

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mrs Betty Murphy R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 25th October at 10.45am.

**Mr James Hill R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 26th October at 12pm.

**Mrs Rose Philomena (Phyllis) Shannon R.I.P.** –

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 28th October at 11.30am.

**Mrs Ann Marie Audriana Nicholls R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 5th November at 12pm.

**Mr Chris Streat R.I.P.** husband of former parishioner

**Mrs Sharon Maria Dobson (née Mullett) R.I.P.** – former Holy Family parishioner, resident in Australia



**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, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Joseph Stancombe, Zaid Saffo, Peter Macpherson.

**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, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin., Jacob Callaghan.

## JACOB CALLAGHAN

Please pray for Jacob Callaghan, a 20 year old St Mary's parishioner, who is suffering from Covid and being treated in intensive care.

### Readings continued Mark 10:35-45.

We all know how slow were the disciples to understand the true nature of the Kingdom proclaimed by Christ. Each of the gospels provide us with instances where the disciples display spectacular ignorance. Today we hear how James and John, the sons of Zebedee, misconceived the future glory spoken of by Jesus as translating into honour and privileges for themselves. It was not only these two brothers who misunderstood, for all of the Apostles would ultimately reveal their lack of understanding. All failed to understand that Jesus was speaking of the privilege of love which must be understood, that can only be understood, through self-sacrificing suffering. Christ addresses the sons of Zebedee regarding the 'baptism' of suffering and the 'cup' of self-sacrifice. There is no crown or privilege other than suffering and self-sacrifice. Jesus, who is the 'Master', becomes the 'Servant'. The Church, every follower of Christ, is called to follow the Master towards total service.

"Master, we want you to do us a favour. ... Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory."

"... seats at my right hand or my left. These are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted."

"... anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all."

"For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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**Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff**

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

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

**Holy Family Acc No: 63656861**

**St Mary's SVP** contact number 07731847622.

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Mr Jack Meggitt-Phillips (St Mary of the Angels)

### Primary Headteachers:

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a retiring collection next week in support of World Evangelization



# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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17th - 24th October 2021 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

### Readings for the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11.

This extract from the Book of Isaiah emanates from the darkest period of Israel's exile in Babylon. We hear of the atoning value of the suffering borne by the innocent 'Servant' for the sake of the guilty. We could interpret the text in two ways: it could be expressive of the nation of Israel, suffering for the sake of the world; it could be expressive of the role taken by an individual on behalf of the nation or the world. The earliest Christian community undoubtedly interpreted this text from Isaiah as relating to the person and role of Jesus the Christ, explaining the value and purpose of his suffering. We can undoubtedly understand this application when we hear Jesus declare that the greatest of all must be servant of all. In every generation, the Church must manifest the willingness to subsume our personal sufferings into the suffering of Christ, uniting ourselves with Christ's redeeming sacrifice. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we will have to bear the communal suffering of public persecution and contempt as well as bearing our more personal pain and loss. Although it is not Christ who imposes suffering upon us, in a very real sense we accept the burden suffering as an invitation from Christ himself to share in the work of redemption. "By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself."

Psalm 32.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16.

The Letter to the Hebrews draws us into the recognition that Jesus Christ is the High Priest of the New and Eternal Covenant. Christ is the Priest and the Victim in his sacrifice, which is the perfect sacrifice offered once and for all. In and through his sacrifice, Christ forges a full communion with our humanity, redeeming us from the fault of original sin and inviting us to be set free from our personal sin. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews (whose identity we do not know) emphasises the fact that Jesus shared with us the experience of having to confront temptations. He overcame all temptations in contrast to ourselves. The recognition of the humanity of Jesus Christ requires us to acknowledge that Jesus had to control and overcome base human instincts. The staggering fact is that the Divine Word made Flesh had to bring his humanity to its perfection through the pathways of human growth and development. In his human exhaustion, apprehension and ultimate agony, Jesus has full communion with us in the human condition. Jesus has explored every boundary of the human condition but did not sin. Jesus alone can gather the lost sheep from the wilderness into which they have wandered.

"Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed."

"... we have (a high priest) who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin."

"Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace ..."

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!

