

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mr Peter Hoole R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Monday 8th November at 12.30pm.

Mr Kevin Dowling R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 15th November at 11.00am.

Mrs Nicola Colley R.I.P. – The Funeral Commemoration will be celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 20th November at 12.15pm.

Mr Mike Cosslett R.I.P.

Fr Ambrose Walsh R.I.P.

Fr Raymond O'Shea R.I.P.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archbishop will say Mass for the Diocesan and Religious Priests who have died in the course of the year. Altogether there have been some 10 deaths.

The Mass will be celebrated on
**Tuesday 9th November at 12.45pm in
St David's Cathedral.**

We particularly recall the deaths of Fr Ambrose Walsh and Fr Raymond O'Shea.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and the 10am Mass in St Mary's will be said For the Fallen. This follows Armistice Day on Thursday 11th November.

Readings continued

We could perhaps envisage Jesus pointing to his own Mother, who was by then herself a widow. Mary is the perfect example of what Christ is highlighting.
"I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

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

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Holy Family Acc No: 63656861

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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, Martin Jones and Geraldine Rees.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP Kings Rd, Canton CF11 9BX
7th -14th November 2021 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Readings for the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

I Kings 17:10-16.

In the midst of desperate times – the experience of prolonged drought and consequent famine – we hear the great prophet Elijah addressing a poor widow of Sidon, a town in the foreign territory of Lebanon, requesting that she prepares a meal for him from the very last ingredients of her meagre rations. The widow was already preparing one last meal for herself and her son before they faced certain death. Elijah asks her to be unafraid, for he promises that her resources will not be exhausted. The widow undoubtedly displays great generosity in preparing and sharing this 'last' meal, but it is her trust that is of even greater importance. This widow from a foreign land offers an example of complete trust to the unfaithful House of Israel. This woman stands in line with Abraham as one who is prepared to risk everything in response to the promises of God. The widow's very existence, together with her precious son, is reliant on God's word. Faith is an absolute trust or it is nothing at all. Faith is not some form of insurance policy among other options. We stake all on God or we stake nothing at all.

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

Psalm 145.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Hebrews 9:24-28.

We continue our readings from the Letter to the Hebrews, hearing of the contrast between the repeated sacrifices of the Old Law and 'The Sacrifice' offered once for all by Christ. The repetition of the old sacrifices reveals how insufficient they were in terms of gaining our salvation. It is the sacrifice of Christ that has done away with sin. The early Christian community believed that Christ would soon return to reveal the fullness of his victory over sin and death. The theology was clear and accurate but we cannot determine the actual historical timing of his return. In a very real sense we inhabit the last age, for every day that follows the redemptive triumph of Christ connects us to the last day whenever that may dawn. Christ is the 'vital' point of reference for the entirety of human history. It is only in Christ that every human life and the span of human history finds fulfilment and completion. We can say that Christ has done away with sin, even though sin still takes root in our lives. The abolition of sin is still gestating but the end is assured.

"Jesus ... has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself."

"... and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia!

Mark 12:38-44.

We can undoubtedly pair the widow spoken of in I Kings with the widow mentioned in today's extract from Mark's Gospel. Christ contrasts the pomposity and self-righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees with the simplicity and selfless generosity of the widow at the treasury. During the final era of the Old Testament, the significance of 'the poor' becomes ever more critical. The status of the powerful is shown to be meaningless when compared to the dignity and generosity of the poor man or woman. It is not poverty in itself that is exalted but rather the poor are revealed to be the faithful remnant of God's chosen people in terms of their resistance to the falsehoods of earthly security and presumed assurance.

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (7th Nov.)

6pm Vigil Mass November Dead List

11am Bob Bastian/Bella & Lynn's Intentions

Monday: (8th November)

12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mr Peter Hoole

Tuesday: (9th November)

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday: (11th November)

9.30am November Dead List

Saturday: (13th November)

2pm Celebration of First Holy Communion

**Sunday: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday (14th November)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Baby Wilbur Colin Jones RIP

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (7th Nov.)

10am Jimmy & Laurie Tobin

12pm November Dead List

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Eddie McCarthy

Monday: Feast of All Saints of Wales (8th Nov.)

