

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Miss Nadia Dailoo R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 12.00pm.



**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.**

## Pray for the Sick

**Holy Family:** Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Sharon Dobson, Joseph Stancombe, Zaid Saffo.

**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, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin.

### Readings continued

We must follow where Jesus leads us. When we hear of the Apostles arguing amongst themselves as to which one of them was the greatest, we are reminded that we too can be captured by the allure of power and status. When Jesus draws our attention to the child, he is simply declaring that in childhood we hold to a clear and simple understanding of trust. However, childhood does not constitute the completion of our humanity, it is but the beginning of a long journey. The trust demanded of us by Jesus is not something based on the naivete of childhood. The trust demanded by Jesus is that which enables us to bring our humanity to its maturity. This is the greatest test of our adult years.

Jesus addressed his disciples:

"The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again."

"But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him."

The disciples were then arguing about which of them was the greatest.

"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

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## TUESDAY MASS AT HOLY FAMILY

Monsignor Maguire is willing to celebrate an extra public Mass at Holy Family Church on Tuesdays at 9.30am. I am very grateful to Fr John for his generosity. Fr John will inform us when he is unable to make this provision in any given week.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP Kings Rd, Canton CF11 9BX  
19th-26th September 2021 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

### Readings for the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20.

The Book of Wisdom commences with painting a picture of a godless man whose pride prevents any acceptance of God's wisdom. In today's extract we hear of the sarcastic mockery that falls from the lips of this godless man. The voice is acidic and venomous. As we listen to these words from the Book of Wisdom, we are reminded of the jibes offered by some of the bystanders at the Crucifixion of Jesus. The prophecy of the Passion given in today's Gospel text confounded and disturbed the followers of Jesus. We are being reminded that the truth of our salvation is channelled through the suffering of Christ and rooted in his triumph. Christ (who is the Way, the Truth and the Life) confronts all falsehood.

"The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.'" "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof."

Psalm 53.

The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16 – 4:3.

The hallmark of God's wisdom is peace which must be imprinted on the human heart. The world defines wisdom rather differently. Too easily is man tempted to define wisdom according to the terms and categories of his own pride. Presumption regarding the magnitude of his own brilliance leads man to delight in the mistakes of others. Self-aggrandisement is often built upon a willingness to highlight the failures of others. God's wisdom brings that peace that undermines our pride, that guides us towards a life of simplicity. "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done." "... whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure ... it makes for peace ... is kindly, considerate, compassionate and good."

"... there is no trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Mark 9:30-37.

It was Saint Augustine, one of the greatest 'Fathers of the Church', who provided clear guidance on this text from Scripture. Augustine reminds us that children can be selfish. Indeed, children can be consumed with self-willed indulgence. Generosity born of self-control, our movement towards selflessness, is usually learned through the long years of adulthood, only embraced after much experience and struggle. Augustine teaches us that Jesus brings the child to our attention in reference to 'childlike trust'. Jesus demonstrates the most profound trust in the will of his Heavenly Father. In his humanity, Jesus had to build this trust with every step that led him to his Passion and Death. Whenever Jesus draws his disciples into a contemplation of his future Passion, he always goes on to exhort to an embrace of self-denial.

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### Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (19th September)**

6pm Vigil Mass Richard Emes & Sheila  
11am Felix & Agnes Macpherson

**Tuesday: (21st September)**

9.30

**Thursday: (23rd September)**

9.30am Zaid Saffo (Healing)

**Sunday: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (26th September)**

6pm Vigil Mass Bill & Gwladys Bratcher  
11am Michael McMahon

### St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (19th Sept.)**

10am Mary Cox

12pm Peg & Reg Palfrey

6pm Rose Anyaegby (Anniversary)

**Monday: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs (20th Sept.)**

9.30am Giuseppe Basso RIP

**Tuesday: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21st September)**

9.30am Lynn Moxon (Birthday)

**Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (22nd Sept.)**

9.30am Thomas Hall Intentions

**Thursday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (23rd Sept.)**

12.00pm Funeral Mass for Miss Nadia Dailoo RIP

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction PUBLIC ACCESS

**Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (24th Sept.)**

9.30am Edward Best

**Saturday: Memoria of the BVM (25th Sept.)**

12.15pm Repose of the Soul of Brynn Ironside

**Sunday: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (26th Sept.)**

10am Leona Hayes

12pm Christian Andrew Baker

6pm Private Intention (Devine)

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

**THIS SCHEDULE WILL INCREASINGLY BE DEPENDENT UPON MY TIMETABLE OF APPOINTMENTS.**

**Thursday: 7-8pm Adoration & Benediction (including Evening Prayer) open to public access. Confessions on Saturday 10am to 11am. Access to the children's liturgy room via the side gate.**

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Memoria: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, Martyrs.

