

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:
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 Jane Colley R.I.P. – The Funeral Commemoration will be celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 20th November at 12.15pm.

Mrs Geraldine Rees R.I.P. – My Sister Geraldine died in the early hours of Friday morning. I wish to express my gratitude for the prayers offered by many parishioners in response to my announcement that she was critically ill.



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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and the 10am Mass in St Mary's will be said For the Fallen.

They shall grow not old, as
 we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them,
 nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the
 sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.



Readings continued

Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and the glory of his resurrection breaks the bonds of death. Christ brought judgement to bear upon the official Judaism of his age by highlighting the bankruptcy of the religious authorities. There will be an end to the sacrifices of the Temple for the ancient Law has found its completion and fulfilment in Christ himself. The death and resurrection of Christ is the climax of human history and forms the critical point of reference for our personal salvation. For us the 'apocalyptic' moment or process is the decision to accept and embrace Christ. What of the Second Coming? We have to grapple with the paradox that the Kingdom of God is 'NOW' and 'NOT YET'. The decision in the present moment is more critical than any preoccupation with predicting the future, but it is the revelation of future glory that informs our decisions here and now. (Reference Luke 17:20 – The coming of the kingdom of God does not admit of observation and there will be no one to say, "Look here! Look there!" For you must know, the kingdom of God is among you.)

"They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven."

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

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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 Connie Greck.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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14th –21st November 2021 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

Readings for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3.

The Book of Daniel was written in an age of persecution, when the Jewish People were being oppressed by the Syrian empire (a portion of the dismantled empire of Alexander the Great). History is replete with examples of tribes and nations becoming subject to external forces of control and persecution. Few, if any, tribes or nations displayed the tenacity of the Jewish People in maintaining their national and cultural identity in the face of multiple invasions and devastation. Alongside pressures from without, they suffered the effects of many internal divisions and yet they maintained an unbroken thread of religious integrity. In the year 167 B.C. the author of the Book of Daniel addressed the people with the reassurance of continuity, despite the afflictions of much suffering and distress. It was in this era of Old Testament history that the theology of immortality developed significantly. The 'faithful remnant', the small minority who displayed allegiance to the Lord God, would be rewarded with personal immortality for their perseverance. There was increasing clarity regarding the need to offer a 'sign of contradiction' to the prevailing atheism, cynicism and immorality of the age. The same call is addressed to the Church in every age. The author of the Book of Daniel provides a text that is as relevant to our contemporary situation as it was to his own era.

"Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace."

Psalm 15.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18.

Today's extract from the Letter to the Hebrews sees the author drawing on the text of a Psalm. Christ's work and triumph are seemingly complete and incomplete. There is still an experience of waiting for the triumph to be fully revealed, to be fully realised. The task is done, the outcome certain and yet it has still to occur. We await the 'Second Coming' of Christ for full realisation.

"Christ has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Mark 13:24-32.

Each year, as the liturgical calendar reaches its fulfilment with the feast of Christ the King, the Church reflects on the four 'Last Things' – death and judgement, heaven or hell. Our scripture readings over the coming two weeks are replete with apocalyptic imagery – the moon will darken and the stars will fall from the heavens. How can we interpret these signs? We are not meant to interpret these descriptions in a literal sense for the imagery is built upon a primitive 'cosmology', a world-picture where the stars are suspended above the earth and the moon is an independent source of light. We are able to say that the imagery represents cataclysmic events within which the just are rewarded for their virtue and the unjust are punished for their wickedness. Many souls throughout the ages have become consumed with attempts to predict the end of time. In a real sense, the earth-shaking event was the first coming of Christ.

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Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday (14th November)

6pm Vigil Mass David Walsh & Margaret Conway RIP

11am Baby Wilbur Colin Jones RIP

Tuesday: (16th November)

9.30am

Thursday: (18th November)

9.30am November Dead List

(10am Mass in the school for Years 3 and 4)

Saturday: (20th November)

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe (21st November)

6pm Vigil Mass Joseph Holland RIP

(Merchant Navy 1940)

11am Cecilia & Bill Brookman (Birthday)

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday (14th November)

10am For the Fallen

12pm Peter Paul Sultana RIP

6pm Geraldine Rees RIP

Monday: St Albert the Great (15th November)

9.30am Lucie Anne Jones RIP

11am Funeral service for Mr Kevin Dowling

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (16th Nov.)

9.30am Deceased members Foster/Madden Families

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (17th Nov.)

9.30am DWA & DR Utley

Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles (18th Nov.)

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (19th Nov.)

9.30am Eddie McCarthy

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (20th Nov.)

12.15pm Nicola Colley RIP Funeral Commemoration

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe (21st November)

10am Andrew Sultana

12pm Antonino & Joseph D'Alpa RIP

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 15th November – Memoria: St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.