9.30am November Dead List

**Tuesday: Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (9th November)**

9.30am Repose of the Soul of Catherine Kemp

**Wednesday: St Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church (10th Nov.)**

9.30am John Jermyn

Thursday: St Martin of Tours, Bishop (11th Nov.)

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (12th Nov.)

9.30am Peter Fardy

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (13th Nov.)
NO MASS TODAY

**Sunday: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday (14th November)**

10am For the Fallen

12pm Peter Paul Sultana RIP

6pm For the People of the Parishes

**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 8th November – Feast: All Saints of Wales.

Today's feast brings national particularity to all we celebrated on All Saints Day.

Tuesday 9th November – Feast: **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**

The Basilica, dedicated to the Saviour, to St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist, is the Cathedral of Rome and 'Mother of all churches' (mater et caput). "Most holy church of the Lateran, mother and foundation of the churches of all cities and of all the world." It was the first Christian basilica in Rome and in the world, thirteen years older than the Vatican basilica. The Lateran was the seat of the papacy until the fourteenth century. A strand of scholarship believes that in the fourth century there was a domus ecclesiae (house church) on the site of the present basilica. The site is said to have been the house of Fausta, wife of the Emperor Constantine. Adjoining buildings belonged to the Laterani, a Roman family who had lived on the southern side of the Coelian hill. The site was entrusted to Pope Melchiades in 313. The basilica was originally dedicated to the Saviour. During the papacy of Gregory I (590-604) the dedications to St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist were added. Five Ecumenical Councils have been hosted on the site. The basilica has suffered despoiling by the Vandals in the fifth century, destruction by earthquake in the ninth century and two major fires in the fourteenth century. The present great façade dates from the eighteenth century. There is a magnificent baptistry, extensive cloisters and the former Lateran Palace alongside.



Wednesday 10th November – Memoria: **St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.**



Leo was a member of a Tuscan family, though he was probably born in Rome. We know little of his early life, but he was at least a deacon during the pontificates of Celestine I and Sixtus III. He was significant enough a figure to have corresponded with St Cyril of Alexandria. He conducted diplomacy on behalf of the Papacy in Gaul (France) and it was during one such expedition in 440 that he received the news he had himself been elected Pope. His theological writings and his letters reveal the critical role of the Papacy in promulgating and maintaining the integrity of the faith and the unity of the Church. The political role of the papacy was revealed when Attila the Hun sacked Milan in 452 then made his approach to Rome. Leo went out to meet the invader, persuading Attila to accept a tribute rather than sacking Rome. Leo was not as successful when he later confronted another invader, Genseric the Vandal. Leo's greatest imprint on history came with his dogmatic letter (Tome) addressed to the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. With wonderful theological clarity, Leo promulgated that Jesus Christ is one Person, the Divine Word, in whom the two natures, human and divine, are permanently united without confusion or mixture. When the assembled bishops heard the document, read by Leo's Legates, there was a cry of acclamation: "Peter has spoken by Leo". Pope Leo died on the 10th November 461. His relics were translated to St Peter's Basilica in 688. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1754. Only Leo and Gregory I are acclaimed as 'the Great'. Great indeed was he - indomitable, magnanimous and devoted.

Thursday 11th November – Memoria: **St Martin of Tours, Bishop.**

Martin was born in Pannonia (Hungary) in 316. His father was a pagan officer in the Roman Legions. Martin himself became a soldier, probably by conscription rather than by choice. He was determined to become a Christian and was enrolled among the catechumens. He requested permission to leave military service, for which he was imprisoned. He was eventually discharged. It was at this point in his life that it is said he cut his cloak in half in order to offer it to a naked beggar. This episode is said to have happened at Amiens. Martin had a dream in which Christ appeared to him wearing the cloak he had shared with the beggar. Martin then became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers and was baptised. He travelled back to his homeland and onward to Illyricum and Milan.

Martin would eventually return to Gaul to join Hilary, becoming a solitary monk. Others joined Martin and their community formed the first monastic foundation of Gaul. Here he remained until he was called to become Bishop of Tours in 372. He continued to live in monastic fashion throughout the twenty-five years of his episcopate. He confronted paganism and expunged pagan practices that were contaminating the life of the Church. He was also energetic in undermining heresies. He died on the 8th November in 397 at Candes.



