRATING THE OLYMPIC GAMES



As we move into the second week of competition, our attention is drawn away from the swimming pool towards the athletics track. Our particular enthusiasm may have been focused on one of the other

disciplines that have been in play. I found myself mesmerised by the skate-boarding. I think I have only once stood on a skateboard and the experience did not last long! I found the equestrian dressage as captivating as ever. The margins between winning and losing have come down to thousandths of a second. The greatest triumph inevitably belongs to those sportsmen and sportswomen who win the gold, silver and bronze medals. However, we acknowledge the effort and sacrifice involved in simply becoming an Olympian. We salute the staggering achievements of all the participants. I have only ever had one Olympian as a parishioner, a hockey player who lived in Chepstow when I was Parish Priest. I think it is about time that I could claim another. Who might it be and in what sport? Time for us all to start the training regime!

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>

Costs We have just paid our annual subscription, which amounted to £1,440.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

25th July - £511.62

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

25th July - £306.61

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £ 250.00

WHY NOT GIFT-AID ALL YOUR PARISH DONATIONS?

BANK DETAILS FOR STANDING ORDERS

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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.

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.

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).

