

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Sharon Williams R.I.P. - The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Monday 14th February at 2.00pm.

Mr Anthony Collins R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 16th February at 12.00pm.

Mrs Elizabeth McMahon R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 18th February at 1.30pm.



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

SAKISHNA NITHIANANDA RIP

Your prayers are asked for **Sakishna Nithiananda** who died on Monday, may he rest in peace. We offer his parents Sue and Siva, brother Shehan and sister Sita our sincerest sympathy. The family have asked for privacy and request no flowers but would appreciate donations to Tŷ Hafan. A box will be placed at the back of Holy Family Church for the next two weekends to receive donations.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN HOLY FAMILY

There will be Confessions at 6pm and Mass for the first Friday of the month at 7pm on 4th February in Holy Family. This will be a regular event each month.

Readings continued Luke 4:21-30.

In the gospels of Mark and Matthew Jesus returns to his home village only after he has completed the first stage of his preaching, after he has presented a sequence of miracles, and is then rejected. In Luke's gospel the clash comes much sooner and is far more dramatic and dangerous. Luke describes how Jesus returns to his home village right at the start of his public ministry. As soon as Jesus offers his initial proclamation the local people are outraged at his interpretation of the scriptures. In Luke's text Jesus refers to how Elijah and Elisha were disregarded by their own people and how they both brought salvation to foreigners. Luke is writing his gospel account for the sake of a gentile audience, those who had no Jewish heritage. The Good News of Jesus Christ, rejected by the Jewish people, will now be addressed to all peoples as it was meant to be. There is no place for the arrogant presumption of entitlement when it comes to faith.

No prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

In the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

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Holy Family Account 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, Chris Collins, Zaid Saffo, Joseph Stancombe, 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, Connie Greck, Owen Williams.

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30th January - 6th February 2022 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19.

We could describe the character or demeanour of Jeremiah as amiable and gentle, which is why he found it so hard to deal with the opposition he faced. It is the lot of any prophet to be contradicted and rejected. Jeremiah acknowledged that God was calling him but was at first reluctant to respond. This should not surprise us for God had told him how difficult the work would become. Jeremiah was charged with telling the leaders of the people that they were failing, that disaster awaited the people if changes were not made. The leaders rejected Jeremiah's warnings. Whilst Jeremiah is obedient to the Lord he nonetheless complains to God. The warm-hearted Jeremiah did not wish to be the 'prophet of doom'. The complaints of Jeremiah are traditionally termed his 'confessions' for they in fact constitute an intimate record of prayerful engagement. Jeremiah complains at his condition and situation yet submits to God's sovereign will. Jeremiah accepts the burden of being a sign of contradiction without losing the warmth of his human character and maintains a spirit of unreserved reliance on God's grace. Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. They shall fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 70.

My lips will tell of your help.

I Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13.

Paul's teaching on the nature and centrality of love needs no commentary. Today's text is so very well known. Our familiarity with the text can sometimes blind us to its true force and significance. Paul has only just completed his discourse on the strife and division that threatens the community of faith in Corinth. Now he speaks of love, the love that demands selflessness. We can all feel uneasy when we hear the challenge presented so starkly. The love spoken of is no mere warmth of feeling, no mere affection, nor is it the simplistic pleasure of enjoying the company of another. Paul describes strong and active self-sacrifice. The deed of love must be done, whatever the cost, for the sake of the other. The Greek world had no word for such a love as this. When the Hebraeo-Christian tradition was translating its teachings into Greek it had to adopt a rarely used Greek word and endow it with new meaning. The Jewish tradition had understood its application within the tribal fellowship but the Christian tradition demands its application to one and all. Be ambitious for the higher gifts.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish.

Love does not come to an end.

The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, these are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Alleluia. Alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (30th Jan.)