The evangelization of Korea began through the links forged by trade with Europe in the early seventeenth century. The spread of the faith was in the hands of lay converts until the formal arrival of ordained missionaries from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Over the next two hundred years, the Catholic faith was embedded in Korea. However, during the mid-nineteenth century a sequence of persecutions brought great hardship to the Church - in 1839, 1866 and 1867. One hundred and three members of the Church were martyred for the faith. Outstanding amongst this number was Fr Andrew Kim Tae-gon (Priest) and Paul Chong Hasang (Lay Pastoral Assistant). The martyrs included a few bishops and priests, but the majority were members of the lay faithful – men and women, married and unmarried, children, youth and elders. Their witness has nurtured the phenomenal growth of the Church in subsequent years. Pope St John Paul II canonized the Korean Martyrs during his Apostolic Pilgrimage to Korea on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1984.



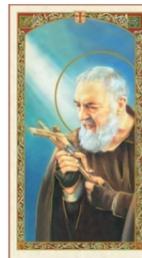
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Feast: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.



St Matthew is counted amongst the College of Twelve Apostles and recognised as an Evangelist. Although Matthew's Gospel is listed as the first Book of the New Testament, the account was actually written after that of Mark. Matthew is identified as a tax collector, a role that brought him the hatred of his own people who would have marked him as a collaborator with the forces of Roman oppression. Despite his role as a 'publican', Jesus calls Matthew to follow him. We should note that the Gospels of Mark and Luke identify Matthew as Levi. Matthew's Gospel expands what was we encounter in Mark's account, but the intended audience is the same. Both Mark and Matthew are concerned with addressing those who have converted to the Way of Christ from Judaism. Matthew highlights the threads of ancient Messianic prophecies as describes how their come to fulfilment in Jesus Christ. Although we cannot be certain, many traditions describe how Matthew left Palestine following the persecution perpetrated by King Herod Agrippa I in the year 42 AD. We can deduce that the Gospel was written before the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by the Romans, an event which occurred in the year 70 AD. Differing strands of tradition identify a variety of destinations for Matthew -Ethiopia, Parthia, Persia.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Memoria: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.

Grazio Forgione and Maria Giuseppa De Nunzio rejoiced at the birth of their son on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 1887 in the Village of Pietrelcina, Province of Foggia, Italy. The boy was baptised the following day, receiving the name of Francesco. At the age of sixteen, Francesco entered the Novitiate of the Franciscan Capuchin Friars on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1903 at Morcone. He formally received the habit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, taking the name of Pius – Brother Pio. At the end of his Novitiate in January 1904, Pius embraced his Simple Vows. In January 1907 he embraced his Solemn Vows and celebrated the reception of 'Minor Orders' in December 1908. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1910.



Soon after ordination he experienced severe pain in his hands and feet which causes him to be consigned to remaining with his family for the next six years, serving his hometown of Pietrelcina. In December 1916 he was assigned to the Friary in San Giovanni Rotondo where he remained for the rest of his life. On the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1918, Padre Pio experienced the 'transverberation' of his heart, a painful spiritual piercing of the heart described by the great Mystics. On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1918, Padre Pio receives the stigmata on his body.