Continued opposite

## Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (17th October)**

6pm Vigil Mass Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

11am Brian Collins

**Tuesday: (19th October)**

9.30

**Thursday: (21st October)**

9.30am 'Uncle Pat' (Pandurang Patker)

**Sunday: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (24th October)**

6pm Vigil Mass Sharon Dobson RIP

11am Repose of the Soul of Mr N K Joseph

## St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (17th Oct.)**

10am Dora Dorizas (illness)

12pm Mary Walsh RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

2.15pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Chris Streat RIP

**Monday: St Luke, Evangelist (18th October)**

9.30am DWA & DR Utley

**Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (19th Oct.)**

9.30am Bob Partridge RIP

**Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (20th Oct.)**

9.30am Hillsman Family

**Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (21st Oct.)**

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Friday: St John Paul II, Pope (22nd October)**

9.30am Mary Walsh RIP

**Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (23rd Oct.)**

12.15pm Clare Ballard Yawson (continued good health)

**Sunday: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (24th Oct.)**

### World Mission Sunday

10am For the People of the Parishes

12pm Nilla Menezes

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

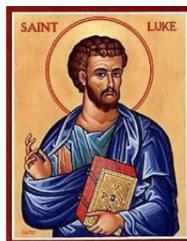
**Dependent upon my timetable, the Angelus and Prayer During the Day will be live-streamed at 12pm and Evening Prayer live-streamed at 7pm from Monday to Friday.**

**Confessions will be celebrated in children's liturgy room on Saturday from 10am to 11am. Access via the Church.**

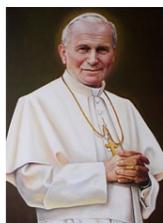
## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Feast: St Luke, Evangelist.

The historian Eusebius declares that St Luke was born in Antioch in Syria, a Gentile Greek by birth and a physician by profession. Upon his embrace of the Way of Jesus Christ, Luke became a companion to Paul on the second and third missionary journeys, even attending to Paul's needs during the captivities at Caesarea and in Rome. The third Gospel to be written, together with the allied Acts of the Apostles, is attributed to Luke. These works were written probably around the year 75 A.D. The Gospel of Luke presents a steady movement from Nazareth to Jerusalem, whilst Acts presents the movement from Jerusalem to Rome. Many of the parables related by Luke highlight justice and mercy. The Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are only found in Luke. The most detailed infancy narrative is found in Luke and there are a number of features in the passion narrative that are particular to Luke's account. Luke was undoubtedly writing for Gentile converts to the faith. Luke emphasises that Christ is Saviour of the World, not merely the Saviour of Israel. The image of the Ox is the traditional depiction of St Luke, probably derived from reference to the Temple sacrifices alluded to at the beginning of his gospel.



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Memoria of Saint John Paul II.



Karol Wojtyla was born in the market town of Wadowice, some thirty-five miles south-west of Cracow, on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1920. This man, who became Pope John Paul II, died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2005. He was ordained a priest on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1946; he became Auxiliary Bishop of Cracow in 1958 and Archbishop of Cracow in 1964; he was created a Cardinal in 1967 and elected to the Papacy on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1978. Karol Wojtyla was an actor, a director, an author, a linguist, a philosopher, a theo-logian. As a priest, as a bishop and as Pope he was that wonderful fusion of scholar and pastor.

I was preparing to begin my seminary formation in August 1978 when we received the news that Pope Paul VI had died. I still have a cassette recording of the TV coverage of his funeral. I travelled to Plymouth for the ferry to Spain on 27<sup>th</sup> September, set sail on the 28<sup>th</sup> and arrived safely at the Royal English College, Valladolid, at around 10.00.p.m on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I was one of six first year students who were greeted with much warmth and a sequence of pranks! I remember looking out of my new bedroom window that first night thinking 'what have I done'. The next morning, we awoke in time for Morning Prayer at 7.00.p.m. However, there was chaos around the corridors as we heard the news that 'the Pope is dead' and that we would be celebrating a Requiem Mass immediately. We newcomers genuinely thought that this was simply another ruse, but we made our way to the Chapel to find that the sad news was true. Just thirty-three days after his election, the smiling Pope John Paul I had died at the very time we had arrived in the seminary the night before. Those first days at seminary were therefore dominated with papal speculation and expectation. Who will be the next Pope? I clearly remember being called to our College television room in the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> October, for there was news of white smoke emanating from the roof of the Sistine Chapel. We had but one television with a relatively small black and white screen. The doors to the balcony opened there came the proclamation from the Cardinal Deacon, Pericle Felici: ANNUNTIO VOBIS GAUDIUM MAGNUM; HABEMUS PAPAM: EMINENTISSIMUM AC REVERENDISSIMUM DOMINUM CARDINALEM KAROLUM WOJTYLA QUI SIBI NOMEN IMPOSUIT JOANNES PAULUS SECUNDUS – I ANNOUNCE TO YOU NEWS OF GREAT JOY; WE HAVE A POPE: HIS EMINENCE AND MOST REVEREND LORD CARDINAL KAROL WOJTYLA WHO HAS CHOSEN THE NAME JOHN PAUL II. We, together with the whole Church, said 'Who?' I was sent to the library to bring the Catholic Directory so that we could learn a little more about this man.