6pm Vigil Mass Garry Sutton

11am Colin Webber RIP

1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism

Tuesday: (1st February)

9.30am

Thursday: (3rd February)

9.30am

Friday: (4th February)

6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm For the Holy Souls

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (6th Feb.)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael Gerard McMahon

11am Dianne Brain RIP

1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (30th January)

10am Louise, Ron & Karen Chapman (Anniv.)

12pm Sylvia Abbott (née Dalrymple)

6pm John & Catherine Baldwin

Monday: St John Bosco, Priest (31st January)

9.30am Margaret Harper

Tuesday: Weekday (1st February)

9.30am Julia Butler RIP

Wednesday: Presentation of the Lord (2nd Feb.)

9.30am Monica, Loys, David Ballard

Thursday: St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (3rd Feb.)

9.30am Jeff Webber

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Weekday (4th February)

9.30am Michael Maher

Saturday: St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (5th Feb.)

12.15pm

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (6th February)

10am John & Julia Cunningham

12pm Bob Partridge

6pm Ronnie Brooks

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

A very positive start to the Listening Exercises last weekend with over 30 people coming to talk and to listen to others. There were lots of interesting views expressed that related to both the life of the Parish and issues that will need to be addressed by the Church as a whole. Emerging themes include; promoting hospitality and engagement with others at the Mass, more social events, the need to be outward looking and Church 'Modernisation', the role of women in the Church and the need to better engage with, and accommodate, families and children.

Lots more feedback is still to be returned and **IMPORTANTLY** if you are yet to return your responses to the Synodal Questions given out in last week's Mass please return them by next Sunday.

YOUNG ADULTS' SYNOD EVENT

There will be a listening exercise for those aged 18-35 to voice their opinions on the future of the Church. We look forward to seeing you! **WHERE:** St. Mary's Church Hall **WHEN:** Wednesday 2nd February, 7.30pm

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 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.

PROVISION OF A CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING MASS – PROSPECTS FOR A RETURN

From the dawn of the pandemic we were obliged to suspend access to our churches and so the provision of a 'Children's Liturgy' went into suspension. When access was granted, it was not possible to provide group activity for children. Although we are inching back to 'normality', because infection rates among school populations is still quite high, we will not reintroduce the children's liturgy quite yet. The severity of illness in children is low but they have the ability to infect others. Hopefully we will be able to initiate provision soon. Until then, we intend to provide worksheets for the children which can be distributed as families arrive for Sunday Mass. Please bring your own coloured pencils or crayons. I am grateful to Deacon Elliot for working on this project on my behalf. If we are to reintroduce the Children's Liturgy to both parishes, we will need a team of catechists.

IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN EITHER PARISH THEN MY QUESTION TO YOU IS – ARE YOU PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE ONCE AGAIN?

ARE THERE ANY NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE EAGER TO PLAY A PART IN FUTURE PROVISION?

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY THEN PLEASE CONTACT ME BY E.MAIL TO CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS.

*** FOR THOSE WILLING TO ASSIST AT HOLY FAMILY, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING THE 11.00.am MASS ON SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY.

*** FOR THOSE WILLING TO ASSIST AT ST.MARY OF THE ANGELS, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING THE 10.00.am MASS ON SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY.

Nursery September 2022 admissions

The application process closes on Monday February 21st 2022. Offer/decline letters will be sent out on Monday 25th April 2022. From the 24th January application packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website: stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.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).



SOME OTHER PROPOSALS

*** It is my intention to host a Spring Fair at St Mary's Hall sometime in May. If you are interested in playing a part in organising the event then please contact me by e.mail and leave your details.

*** We will soon be making arrangements for a Summer Parish Picnic in Bute Park.

*** It is proposed that we undertake two parish outings. One would be a visit to a religious house or shrine and the second would be a more social expedition. Suggestions welcome via the parish e.mail.

MEETINGS FOR OLD AND NEW ALTAR SERVERS

It is my intention to recruit new candidates for the Ministry of Altar Service. I have recently recruited four new Servers at Holy Family and, in anticipation of Holy Week, it is my intention to recruit a lot more in both parishes.

