

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mr Gareth Dale R.I.P.** - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am.

**Mr Barrington O'Brien R.I.P.** - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11.30am.



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

### Readings continued

The wedding feast in Cana is but a shadow of the messianic wedding banquet that is being prepared. 'The Hour' will only be complete at the 'moment' which embraces the full span of his passion, death and resurrection. The name of Mary is not uttered in this story but there she is at the beginning of the Lord's public journey, prompting and instrumental. She will be there at the last, sorrowful yet trusting at the foot of the Cross. In John's gospel, as 'The Hour' unfolds, there will be a series of signs which reveal the glory of God in Christ. Step by step, the Word made Flesh will draw us into the embrace of faith.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' The steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2022

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) is holding its annual appeal **this weekend**. There will be a retiring collection after each Sunday Mass.

SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.



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**Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff**

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

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

**Holy Family Account No: 63656861**

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

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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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16th - 23rd January 2022 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

## Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5.

The imagery of a marriage and accompanying wedding feast is employed in the later writings of the Old Testament to depict how God will bring renewal to his Chosen People in the midst of their turmoil. To appreciate fully the meaning of the depiction, we need to remember how communal an experience a wedding feast would have been in the ancient world. Within a village context, the entire population would have been in attendance. Beyond the representation of a raucous communal party, the scriptures attempt to portray the passionate nature of God's love for his people. The writings of the prophet Hosea provide us with the most vivid texts regarding such imagery but Isaiah too presents the same message. God's love for us is not calm and staid but truly passionate, a love of limitless generosity. The bridegroom will sacrifice himself for the sake of his bride. Older translations of the scriptural texts would often use the phrase 'his entrails are moved!' God's people were often wayward, unresponsive and even unfaithful. However, God is relentless in pursuing his goal. We can read today's text from Isaiah in reference to Christ who alone establishes the longed-for union between God and his people. Only in and through Christ's sacrifice is full communion established.

... no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

I Corinthians 12:4-11.

For seven Sundays we will be listening to the last third of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today we hear of the charismatic blessings which are at work in the Christian community. Paul is aware that there is so much charismatic enthusiasm that discipline and good order are threatened. Throughout the ages the Church has had to learn how to balance charism and discipline. The Church universal, every diocese and each parish should be prepared for risk, in the sense of embracing with enthusiasm the tumult of 'blessings' spoken of by St Paul, made manifest through a network of sacrificial service across the community of faith.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

John 2:1-12.

The concept of 'The Hour' is of critical importance in the fourth gospel. At the wedding feast in Cana Jesus says that his hour has not yet come as he offers his first response to his mother's request for action. 'The Hour' is at least dawning as Jesus commences his public ministry. We should interpret the water contained in the large jars that was meant for the ablutions as symbolic of the Law which is God's precious gift that gives life to his thirsty people. This water will be changed into the joyful wine of the new covenant.

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## Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (16th Jan.)**

6pm Vigil Mass Private Intention

11am Bella & Family

**Tuesday: (18th January)**

9.30am Michael & Olive Lynch

**Thursday: (20th January)**

9.30am Dorothy Petersen

**Friday: (21st January)**

**11.30am** Funeral Mass for Mr Barrington O'Brien

**Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (23rd Jan.)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Maureen Petersen RIP

## St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Peace Sunday (16th January)**

10am Lawrence & James Tobin

12pm Antonino D'Alpa

6pm Eileen Lane

**Monday: St Anthony of the Desert (17th Jan.)**

9.30am Lucie Anne Jones RIP

**Tuesday: Weekday (18th January)**

**8.30am** Sinead Lane

**Wednesday: Weekday (19th January)**

9.30am Reg & Peg Palfrey (Anniv.)

**Thursday: Weekday (20th January)**

9.30am Bishop Edwin Mullins

7-8pm **Adoration & Benediction**

**Friday: St Agnes (21st January)**

9.30am Paul Parris (Well-being)

**Saturday: Votive Memoria of Our Lady (15th Jan.)**

12.15pm S Sueref/H Nifora Family (Thanksgiving)

**Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday of the Word of God (23rd January)**

10am Mathew Thomas

12pm John & Mary Hall Intentions

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

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

## THE SYNODAL PROCESS OF CONSULTATION

### St Mary's Parish

May I remind you that the St Mary's Synodal Team have arranged Parish Meetings on Saturday 22nd January at 10.30am and Sunday 23rd January at 3pm. These meetings will be hosted in the Parish Hall on Talbot Street. On the parish website you can see the text of the talk given by Kath Elley after last weekend's Masses.