Friday 12th November – Memoria: **St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.**

Josaphat Kuncewicz was born in 1580 at Vladimir, in present day Poland, into a wealthy merchant family. He became the first great leader of the Ruthenian Catholics (Uniates), the former schismatics who had returned to full communion with Rome in 1595 through the Treaty of Brest Litovsk. In 1604 Josaphat entered the Order of St Basil and was ordained to the priesthood. Josaphat gained a reputation for his courage and skill. The Ruthenians petitioned the Pope to nominate him as their undoubted leader and he was appointed as Archbishop of Polotsk in 1617. He was dedicated to furthering and deepening the newly re-established communion with Rome. His work centred on Kiev, in present day Ukraine. Conflict with the Orthodox worsened. Josaphat would eventually be the victim of a murder-plot instigated by fanatical opponents. He was martyred at Vitebsk in 1623 and was canonised in 1867.



NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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 are available. Place your own personal list of the faithful departed in the envelope together with your stipend offering. A sequence of Masses will be offered during November for those named on the lists.

THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

‘FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.’

Our process of consultation will begin 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 in each diocese 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.

*** I am most grateful to Kath Elley who has agreed to my appointing her as St Mary of the Angels Delegate and Coordinator for the Synodal Process of Consultation.

*** I am most grateful to Neil O'Toole who has agreed to my appointing him as Holy Family Parish Delegate and Coordinator for the Synodal Process of Consultation.

CONGRATULATIONS

*** CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY.

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



A WORD OF THANKS TO ARCHBISHOP GEORGE

As you all know, Fr John is providing me with regular assistance in the celebration of Parish Masses. I wish to express my thanks to Archbishop George for his willingness to celebrate occasional weekday Masses at St Mary's on those days when I am having to celebrate a Funeral Mass.

A WORD OF THANKS TO DEACON MAURICE AND DEACON CHRISTIAN

Our Parish Deacons will begin to celebrate a number of baptisms over the coming months in order to alleviate the pressures on my timetable. As in all things, any particular celebration also involves the time commitment of preliminary preparation and administration.

OFFEREN YN GYMRAEG

'Offeren yn Gymraeg': Mass in Welsh at the Cathedral.
A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday November 26th at 6pm to celebrate 50 years of the regular Mass in Welsh in the Archdiocese and 80 years since the establishing of 'Y Cylch Catholig'. Reception to follow at the Cornerstone. Croeso cynnes i bawb - welcome to all. Contact: carys@caerdelyn.com

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 6-7th NOVEMBER

The 'Poster Boy' on this year's literature is none other than Monsignor Maguire. Fr John is in fact looking far too fit and healthy for someone representing the retired clergy! Whilst he is enjoying his well-earned retirement, I am most grateful for his continuing willingness to assist with the pastoral care of our two parishes. Fr John is currently celebrating two of the five parish Masses each Saturday and Sunday and is also celebrating two public Masses each week at Holy Family.



"They've been there for us. Let's be there for them." This is the phrase employed by campaign that attempts to express our appreciation for the years of service offered by our retired priests combined with a declaration of our responsibility to care for them now.

Our retired priests have devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people. Whilst they 'retire' at the age of 75, they remain priests for life. Many of them continue to be active in ministry – supporting parish life, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need and above all by offering continuing prayer for us all and for the good of the Church.

Our contribution to the ANNUAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND is of critical importance in enabling the Archdiocese to provide for the needs of our retired priests. The Fund ensures that priests enjoy a dignified retirement. They are provided with a suitable home and other support services so that they can live independently as long as possible. Our priests will then be taken into a care environment as and when that becomes necessary. The Archdiocese will always ensure that our retired priests are never forgotten.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS JUST UNDER HALF OF ALL PRIESTS CURRENTLY IN ACTIVE MINISTRY WILL REACH THE CANONICAL AGE RETIREMENT, THAT IS 75 YEARS. THIS MEANS THAT THE COST OF CARE WILL RISE DRAMATICALLY WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

THE FUND LITERATURE QUOTES FR JOHN: "LOOKING BACK, WHAT I REMEMBER MOST IS HOW SUPPORTIVE EVERYONE WAS WHEN I WAS A YOUNG PRIEST."