*** Meeting for current and prospective Servers at Holy Family on Monday 7th March at 6.00pm.

*** Meeting for current and prospective Servers at St Mary's on Wednesday 9th March at 6.00pm.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
23rd January - Gift aid £99.15 Loose £458.88

White Flower Appeal total - £311.77

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:
23rd January - Gift aid £104.00 Loose £203.46

White Flower Appeal total - £150.52

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/ then you select the parish.

MARY PAYNE RIP

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a donation to the parish of St Mary of the Angels amounting to £200 from the estate of the late Mary Payne, who died last summer at the grand age of 106. May she rest in peace.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION

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

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 7th May 2022 at 10.30am.

*** Holy Family - Saturday 14th May 2022 at 10.30am.

First Reception of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion).

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 25th June 2022 at 10.30am.

*** Holy Family – Saturday 9th July 2022 at 10.30am.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (United celebration for both parishes)

N.B. CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITMENTS.

Sunday 10th July at 12.00pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES OF MEETINGS

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

The first meeting for parents and candidates is scheduled for Monday 28th February at 7.00pm in Holy Family church.



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

The first meeting for parents and candidates is scheduled for Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 6.30pm in St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall.

Second Meeting – Tuesday 1st March at 6.30pm.

Third Meeting – Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm.

Fourth Meeting – Tuesday 5th April at 6.30pm.

Fifth Meeting – Tuesday 26th April at 6.30pm.

Rehearsal for First Confession – Tuesday 3rd May at 6.30pm.

Celebration of First Confession – Saturday 7th May at 10.00am.

Sixth Meeting – Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm.

Seventh Meeting – Tuesday 14th June at 6.30pm.

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Tuesday 21st June at 6.30pm.

Celebration of First Holy Communion – Saturday 25th June at 10.30am.



*** Holy Family First Confession / First Communion:

The first meeting for parents and candidates is scheduled for Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 6.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall.

Second Meeting – Tuesday 8th March at 6.30pm.

Third Meeting – Tuesday 22nd March at 6.30pm.

Fourth Meeting – Wednesday 6th April at 6.30pm.

Fifth Meeting – Wednesday 27th April at 6.30pm.

Rehearsal for Confession – Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm.

Celebration of First Confession – Saturday 14th May at 10.00am.

Sixth Meeting – Wednesday 25th May at 6.30pm.

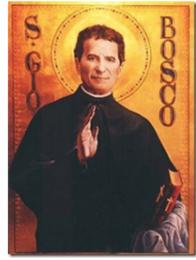
Seventh Meeting – Wednesday 15th June at 6.30pm.

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Tuesday 5th July at 6.30pm.

Celebration of First Holy Communion – Saturday 9th July at 10.30am.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 31st January – Memoria of St John Bosco, Priest.



St John Bosco was born into a poor farming family at Murialdo di Castelnuovo near Turin, Italy, in 1815. From his earliest years he was obliged to join with his family in the grinding work cultivating the earth and shepherding the animals. He was only able to commence a rudimentary education aged nine. He developed a strong sense of a priestly vocation and entered the seminary aged fifteen. His devout Mother warned him that if he developed any serious doubts concerning his vocation he should leave formation as she would rather have a poor peasant for a son than a negligent priest.

John Bosco was ordained to the priesthood in 1841 and his first appointment involved the visitation of the city prisons. John Bosco was shocked and horrified to discover that the prison held a large number of boys who had been ensnared in crime by adults. Most of the boys proved to be orphans. John Bosco then began the work that would bring him the title ‘Apostle of Youth’. His intent was to teach on spiritual matters but also to provide opportunities for learning a trade. The initiation of such a task is never easy. John Bosco faced opposition and was often misunderstood. He eventually secured use of a dilapidated shed at Valdocco. He renovated the property and the teaching began. His Mother came into residence with him at this time.