### Holy Family Parish

The Holy Family Synodal Team invite you to participate in the consultation that is about to take place. This is your opportunity to influence the future direction of the Church. The members of the team are:

Neil O'Toole Phil Smith Lauren Fear Steve Morris Margaret Dowds Terry Morris Josephine Morris

The parish suggestion box will be placed on a table in the church entrance. Pens and paper will be available to enable contributions. Two or three members of the team will be available in the hall after each Sunday Mass on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January, when the theme will be COMMUNION.

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th February, when the theme will be PARTICIPATION.

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th February, when the theme will be MISSION.

But please don't feel limited to these themes, come and join us to express your ideas verbally or in writing and to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES OF CELEBRATION

#### First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession).

\*\*\* St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10.30am.

\*\*\* Holy Family - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10.30am.

#### First Reception of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion).

\*\*\* St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10.30am.

\*\*\* Holy Family – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10.30am.

#### Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2.00pm.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES OF FIRST MEETINGS

#### \*\*\* St Mary of the Angels First Confession / First Communion:

The first meeting for parents and candidates is scheduled for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm in S.M.A. Parish Hall.

#### \*\*\* Holy Family First Confession / First Communion:

Thy first meeting for parents and candidates is scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm in H.F. Parish Hall. (All further details of the timetable and catechetical content will be provided at the first meetings.)

#### \*\*\* Confirmation – combined preparation for candidates from both parishes:

Notification of the first meeting for parents and candidates will be published next week.

### NEWS FOR ALL PARISH READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is my intention to host a Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion during the Season of Lent. Ministers of Holy Communion have not been operational either in Mass or in terms of home visitations since the dawn of the pandemic. The Day of Recollection will provide an opportunity to re-assess continuing involvement and the need for future provision. We can look forward to refreshing our commitment and sense of vocation in service to our parish communities.

### RECRUITMENT OF CO-WORKERS

As the sacramental programmes become operational, we will need to recruit catechists, both those who have previously been involved and those who might consider stepping forward for the first time. The synodal process of consultation and reflection offers us the perfect opportunity to evaluate and address our needs. I am most grateful to the multitude of people who are already involved in supporting parish life in so many different capacities. Over the coming weeks and months I will be highlighting a number of specific tasks which require our attention. Let us be active and consistent in praying for the well-being of our parishes and the wider diocese.

#### Nursery September 2022 admissions.

The application process opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and the closing date is Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. Offer/decline letters will be sent out on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. From the 24<sup>th</sup> January application packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website:

*stmarysprm.cardiff.scb.uk – key info - admissions*

**Reception September 2022 admissions:** we are still accepting late applications for this class.

You are very welcome to visit the school, please phone to arrange to see the headteacher (02920 225680).



## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:  
9th January - Gift aid £50.50 Loose £458.84

**Crib collection - £332.86**

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:  
9th January - Gift aid £405.50 Loose £230.66

**Crib collection - £271.63**

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

## INVEST IN MY COMMUNITY

Those of you who have donated in the past via Virgin Money Giving will be aware that this is no longer available. However, it has been replaced by a new scheme called Invest in My Community. If you would like to make a donation online, please use the following link. In the future there will be a button on the parish website.

The link is [rcadc.org/portfolio-item/parish-offertory/](https://rcadc.org/portfolio-item/parish-offertory/) then you select the parish.

## DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PARISH CLERGY

On Thursday I convened the team of Clergy for our first meeting of 2022. Following our conversations, I can announce the following:

Monsignor Maguire has agreed to take responsibility for creating a team of co-workers to address the issues surrounding a strategy for evangelisation. The vast new developments that are being constructed along the ribbon of the Llantrisant Road will be a particular focus.

Deacon Maurice will continue as our parish lead on the Reaching Out Programme combined with other social action programmes.

Deacon Christian will lead on the catechetical programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Deacon Elliot will lead on the catechetical programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

## OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Octave of Prayer begins on Tuesday 18th January and will conclude on 25th January, when we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. This year's theme focuses our attention on the phrase "We saw his star in the East" ("Gwelsom ei seren ar ei chyfodiad") (Mathew 2:2).

This year's phrase for inspiration was chosen by Christians in the Middle East for use across the world. The Magi are symbolic of the world's diversity, religious and cultural. They come to pay homage to the Christ-child. The Wise represent the unity of humanity, for God has created each one of us in his own image and likeness. All Christian Churches are called upon to cooperate in providing relief to the afflicted and a welcome to the displaced; we are honour-bound to build a just and peaceful world order.