I will simply end this little homage to Saint John Paul II by quoting the opening lines from three of his most wonderful Encyclical Letters.

Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of the Truth) 1993.

The splendour of truth shines forth in all the works of the Creator and, in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God (cf.Gen.1:26). Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord. Hence the Psalmist prays: "Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord" (Psalm 4:6).

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) 1995.

The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people in every age and culture.

Fides et Ratio (Faith and Reason) 1998.

Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth – in a word, to know himself – so that, knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves (Ex.33:18; Psalm 27:8-9; Psalm 63:2-3; Jn.14:8; I Jn.3:2).

## NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

### \*\*\* NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES.

The month of November commences with the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. November also brings us to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday when we commemorate the Fallen of the Wars. November is traditionally dedicated as a month of particular remembrance for all our departed relatives together with all the forgotten souls. The last of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy is to bury the dead and the last of the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. The November Dead List Envelopes will be available from this Sunday. Place your own personal list of the faithful departed in the envelope together with your stipend offering for return before the 1<sup>st</sup> November. A sequence of Masses will be offered during November for those named on the lists.

## THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

### Pope Francis has called 'FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.'

The process of consultation was meant to commence next Sunday, World Mission Sunday. Due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic over recent months, along with the vast majority of dioceses we will launch the consultation on the First Sunday of Advent. Reflections and submissions will be gathered by the end of February. It is hoped that the preliminary period of preparation would present two concrete actions that could be addressed between the beginning of Lent and the conclusion of Eastertide, the Solemnity of Pentecost. Let us consciously pray for the Universal Church and for our Archdiocesan Family as we embark on this journey. Let us pray that our two Parish Communities will respond fruitfully to the invitation set before us by the Holy Father.

## REFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

\*\*\* 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.



## REFERENCE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

\*\*\* N.B. THERE WILL BE A FINAL MEETING AND PRACTICE FOR ALL OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ON 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.



## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

There will be a public recitation of the Holy Rosary at 11.30am on each Saturday during the month of October, at St Mary of the Angels.



## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the St Mary's Parish Advisory Council on Monday 18th October at 6pm.

There will be a joint meeting of the Holy Family Finance Committee and Parish Advisory Council on Tuesday 26th October at 6.30pm.

## 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)

## REPLENISHING THE TEAM OF READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

We are in need of new volunteers to join the team of readers at Holy Family particularly for the 6pm Vigil Mass. The Ministry of the Word is of critical importance to our celebration of Holy Mass. If you are interested in joining a new rota, then please contact me directly or Helen Smith.

## 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. If you are willing to assist with this important service then please contact me on [canton@rcadc.org](mailto:canton@rcadc.org)

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

10th October - Gift aid £85.50 Loose £549.93

CAFOD Climate Crisis Appeal total - £926.35

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

10th October - Gift aid £290.00 Loose £293.26

CAFOD Climate Crisis Appeal total - £356.60

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

Many thanks to both parishes for your extremely generous donations to the CAFOD appeal.

## 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**

## NEW ELECTRONIC DONATION STATION AT ST MARY'S

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.

## BIBLE ALIVE NOVEMBER EDITION

The monthly 'Bible Alive' magazine provides daily meditations on the Gospel readings together with reflections on any feasts. Each edition also contains a few articles on spiritual themes. The cost is £3 per copy.

## SVP SHOP COLLECTION AT HOLY FAMILY

Many thanks from the SVP for your generous donations in response to the recent appeal for clothes and bric-à-brac.

## APPEAL FOR BAGS FOR LIFE

Reaching Out are asking for your assistance! They are in need of large, strong Bags for Life in order to deliver food parcels. Do you have any that are surplus to requirements? If so, would you please bring them to either church and they will be passed on to the appropriate person. Many thanks.



## 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

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

\*\*\* I recently met with John Antoniazzi (a parishioner of St Mary of the Angels and a fellow Trustee of the Archdiocese) who has agreed to act as my Strategic Adviser on Matters of Parish Finance and Property Development. We will be meeting on two more occasions before the end of the month. Once these meetings are completed, I will update you on a number of potential projects.