His work and influence transformed the treatment of the young in and around Turin and then his influence travelled further. He founded the Salesian Society of St Francis (de Sales) and he was also responsible for the establishment of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. John Bosco’s energy and dedication was remarkable. The motto of the Salesians is ‘Da mihi animas cetera tolle tibi’ (Give me only souls and keep all else). Following his death in 1888 practically the entire population of Turin attended his funeral. On Easter Sunday, 1934, at the closing of the Holy Year marking the Nineteenth Centenary of the Redemption, Don Bosco was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

Wednesday 2nd February – Feast: The Presentation of the Lord

Forty days after the Nativity of the Lord we celebrate the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple. This feast was once termed the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is also referred to as Candlemas. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord as the Law of Moses prescribed. Forty days after the birth of a child, a Mother was obliged to offer a sacrifice of purification. This ritual constituted a recollection of the event which initiated Israel’s liberation from slavery in Egypt. On the night when the great Exodus commenced, the children of Israel were spared extermination when the Avenging Angel passed over the homes where the lintel had been anointed with the blood of the ‘Passover Lamb’. It had been revealed to Simeon, a devout and upright man, that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. When Simeon beheld the Mary’s child, he took Jesus into his arms and offered his Song of Thanksgiving (the ‘Nunc Dimittis’ which the Church offers at the end of each day during the Office of Night Prayer - Compline).



Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.

Candles are blessed on this feast in proclamation of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.

Thursday 3rd February – Memoria: St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr



St Blaise would become Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia at the transition from the third to the fourth centuries. He was both a philosopher and a physician. During the persecution perpetrated by the Emperor Licinius, Blaise was arrested by the Roman Prefect Agricolaus. On his way to prison, Blaise was approached by a distracted mother whose child was suffering from a disease of the throat. She implored the bishop’s aid and intercession. Through the intercession of St Blaise, the child was cured. The great tradition is to use two crossed candles that have been blessed on the Feast of the Presentation to bless the throats of the faithful.

Through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

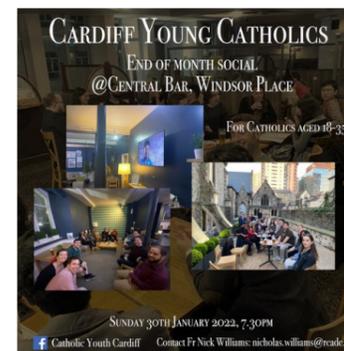
After much torture, Blaise was beheaded in the year 316 A.D.

Saturday 5th February – Memoria: St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Agatha was born into a noble Roman family in Sicily during the third century. Her martyrdom and early cult are historically certain but the later descriptive details of her life and death are legend. A sixth century source claims that Agatha was arrested and tortured by order of the Roman Senator Quintanius who had attempted to seduce her. Quintanius invoked imperial edicts against Christianity in order to punish her failure to cooperate with his desires. Agatha persisted in her refusal of the Senator’s advances. He placed her in a brothel where she was abused and subjected to dreadful tortures.



It is said that an earthquake struck the town of Catania where she had been imprisoned and where she was subject to such great torment. Agatha died of her severe wounds in the year 251 A.D., one of the many victims of the persecution perpetrated by the Emperor Decian. Her name is placed within the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) and she is honoured as Patron of Nurses.



QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S HALL

It is proposed to host our first social event for quite some time on Saturday 26th February at 7.00pm in St Mary’s Hall. We will gather in anticipation of St David’s Day and we will be sharing ‘Welsh Lamb Broth’ for supper. Get your teams organised and prepared.

St David's Day Celebration
CWIS, CAWL a CANU
 Quiz, Cawl & Song
SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY
AT 7:00 PM
 St Mary's Church Hall
 Talbot Street
ENTRANCE £5.00 ★ **BAR**
JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST POST-COVID GATHERING!