Albert was Swabian (Germany) by birth, born into a noble family in 1206. He was greatly influenced in his youth by Blessed Jordan of Saxony. It was under the inspiration of Blessed Jordan that Albert joined the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) at Padua in 1223, a decision that was not supported by his family. Albert studied at Cologne and went on to teach at Hildesheim, Ratisbon and Cologne – where he taught St Thomas Aquinas, the student who would eventually outshine his own great master. Albert became a Master at Paris before again returning to Cologne to establish a particular House of Studies in 1248. He served three years as a Provincial Prior of the Order and in 1260 he was appointed to become Bishop of Ratisbon.

Despite his intellectual gifts, Albert did not prove to be an able administrator and as a result he resigned episcopal duties in 1262 and devoted the rest of his life to writing and teaching, leaving us with the wealth of his wisdom. His works are voluminous and encyclopaedic in scope. We would rightly presume that he wrote on biblical scholarship, theology and philosophy. He also wrote extensively and creatively on the natural sciences – physics, astronomy, chemistry, human and animal physiology, general biology and botany, geography and geology. He sought for knowledge and understanding in all arenas.

Albert played a significant role in the Council of Lyons in 1274 and in 1277 staunchly defended the reputation of his former pupil Thomas Aquinas who was under theological attack. Whilst St Albert was clear that Divine Revelation was of paramount importance, he was fierce in his defence of the autonomy of human reason within its own sphere and of the validity of knowledge gained from human sense-experience.

Albert was of one mind with Aquinas in applying the principles of Aristotelian philosophy. He is termed the Universal Doctor because of the breadth of his studies. Dante placed him among the 'lovers of wisdom'. He died in Poland in 1280. He was beatified in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV but rather strangely was not canonised until 1931 by Pope Pius XI who also declared St Albert to be a Doctor of the Church and Patron of Students of the Natural Sciences.

Thursday 18th November – Memoria: Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter & the Basilica of St Paul.

We honour these two Basilicas that are dedicated to the Apostles St Peter and St Paul. The Emperor Constantine erected a large basilica over the tomb of St Peter on the Vatican Hill and another basilica outside the walls of Rome on the Ostian Way to mark the place where St Paul was martyred for the faith. Both basilicas were consecrated by Pope Sylvester. Following the destruction of the original St Peter's, the baroque basilica we know today was erected and finally consecrated in 1626. St Paul's was destroyed by fire in the nineteenth century and was eventually rebuilt, being consecrated by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The Pope was joined by a large group of cardinals and bishops from across the world who were in Rome for the solemn promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - THE OFFICIAL RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

We will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent on the 27th/28th November. The Season of Advent marks the commencement of the new liturgical year and it will also mark the re-introduction of our canonical obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales removed the obligation at the beginning of the lock-down in 2020.

Remotely tuning into the celebration of Mass via our streaming service proved to be so beneficial when we were unable to attend in person. However, whilst acknowledging that remote electronic participation has been a fruitful compensation for not being able to physically enter our churches, such a connection could never be a substitute for actual attendance and participation in the Sacred Mysteries of our Faith, above all in relation to the Sacrifice of the Mass. A sense of spiritual communion is no long-term substitute for our actual sacramental celebration.

Our participation at Mass is not driven by legal canonical obligation but by our love for the Lord who gives himself to us in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist. Let us joyfully embrace our Sunday obligation each week so as to celebrate and nourish our Catholic faith.

CONGRATULATIONS

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



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

As well as being Remembrance Sunday, this weekend we also celebrate World Day of the Poor. "Let us love, not with words but with deeds".

HOLY WATER FONT FROM ST PAUL'S, NEWTOWN

The Holy Water Font that stood in St Paul's Church in Newtown has been reclaimed and restored and will be officially blessed and positioned in a permanent place in the grounds of The Cornerstone Centre in Charles Street on Sunday 21st November.

His Grace the Archbishop will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 3-00, this will be followed by a short ceremony of dedication at Cornerstone following which, light refreshments will be available for those that wish to gather and share memories and catch up with friends and relations. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND APPEAL

Many thanks for the extremely generous response in both parishes to last week's appeal. We are keeping the appeal open for this weekend in case some of you still have envelopes to return.



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.

The Holy Father has designated a text attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560-636) as the official 'Prayer for the Synod'. The prayer is entitled 'Adsumus Sante Spiritus', meaning 'We stand before You, Holy Spirit'. This prayer has been invoked throughout the centuries at Councils and Synods. Every session of the Second Vatican Council opened with this prayer. Here follows a simplified version of St Isidore's text that is meant for use in parishes as we journey together in preparation for the Synod in 2023.

WE STAND BEFORE YOU, HOLY SPIRIT, AS WE GATHER TOGETHER IN YOUR NAME.
WITH YOU ALONE TO GUIDE US, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN OUR HEARTS;
TEACH US THE WAY WE MUST GO AND HOW WE ARE TO PURSUE IT. WE ARE
WEAK AND SINFUL; DO NOT LET US PROMOTE DISORDER. DO NOT LET IGNORANCE
LEAD US DOWN THE WRONG PATH NOR PARTIALITY INFLUENCE OUR ACTIONS.
LET US FIND IN YOU OUR UNITY SO THAT WE MAY JOURNEY TOGETHER TO
ETERNAL LIFE AND NOT STRAY FROM THE WAY OF TRUTH AND WHAT IS RIGHT.
ALL THIS WE ASK OF YOU WHO ARE AT WORK IN EVERY PLACE AND TIME,
IN THE COMMUNION OF THE FATHER AND THE SON, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

A MESSAGE FROM ST MARY'S DELEGATE, KATH ELLEY

Having been asked to help us, as a Parish, to consider the ways in which we could better know and share the message of the joy of the Gospel I would like to ask everyone in anticipation of 1st Sunday of Advent (the formal start of the process) to consider how they may become involved in the Synodal process.