REFLECTING ON HIS YEARS AS A NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST, MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE RECALLS THE GENEROSITY OF HIS PARISHIONERS. IT IS THIS SAME SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY WHICH MUST NOW RENDER SUPPORT TO OUR PRIESTS IN THEIR RETIREMENT.

IF YOU ARE A U.K. TAXPAYER THEN PLEASE USE THE GIFT AID ENVELOPES / GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM (PERFORATED AND DETACHABLE) SO AS TO ADD 25P TO EVERY £1 YOU DONATE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE. AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RETIRING COLLECTION YOU MAY SEND DONATIONS DIRECTLY TO 'THE SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND', ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF, 41-43 CATHEDRAL ROAD, CARDIFF CF11 9HD.

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS – ACTIVE AND RETIRED.

N.B. The envelopes for the collection were only received this week. If you would like to take them home to complete, the collection will be kept open for another week and you can return them next weekend.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

*** STRATEGIC PLANNING:

I have already had a sequence of meetings with John Antoniazzi who is advising me on the strategic management of our parish assets. These conversations are focusing on long term proposals rather than immediate financial concerns. We are working on a document for presentation to the Parish Councils and to the Archdiocese. I will, of course, be keeping all parishioners informed regarding the content of any proposals that may emerge.

*** PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS AT ST.MARY OF THE ANGELS:

As previously indicated, I have had a sequence of meetings with Christopher Jones, the Archdiocesan Project Manager, regarding some necessary reparative and decorative works at S.M.A. Church and Priory. The curtilage zone of the property on Kings Road is in need of repair and renovation. Rather than merely applying tarmac or concrete as previously employed (elements which are prone to relatively swift decay), the quality of the Church building calls for stone to be laid. The stepped stone pavement leading to the main entrance will not need to be replaced but will require repairs where the railings were once implanted – these had been roughly cut away leaving exposed remnant indentations. The ramp outside the Talbot Street side entrance will soon need to be re-laid. It is my intention to propose the re-opening of the entrance to the former Baptistry which now houses the Lourdes Grotto Statue of Our Lady. The repository display units will need to be moved to another location. I intend to propose the transfer of the Pieta Statue to the St Anne Chapel so that it provides an appropriate conclusion to the Stations of the Cross. I intend to propose moving the Statue of the Madonna and Child from the St Anne Chapel to the column to the south of the Font (forging the relationship of this image of Mother and Child with the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism), balanced by the Paschal Candle being placed before the column to the north of the Font. The St. Anne Chapel already houses a fixed stone statue of the Madonna and Child, so a duplication is somewhat illogical. The space in front of the Sacred Heart Chapel has been occupied by the 6pm Music Group for a number of years. I intend to propose alterations to this zone to enhance its presentation. A new structure and some new furniture will be required for the Music Group and a more defined devotional approach to the Sacred Heart Chapel needs to be established. Repairs are needed to the confessionals which are located along the South Aisle. The Church was last painted in 1999 and the general condition and appearance has deteriorated significantly with flaking of the surfaces across a number of zones. Professional advice will be obtained regarding potential colour schemes. The lighting fixtures in the Church are somewhat 'industrial' in nature. St Mary of the Angels is one of the most architecturally significant churches in the Archdiocese and deserves an upgrade of its lighting system. As well as opening up discussion of these proposals within the Parish, it will also be necessary to consult with the Historic Churches Committee in advance of submitting any plans for their approval. Some minor renovations and painting will need to be undertaken in The Priory together with a structural examination of the Fire Escape.

*** CARING FOR OUR PARISH PATRIMONY / TREASURES: S.M.A.

possesses three monstrances, all of which are damaged in various ways. I have sent all three to a craftsman in the jewellery quarter of Birmingham whom I have used on many occasions for the renovation of treasury items whilst I was at the Cathedral. He will submit his quotations for the work that is necessary. He has provided me with a valuation of the largest and most ornate monstrance that was most surprising – the new valuation will have to be accounted for in our insurance agreement. Caring for the patrimony of the parish is a duty to our heritage.