Please join in these special prayers with your local Christian community or at home using the Christian Unity website, [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org) or the Churches Together website, <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

I wish to thank Angela Graham, our local Cytun representative for St Mary's, who has sent the following message to our fellow Churches in Canton:

"The parishioners and clergy of the parish of St Mary of the Angels join with you in prayer and action to foster the unity of Christians and the building of peace."



Here is the text of the talk given by Kath Elley at last weekend's Masses in St Mary's:

The Synodal Prayer: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus We Stand before You, Holy Spirit

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

Having reminded ourselves in prayer of **the Synodal Process, a journey** we started some weeks ago at the request of Pope Francis, here is an update of the work of the Synodal Team and information about those preparations that will support **us a Parish Community, as a people of prayer and purpose**, coming together over the next weeks and months as part of the Synod

You'll remember when I first spoke **I acknowledged that this Synod being very different** as this time the Holy Father in opening the Synod for all the Faithful, both Clergy and Laity, practicing Catholics and those not currently attending Church to be involved. **He urges that we all participate in prayerful ways, and he asserts that we all have a voice and it is important that our voices are heard.**

As a Synodal Team we have been working hard to encourage as many people as we can to participate. This is a key theme in the Synod: **Walking Together Talking Together and Working Together** to build a Church that is fit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium.

**It is so important that we all participate in this process. This is a unique opportunity, a chance for your voice to be heard, to influence the future of the Church.**

To that end we have been working together as a Team to **facilitate a number of ways to support those Listening Exercises.**

- We have 2 Open Meetings Planned for St Marys on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 10.30-11.30am and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3-4pm, the times are on the Notice Board at the back of the Church.
- For those who are not able to come to an Open meeting we will have a paper based way of submitting your reflections, your thoughts and the issues that are significant to you - the forms will be available at the back of the Church. These can be anonymous.
- We will also have a portal one for St Marys (and another for Holy Family) to enable to people to submit their responses electronically.

These 3 ways of engagement will use a series of questions to help you consider the issues, you do not have to address all of the questions listed, there may be one or perhaps 2 of the 3 that you may wish to focus on. It is important however, that these considerations are made in prayerful and reflective ways.

We have had discussions about the potential use of Zoom. This is something that could be facilitated if demand is there.

We have also developed another means to support our coming together piece of work: based on a **Letter to the Groups at work in the Parish.**

It's an opportunity for those Groups, 19 in total in St Marys, to come together to address the considerations posed in the letter. **I would ask all those group members to engage in this process.** This is important as we emerge fully from the pandemic, being mindful of the effects of the pandemic, we need to look at the needs of the people and the Parish. We need to reconnect with one another, and the Church, consider how we can best meet the needs of the people, and the Parish, and ultimately those in need outside of our Parish communities. 'How can the Groups support these endeavours?' is an important question.

We need to promote **Communion**; coming together to reengage with each other as a Faith Community, this will in turn support greater **participation** in parish life and so support us to grow in our faith. Then we will be better placed to look outward beyond the Church itself to those people who need our support. Through the listening exercises we will come to realise what our **Mission** should be. Importantly, we must acknowledge that **the Synodal Process ultimately demands that we engage with others who are currently not attending Church.**

We need to consider how we as a Parish can best work together as we move forward as a Parish and in the Synodal process. **How can we re-energise the life of the Parish? What can we do to encourage people to return to Mass?**

**So, as we now move into the Listening phase**, as acknowledged it is very important to consider these **activities in reflective and prayerful ways, so that through the process we as individuals, and as a Community, can discern what it is the Holy Spirit is saying to us and what He is calling us to do.** We are being asked to share our views with each other, and the diocese, only after prayer and reflection to support discernment.

Once the responses are collated we will have a much better idea of what people feel the issues are that we need to address. As mentioned previously some of those issues can be addressed by us as a Church Community and other issues will be reported through a Report to the Diocesan Level and in turn to the Vatican. This whole process will take 2 years and we have until the summer to complete our part of the process.

Finally, as a Synodal Team we have developed a **Parish Prayer.** One that will reinforce our commitment to the Parish and the Synodal process as we go forward. I pray that people feel motivated to fully engage in the process, to participate in new ways in the parish ultimately to support the Mission of the Church, the ways in which we will decide in the fullness of time.

**Please pass this message on to Family and Friends encourage them to engage in whatever way they are comfortable with, and please all of you who come to Mass engage in the process too** as the opportunities present themselves. If you have any questions there will be someone at the start and end of Mass for the next two weeks before the Listening Exercises begin or contact us (contact details of the St Marys Synodal Team can be found on the Synod Notice Board in the Porch).

Thankyou Kath Elley Synodal Co-ordinator St Marys