What ideas do you have to take the work of the Parish forward in terms of our current experience?

What good things (and there are lots) would you like to see developed and enhanced within the Parish? What do you identify as opportunities to grow the Church or to meet unmet need inside or outside of the Church community?

Thinking of those of us attending Mass at St Marys for example, how may we support each other further? How might we perhaps encourage a more active engagement in the Church? How could we help each other grow in our personal faith?

Thinking of those Catholics we know who aren't currently attending Mass and the wider community of the Parish how might we encourage them to become part of the Church? How might we better spread the message of the Gospel to share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the peace that can bring to our lives? This is what Pope Francis is asking us to do through the Synodal process. This message of course is shared through both word and deed, so how may this be realised? What time may you be able to give and what skills do you have that you can offer to help?

For us as a community to experience a sense of satisfaction and growth through this Synodal process it's important that people engage; play a part and be open and willing to support the process. If the process is supported the outcomes will be sound. I hope and pray things go well and I would kindly ask us all to pray to promote open and giving hearts and minds to make this a success. My phone number is 07976903111 and my email kath.elley@gmail.com. Let's all work together to make this happen.

Here is the link to the Archdiocese of Cardiff Synodal Church page:

<https://rcadc.org/for-a-synodal-church/>

BLESSING OF GRAVES AT WESTERN CEMETERY

On Sunday 21st November at 2.30pm, Canon Collins will be blessing graves at Western Cemetery for the Corfiot Association (Corfu Catholic Community).

PAPER NEWSLETTER TO RECOMMENCE

From the start of Advent, we will be producing a simple paper newsletter. A fuller version will still be available online and via email.

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

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.

UPDATE ON THE BOILER REPAIR AT ST MARY'S

As parishioners at St Mary's will be aware, the heating system is still not functioning due to problems with the boiler. Mulletts have visited on a number of occasions over the past 3 weeks and 2 parts of the boiler have been replaced. However, a failure has occurred once again and it would seem that there is a fundamental electrical problem that will need to be remedied. Please pray for mild weather!

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

7th November - Gift aid £75.76 Loose £558.41

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

7th November - Gift aid £141.00 Loose £240.69

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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SCOUT POST CANCELLED CHRISTMAS 2021

The Scouts are unable to operate the wonderful Scout Post system again this year due to the ongoing pandemic. As you are probably aware, they are hugely dependent on the revenue from the Scout Christmas Post to cover their growing expenses during the rest of the year. It raises about £150,000 each year, which helps to keep all the local groups afloat.

This year there is an online fund-raising campaign via the following link:

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/Scoutpost2021/>

If you have benefitted over the years from the Scout Post, or perhaps from being a part of the Scout movement yourself, then please consider making a donation. This will help ensure that the Scout Post can run again next year and also that our young people have the opportunity to enhance their life skills by joining a Scout group.

N.B. In order for your donation to go to the local Scouts, you have to specify the name of the group in the message box when you donate. For Holy Family Scouts, this would be "1st Pentrebane (Holy Family)".

If there are other local Scout groups linked to our parishes wanting to be mentioned, please email canton@rcadc.org.uk

TELLERS NEEDED AT ST MARY'S - RECOMMENCING THE USE OF COLLECTION BASKETS

The passing of Collection Boxes for our Offertory Donations to the Parish have been back in operation at Holy Family Church for the past month. I hope to recommence their use at St Mary of the Angels from the First Sunday of Advent. This operation will need Volunteer Tellers at each of the Masses. Could I ask those who previously undertook this responsibility (pre-lockdown) to assist with this task once again. I would be most grateful if some new volunteers step forward to join the cohort.

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.

P.A.C. MEETING AT ST MARY'S

There will be a meeting of the St Mary's Parish Advisory Council on Thursday 18th November at 5.30pm.

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.

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

RECOMMENCING COMMUNITY TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS IN ST MARY'S

I am immensely grateful to Cynthia Trevelyan for her willingness to organise a new rota of helpers to facilitate the provision of teas and coffees following 10.00am Mass at St Mary's. Step by step we need to re-establish our opportunities to gather socially as well as liturgically. The weekly opportunity to chat and share experiences holds enormous value for a parish community. If you are willing to assist then please contact Cynthia directly or inform me via telephone or parish e.mail.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE REPOSITORY AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

The Repository will be re-open for business this 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 9.30am, 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 12.00pm and 6.00pm 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT HOLY FAMILY

Christmas cards will be available to purchase in Holy Family from this weekend at £4 a box.