Between 1923 and 1933 he was forbidden to write letters and was placed under many other restrictions by his Order. He was renowned for his ascetic life together with his spiritual insight. His own Order and other Church authorities were at first unsure, if not distrustful, of his claims. The scrutiny of the Church over time gave recognition to his teachings and spiritual experiences. He died aged 81 years on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1968. I remember Archbishop Ward telling me of his own encounter with Padre Pio and of how difficult it was at times for the Capuchin Order to 'cope' with the future Saint. Padre Pio was Beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1999 and Canonised on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

## PROVISION OF REFERENCES FOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR

Although I have been Parish Priest for two years, the complexities of the first six months of my transition and the following eighteen months of COVID disruption has meant that I am still building my knowledge and recognition of the Parish Communities. At this time of year there is always an inundation of requests for a faith reference relating to school admissions outside the Catholic sector. At stages during the past year and a half, many families were unable to sustain regular attendance at Mass for obvious reasons. As a result of this situation, I have had the opportunity to build my personal recognition of individuals nor forge the full network of normal parish relationships. This means that I am not in a position to simply provide references for school admissions without direct contact with families. I will be available to meet families who are requesting references at St Mary's Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm. I am sure you will appreciate that I cannot compromise my own integrity in providing faith references without actual personal knowledge of circumstances.

## COVERAGE FOR ALL FIVE PARISH MASSES

For the next three Sunday's, Monsignor Maguire is providing pastoral cover in Chepstow and Caldicot – where I served as Parish Priest for six years. As a result, we will welcome Fr Nicholas back to Holy Family Church in the coming weeks as he will be celebrating the 11.00 am Mass. Although Fr John is generously offering support over the coming months with regard to celebrating the current pattern of Sunday Masses, this situation is not sustainable in the longer term. Although Fr John is enjoying good health and is in fine form, he is now approaching his seventy-ninth birthday. I am currently opening discussion with both Parish Councils regarding the necessity of altering the Sunday schedule of Masses at some stage in the New Year. I will, of course, be addressing both communities on this subject in the near future. Please pray for the wellbeing of our two Parish Communities as we continue to move through this period of challenging evolution.

## FIRST FRIDAY EVENING MASS AND CONFESSIONS AT HOLY FAMILY

Commencing in November, it is my intention to celebrate an Evening Mass at 7pm on the first Friday of each month in Holy Family Church. This will be preceded by an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6pm.

## REFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES FOR RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

\*\*\* N.B. FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM ST MARY'S PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – TIME SLOTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED.

\*\*\* N.B. FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR CANDIDATES FROM HOLY FAMILY PARISH WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER – TIMES SLOTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED.

\*\*\* N.B. THE NEXT MEETING FOR CANDIDATES FROM ST MARY'S PARISH IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM 6.00PM TO 7.00PM.

\*\*\* N.B. THE NEXT MEETING FOR CANDIDATES FROM HOLY FAMILY PARISH IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER FROM 6.00PM TO 7.00PM.

\*\*\* N.B. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS FOR ST MARY OF THE ANGELS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 2.00 PM.

\*\*\* N.B. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS FOR HOLY FAMILY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 2.00 PM.

## MEETING OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Mary of the Angels Parish Advisory Council is scheduled for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm in The Priory.

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELISATION PROGRAMME (SECOND RUN)

### Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish

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 Tuesday, September 28th, October 5th, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be delivered once again by members of the Evangelisation Commission.

The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese. It 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)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

\*\*\* 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?

## REPLENISHING THE TEAM OF READERS AT ST MARY'S

I am most grateful to Anji Minoli for her efforts in contacting those parishioners who were already on the Reading Rota in order to structure provision for the coming months. Anji is also looking to recruit new volunteers for the Rota as we need more coverage for all Masses at St Mary of the Angels. A number of newcomers have already come forward. If you would like to contribute to the Ministry of the Word then please contact Anji at [zampetto1215@gmail.com](mailto:zampetto1215@gmail.com)

## RE-ESTABLISHING AND REPLENISHING THE TEAM OF WELCOMERS IN BOTH PARISHES

During the past eighteen months our cohort of volunteer stewards attended to our compliance with COVID Protocols but also provided a warm welcome to parishioners as they arrived for Mass. Now that the stewards are no longer operational, we need to re-establish and replenish teams of welcomers. There are a number of practicalities that require attention: providing a warm welcome together with any necessary directions; distributing and collecting hymnals and missals (as and when this becomes possible); conducting the offertory collection (the collection baskets/boxes will soon be carried and presented to people in the benches) and overseeing any retiring collection. I will ask both Parish Councils to organise this recruitment.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR OUR COHORT OF STEWARDS

I have booked The Cornerstone at the Cathedral for a meal of thanksgiving on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00pm in honour of our cohort of stewards from St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family. All of the stewards are invited and they may be accompanied by a guest. On behalf of the parishes, this event provides me with the opportunity to express our gratitude for their sterling work in facilitating the re-opening of both churches following the lockdown and sustaining our continuous operation over the following months. As I have previously stated, third party commentators unanimously declared that our system of operation was second to none. Our stewards not only enabled us to adhere to the protocols, week-in and week-out, but also provided a warm and encouraging welcome to all parishioners and visitors during very challenging times.