\*\*\* As previously announced, last year Deacon Maurice submitted a successful application for funds from a charity that was distributing the last of its resources before the termination of its status. We received £35,000 for the refurbishment of the toilet and kitchen facilities in St Mary's Hall – including the installation of two or three shower units. The estimate for the works amounts to 57,000. As our parish current account is under significant strain, I decided not to proceed with the works until we had explored other potential sources of funding. Guided by the expertise of our Archdiocesan Development Manager, Owen Collins, we are applying to two separate potential contributors. One application is for £10,000 and the other is for £5,000. We hope that the remaining shortfall will be filled from a number of smaller contributors. Please keep this fundraising and the entire project in your prayers.

\*\*\* I recently had a short meeting with the Archdiocesan Project Manager, Christopher Jones, regarding three projects at St Mary of the Angels – the first relates to the interior of St Mary's, the second to the exterior and the third to the top floor and fire escape of The Priory. We will meet shortly for another more in-depth analysis. These matters will then be discussed at the Parish Advisory Council and I will then update you on the issues that must be addressed.

\*\*\* The boiler at St Mary's Hall, which is in urgent need of replacing, recently developed a fault and was not functional. This has now been addressed, costing over £1,000. A replacement will cost in the region of £35,000 – as was the case last year at Holy Family Church. The boiler at St Mary of the Angels Church recently developed a fault, costing £400. All four boilers (three at St Mary's and one at Holy Family) are currently undergoing their annual servicing, including the issuing of Gas Safety Certificates. Even without any new parts being required, beyond those already mentioned, the servicing cost will total some £3,000. I publish this information so as to keep you informed regarding the 'normal' pattern of financial outgoings in both parishes.

\*\*\* OUR PARISHES, IN LINE WITH THE PATTERN EXPERIENCED IN ALL PARISHES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE, HAVE EXPERIENCED A 40% LOSS OF INCOME SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. DURING THE FIRST LOCK-DOWN, THE LOSS OF INCOME WAS IN THE REGION OF 70%. FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH BOTH PARISH COUNCILS, I WILL PRESENT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION – WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT OF SOME ESSENTIAL WORKS AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS.

## 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. We are asked to arrive promptly at 7pm.

## HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL TWITTER ACCOUNT

Holy Family School now have a Twitter account. All Classes will Tweet regularly, sharing examples of learning experiences.

**Please follow us and retweet.**

Our account is: HolyFamilyCardiff @HolyFam Cardiff- or just search for Holy Family Cardiff on Twitter.



## SCHOOL VACANCIES

St Cuthbert's RC Primary School, Cardiff Bay, require a temporary LSA from November.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in Hereford require two teachers (permanent, fulltime) from January 2022.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

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 in November with a parishioner who is qualified to deliver such training. Contact [canton@rcadc.org](mailto:canton@rcadc.org).

## Archdiocese of Cardiff "The God Who Speaks": Scripture Study Day

The next Scripture Study Day will be given on Saturday, November 6th from 11am-12.30pm. **On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Philip Manghan will be giving a talk on "The Gospel of St. Luke"**. Deacon Philip hails from St. Mary's Bridgend. He will be familiar to many people for his knowledge of the Scriptures and his friendly and engaging speaking style. He will bring our study of the four Gospels to an excellent end. Details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website [https://rcadc.org/ events](https://rcadc.org/events).

You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at: <http://tinyurl.com/RCADCscripture>

**Meeting ID 863 9669 5727**

**Passcode: 068790**

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for MISSIO, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of the Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to donate a single gift / to set up a Standing Order / and to Gift Aid your donation if possible – [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) This year's focus is BUILDING PEACE IN NIGERIA. Nigeria has a substantial Catholic minority population. In the north of Nigeria there is a sustained violent campaign of persecution.

We are asked to reflect upon Acts 4:20 – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard."

We are bound in faith to proclaim the Good News and to support our brothers and sisters who are in danger of persecution.

## THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Local medical professionals are intending to re-establish an active Cardiff branch of the Catholic Medical Association.

The C.M.A. is an association of Catholics who are working in the health sector – membership is open to those who are studying for a career in the health sector, those who are currently practising and those who have retired (\*all health care professions).

Members and potential members are invited to a celebration of Mass on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Feast of St Luke) at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church, New Zealand Road, Cardiff CF14 3BR.

The Mass will be followed by an introductory meeting with refreshments.

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Aims of the C.M.A.:

- Providing professional support
- Providing informed opinion
- Providing an effective voice
- Helping professionals to integrate their faith into their professional practice
- Publishing the Catholic Medical Quarterly

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

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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/>