I HAVE SET IN MOTION THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THE QUINQUENNIAL (FIVE-YEARLY) SURVEYS OF BOTH PARISH SITES.

PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS AT HOLY FAMILY

Before the pandemic struck, I had consulted the Parish Advisory Council at H.F. regarding a proposal to move the Tabernacle to the centre of the Sanctuary Wall where the Presidential Chair is currently positioned. The zone currently housing the Tabernacle could then house a worthy and appropriate Shrine Statue or some other depiction of the Holy Family. The position of the Lectern and the Presidential Chair would need to be altered. The location which houses the Organ and the Choir benches could be enhanced and better defined. The statues of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin Mary should be mounted in a more appropriate fashion, accompanied by new and worthy votive candle stands. The Confessional requires renovation and there are a number of other small aesthetic improvements that would greatly enhance the Sacred Space. Although H.F. is not a listed building as is S.M.A., we will advance these projects only after proper consultation and with great care.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

31st October - Gift aid £20.50 Loose £449.04

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

31st October - Gift aid £216.00 Loose £219.09

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

BANK DETAILS FOR STANDING ORDERS

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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.

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.



COP 26 GLASGOW – THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Bishops' Conference, through CAFOD (our national Catholic agency for overseas development), are asking that we pray for the leaders and officials who are gathered in Glasgow for COP 26. Let us pray for the most positive outcomes on behalf of the people of our planet who are most at risk from the devastating effects of major climate change.

In his Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si' (*14), Pope Francis states the following: "I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affects us all."

COP 26 is the United Nations climate change conference being held in Glasgow between the 31st October and the 12th November. Representatives from over 200 countries are discussing climate change and how to tackle the global ecological crisis. The conference follows on from a series of summits where countries pledged to work together to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees centigrade (i.e. above pre-industrial levels). If we exceed this threshold, millions of the most vulnerable people in communities at home and abroad will be at risk of the devastating effects of climate change.

During the past week we have heard of a number of agreements being reached and declarations made: the prevention of de-forestation; the restriction/eradication of reliance on coal; the commitment to net 0% carbon emissions by global financial and business corporations etc. Whilst acknowledging that these indicators are positive developments, we know how difficult it can be to implement such accords. The ongoing monitoring of progress will be crucial to maintaining our focus and momentum in confronting climate change.

For more information visit: cafod.org.uk/cop26

A Prayer for the COP 26 Climate Talks.

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the fabric of the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP 26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them (and in us) the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and to commit their nations to the care of OUR COMMON HOME. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



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 or 07747038274

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Defibrillator training is scheduled for **Tuesday 23rd November at 6pm** in Holy Family Church Hall. Training will follow in St Mary's at a later date. Contact canton@rcadc.org if you would like to be added to the list of trainees.

HOLY FAMILY PARKING

May I ask you not to park on the pavement when you attend services at Holy Family as paving slabs have required replacement. Obviously please ensure as well that you do not block any driveways. On a number of occasions, Canon Collins has taken note of how cars are parked on Keyston Rd. As an example, last Tuesday evening, the Canon noted 11 cars parked on the pavement along the length of the road. There were 6 parishioners present at the Evening Mass in 2 vehicles parked in the car park. Therefore, no parishioners were parked on the road at all. It is very important for us to remain on good terms with local residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE REPOSITORY AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

The Repository will be re-open for business next Sunday. I am immensely grateful to Cynthia Trevelyan and Kath Elley for 'persuading' 18 volunteers to staff the stall on a rota basis. We hope that the stall will be open from 9.30.am, in advance of the first Mass at St Mary's and for a short time after the Mass. We would be grateful if some regular members of the 12.00.pm and 6.00.pm Masses might consider assisting with this service. The ordering of stock will be undertaken via the Parish Office. If you have any requests for particular items then please submit these via the Parish e.mail. I am most grateful to Pat Davey for agreeing to arrange transfer of stock for sale at Holy Family.