NB As the date for the meal is rapidly approaching, could I ask all stewards to confirm attendance at the event by emailing the parish office on [canton@rcadc.org](mailto:canton@rcadc.org). If anyone has any particular dietary needs, then please forward that information.

## A LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON TO FELLOW BISHOPS REGARDING THE DANGERS POSED BY BARONESS MEACHER'S 'ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021'

Bishop Sherrington is an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster and is a Moral Theologian.

In the next few weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which received its First Reading in the House of Lords and is due its Second Reading with full debate on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that the bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally adult, with less than six months to live, to be assisted in committing suicide.

The context of the debate is fundamentally different from the Marris Bill in 2015. Dignity in Dying are running a vigorous campaign, which is highly mobilised. They have some national papers on side and are using strong, personal and emotional narratives to win hearts and minds. They also have a high presence on social media and are encouraging their supporters to write to Peers. Those in favour of the Bill are using language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach to obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a "false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem ... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.' He criticised 'those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.'

We continue to argue for good palliative care and its important values, including spiritual ones, which are part of this approach. However, this language is being manipulated by Dignity in Dying. Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which includes the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. The Bill would also fundamentally change the relationship between the Healthcare Professionals and the Patient from treatment and care to providing the lethal means to commit suicide.

It is possible that the Bill will pass to Committee Stage without a vote in October and be returned to the Lords for Third Reading and then, if passed, be sent to the Commons. There will be pressure on the Government to provide time for this.

To prepare for these events, I ask your engagement and that of your dioceses over these next weeks. First, to ask you to call people to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, to ask that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Peers engage with personal correspondence and not to campaigns. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

In this way, the Church will be a prophetic voice: a voice of clarity and truth amidst the great confusion around this bill.

### BRIEFING.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REMAINS OPPOSED TO ANY FORM OF ASSISTED SUICIDE. IT IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMAN LIFE, AND WE CANNOT DIRECTLY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER, EVEN IF THEY REQUEST IT.**

We must scrutinise and continue to challenge this proposed legislation in the months ahead. We must reaffirm our support for high quality end-of-life care, which includes spiritual and pastoral support for the one who is dying and their family.

**PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE.** Such proposed legislation arrives at a time when we have a growing elderly population, persistent exclusion and inequality for disabled people and a very real health and social care crisis. Experience during the pandemic is also pertinent, especially the number of care home deaths and the use or 'misuse' of 'Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation' notices for elderly and disabled people. This context coupled with the textual vagueness of the Bill raises a number of serious questions about law and society's ability to protect the most vulnerable. How can the law ensure that a person is free from pressure from ending their life prematurely due to societal attitudes and perceptions about 'quality' or 'worth' of life? How can the law ensure a person is acting voluntarily and not out of a sense of 'being a burden' to family, to health and social care services and to society?

**THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.** Oregon, Belgium, Canada and other jurisdictions are held up as examples as to why the U.K. should follow suit in legalising assisted suicide. Yet, evidence in these countries overwhelmingly indicates that the introduction of laws for a 'small number of cases' inevitably leads to exponential growth in those seeking 'assisted dying': Oregon has seen a 1075% increase in 'assisted deaths' between 1998 and 2019, Belgium has seen a 925% increase between 2002 and 2019 and Canada has seen a 648% increase between 2016 and 2020. Similarly, an expansion of grounds upon which 'assisted suicide' is permitted follows suit with its legislation. Laws have been expanded in some jurisdictions to include assisted suicide for children, non-terminal illness (including non-terminal psychiatric illness). Laws are also being challenged with regards to allowing the elderly to request assisted suicide when their life is 'complete' or if they have dementia. Evidence shows that liberalisation of these laws seems to always follow. This is a serious risk, and can we expect the situation in the U.K. to be any different?

**INVESTING IN CARE AND NOT ENDING CARE.** Faced with suffering and illness, our response should be one of true compassion. This finds expression in high-quality and holistic end of life care for the one who is dying and their family. Rather than assisting suicide and bringing care and life to an end, we should be working to ensure people have access to the best end-of-life care when they need it. Organisations and medical professionals have done much good work in debunking myths and popular perceptions around end-of-life care and what a 'good death' can and does look like, but there is much more to be done here. The provision of quality palliative care should be a priority and reality for all who have need of it. 'Assisted Dying' could be seen as a quick and cheap alternative to proper end-of-life care. Can we expect a full range of choice to be given to us, in the event of terminal illness, should this Bill make the statute books? It is interesting to note that those who work most closely with people at the end of their lives are often those most opposed to assisted suicide within the medical profession.

### RESOURCES.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>  
In July 2021, the Bishops' Conference Department of Social Justice hosted a webinar with Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaf and Robert Preston, which provided a very useful and rational guide to this complex and sensitive issue: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/a-rational-guide-to-the-assisted-suicide-debate/>

If you would like a FREE copy of the book entitled 'Death By Appointment: A Rational Guide to the Assisted Dying Debate' by Baroness Ilora Finlay and Robert Preston, please contact Collette McGovern at the Conference Secretariat. The book provides an excellent evidence-based approach to the issue: [collette.mcgovern@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:collette.mcgovern@cbcew.org.uk)

'The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dying Well' promotes access to excellent care at the end of life and stands against the legalisation of assisted suicide. Their website provides up to date political news and resources on the issue: <https://www.dyingwell.co.uk/>

'Living and Dying Well' provides excellent information on research and analysis of the evidence surrounding the 'assisted dying' debate: <https://livinganddyingwell.org.uk/>

'The Art of Dying Well' hosts a variety of resources for helping people to think about death and dying: <https://www.artofdyingwell.org/>

## THE CATHOLIC PUPIL PROFILE

A few years ago, our Archdiocese adopted the structures of the Jesuit Pupil Profile for use in our schools. The aim of Catholic education is the formation of the whole person, fostering improvements in all the circumstances of living and learning for the greater glory of God and in service to the common good. The Profile is comprised of eight pairs of virtues, a structure rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and crafted by the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola.

The starting point for Ignatius is always GRATITUDE – an attitude of mind that habitually notices daily blessings and the good things that happen to us, giving our lives meaning and enjoyment, and sometimes pause for thought and a nudge to put things right. The end point of Ignatian spirituality is GENEROSITY – the impulse to give and not to count the cost, to serve without reward, to have big hearts and great minds, to live for others.

Ignatius tells us that we need to be ATTENTIVE to the big and small things, to the responses of other people, to the stirrings in our hearts, to the preoccupations that thread their way through our lives. Being attentive takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being attentive, we can begin to DISCERN what is good for us and what is not; what God calls us to be; what God calls us to do with our lives.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that it is never enough simply to notice: we must allow ourselves to be moved by what we see, especially by the plight of those who suffer. COMPASSION – the ability to sense deeply the predicament of the other – is fundamental to seeing the world with Jesus's eyes. Being compassionate leads to LOVE – a deep and genuine bond with the other person, something that is outgoing and not focussed on myself. The love God has for us is the model of the love we are called to show others, including those who are against us.

Having FAITH is crucial to human wellbeing – faith in myself, my emotions, my judgements; faith in others and their faith in me; faith in my family and in the communities to which I belong; and faith in God. Faith cannot be taken for granted; it has to be built up day by day. Once we begin to have a little faith, we have HOPE, because we can trust ourselves and those around us with the decisions which will shape the future. Without hope we become insular, lacking in love, and ultimately despairing. The three core virtues of the Gospel of Jesus are faith, hope and love.

ELOQUENCE – the ability to articulate clearly what we believe and feel and to do so in a way that, with integrity, engages and persuades others – is a central characteristic of Catholic education. But eloquence must be used in a TRUTHFUL way – to speak truth about myself, about others, about God and the world around us. Education is the search for truth and the eloquent articulation of what we discover. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

To be educated is to be LEARNED – to know about God's creation and about the people who are part of it. But facts and skills are of little value unless we have WISDOM also – the ability to see what is important and what is not.

CURIOSITY is needed to sustain learning. It is what keeps us going. It is what opens up new horizons. It leads us to find God in all things. In the Ignatian tradition, learning is something to be ACTIVELY engaged in the probing, seeking, asking, challenging, questioning until truth is plain – it is to think for oneself and become a lifelong learner.

## THE CATHOLIC PUPIL PROFILE (Continued)

Activity can easily become the distraction of being busy. Using wisdom and discernment, we can live our lives more INTENTIONALLY – getting the balance right; living in the present moment rather than in the unchangeable past or the unknown future. Living in this way is to be PROPHETIC- announcing the new perspective of the Gospel on what it means to be human. Jesus is the example of someone who lived his life intentionally and prophetically.

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS.  
ATTENTIVE AND DISCERNING.  
COMPASSIONATE AND LOVING.  
FAITH AND HOPE.  
ELOQUENT AND TRUTHFUL.  
LEARNED AND WISE.  
CURIOUS AND ACTIVE.  
INTENTIONAL AND PROPHETIC.

Obviously, the application of this sequencing profile is pertinent not only for application in a school context but more widely. Let us reference its structure for our spiritual reflection over the coming months as we contemplate the future of our parish mission.

### DISTRIBUTION TO PARISHIONERS OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF HYMNALS

We will distribute a limited number of hymnals at each of the parish Masses today to enable parishioners to sing the chosen hymns. Parishioners will be asked to retain the copy of the hymnal they receive and take it home, COMMITTING TO BRINGING IT WITH THEM EACH WEEK FOR MASS. We can distribute only twenty copies per Mass. Such a distribution will enable as much choral participation as is possible. THERE WILL BE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO BRING THE HYMNAL WITH THEM TO MASS EACH WEEK!!!

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We are still awaiting training dates for using the defibrillator. Please remember that you can put your name down for training whether you are a parishioner of Holy Family or St Mary's. We are in the process of arranging training with two parishioners who are qualified to deliver such training. Contact [canton@rcadc.org](mailto:canton@rcadc.org).

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>

## REFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

\*\*\* N.B. THE NEXT MEETING FOR ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FROM 6.30PM TO 7.30PM AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS.

\*\*\* N.B. THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 2.00PM 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 ne 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.

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

12th September - Gift aid £66.75 Loose £423.60

Collection for LEPRA £279.62 - many thanks for your generosity

We are also donating £100 to the national Home Mission Fund

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

12th September - Gift aid £139.00 Loose £170.03

Collection for LEPRA £300.05- many thanks for your generosity

We are also donating £100 to the national Home Mission Fund

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

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

These are still unusual times and fewer than 50% of parishioners are currently attending Mass regularly. A large number of parishioners who use the gift aid envelopes are still absent, for a variety of reasons, and this explains to some extent the low proportion of gift aid donations in the weekly cash collections.

If you are a taxpayer, I would encourage you to consider joining the gift aid scheme, which gives a gain of 25% on all your parish contributions. Our current diminished income covers costs but no more so that in both parishes there has been no deposit gain to cover the inevitable backlog of repairs and ongoing capital expenditure. In September, I intend to provide an exact breakdown of the financial situation alongside a projection of essential works and other outgoings over the coming year.

### 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**

### AUTUMN EDITION OF 'MISSION TODAY'

The autumn edition of 'Mission Today' is now available for collection from the tables in the porches of both churches.

## 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.

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).



### A NOTE FROM DEACON MAURICE

#### ST VINCENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, ELY BRIDGE

I'm very pleased to report that the refurbishment and refitting of the former St Clare's Church is now complete with major financial support from the SVP and the Welsh Assembly via its Communities and Facilities Programme. Henceforth it will be known as St Vincent's Community Centre, Ely Bridge and the SVP have appointed a manager, Nathan Harding, who took up his new role a few weeks ago. There will be an official opening by Archbishop George at the end of November. We will hold a meeting of volunteers at St Vincent's in the near future to discuss things further. If you think you may be able to help in any way as a volunteer in this exciting new venture, please contact Deacon Maurice: [mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mfscanlon@hotmail.co.uk) or 07747038274

### NEW ELECTRONIC DONATION STATION AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

Our new electronic donation station is now operational at St Mary of the Angels. It is currently located within the entrance porch. The display screen offers clear instructions for use. You can make a donation securely either by the contactless method or by inserting your card and using your PIN.