

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.
Amen.

Maureen Petersen RIP

The Petersen Family would like to express their appreciation for the prayers and support offered to them by members of Holy Family parish following the recent death of their mother, Maureen.

Readings continued

Luke 5:1-11.

In Matthew and Mark the story of the call that is addressed to the first Apostles impresses us by its laconic character - Jesus calls and they follow with no questions asked. Luke's account of the event is fuller and more profound. Luke intends for us to see a parallel with the call of Isaiah. The strong suggestion of Luke's text is that the response offered by the Apostles is given within a recognition that Jesus is God in their midst. Jesus does not address his Apostles with generalities for, from the start, Jesus calls them to undertake a mission. These men are to become 'fishers of men'. We should note that the Greek text employs a word for 'catch' that has nothing to do with fishing or hunting for any type of animal. The word used means 'to fish out' (in the sense of 'drawing out'). The Apostles are to draw out humankind from the clutches of death and into the embrace of fulfilment, into the embrace of eternal life. "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch."

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

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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, Vivian Miller, Collette Griffin, 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, Ben Foster, Carina Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin, Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones, Connie Greck, Owen Williams.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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6th - 13th February 2022 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8.

This awesome vision of the Lord constituted Isaiah's call to be a prophet and shaped his view of God for the rest of his life. The dominant impression is that there exists an immense distance between unclean man and transcendent God. Unworthy humankind cannot look upon the Godhead and live. The triple 'Holy' emphasises that God is totally removed from the defilements of this world and is on a wholly different plane which we cannot dare to approach. Yet, as the cloud of smoke fills the whole Temple, so the glory of God fills the whole earth. God created the world. Although he is transcendent and his character is totally distinct from his creation, God's presence pervades the whole of creation bestowing dignity and worth. The prophet Isaiah and his immediate successors repeatedly emphasise how we human beings should stand in awe of God's majesty. God's own grace and mercy enable us to understand that this right and proper sense of awe is not defined by fear but by love.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "Here I am, send me."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I Corinthians 15:1-11.

From now until the beginning of Lent we will be listening to the great final chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul leads us into a meditation on the resurrection of Christ and explains how Christians are called to follow the footsteps of the Master. Paul had first addressed the issues and problems raised by the envoys sent to him from the Corinthian community of faith. Now Paul simply shares the faith that inhabits his mind, heart and soul. Paul was never concerned with providing an account of the Lord's earthly ministry, rather he concentrates on the experience of encountering the Risen Lord. Nonetheless, Paul begins by referencing the evidence of those who had direct experience of Jesus, before and after the resurrection. Paul speaks with the adopted early credal statements. The centre of attention is not the empty tomb, which is only a negative proof of the resurrection. Our focus is to be the experience of the Risen Lord, the encounter with the Jesus who is truly alive.

"Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

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

6pm Vigil Mass Michael Gerard McMahon

11am Dianne Brain RIP

1.00pm Sacrament of Baptism

Tuesday: (8th February)

9.30am Sakishna Nithiananda RIP

Thursday: (10th February)

9.30am Rev. J McLoughlin

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (13th Feb.)

6pm Vigil Mass People of Afghanistan

11am Paul Mantle RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

St Mary's Masses

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

10am John & Julia Cunningham

12pm Bob Partridge

6pm Ronnie Brooks

Monday: Weekday (7th February)

9.30am Kitty Heald (Intentions)

Tuesday: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (8th Feb.)

9.30am Gwendoline Mary Rowley

Wednesday: St Teilo, Bishop (9th February)

9.30am Sheehan & Dacey Families

Thursday: St Scholastica, Virgin (10th February)

9.30am Jeff Webber

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes (11th February)

9.30am Ronnie Brooks

Saturday: Weekday (12th February)

12.15pm Mary D'Alpa

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (13th February)

10am Ivan Sadka

12pm David, Natalie & Thomas Hall (Intentions)

6pm Dr Eleanor Hartley

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

There have been 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.

IMPORTANTLY if you are yet to return your responses to the Synodal Questions please return them by **this Sunday**.

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 parish suggestion box will be placed on a table in the church entrance. 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**.

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 to our churches resumed it remained impossible 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 our young parishioners which can be distributed as families arrive for Sunday Mass. 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.

CATECHISTS FOR FIRST CONFESION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Deacon Elliot will be leading the sacramental preparation programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion. He is eager to recruit volunteers who would be prepared to assist him with this catechetical process. Although teaching experience would obviously be beneficial, it is not essential that a catechist be a professionally qualified teacher. We will provide some immediate formation for the task and all volunteers will be guided and supported throughout.

What is essential is that each catechist possesses a deep personal faith combined with the enthusiasm to share their faith. All volunteers for this work will need to undertake a D.B.S. check for safeguarding which will be organised through our parish safeguarding representatives. If you wish to contribute to this important work then please contact myself or Deacon Elliot by telephone or e.mail.

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 at Mass or in terms of home/care 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.

N..B. THE DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR ALL READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FROM BOTH PARISHES WILL BE HOSTED AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL ON SATURDAY 2nd APRIL, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM AND CONCLUDING AT 2.30PM.

10.00AM – GATHERING FOR TEA AND COFFEE.

10.30AM – THE PRINCIPLES OF MINISTERIAL SERVICE.

11.00AM – PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

11.30AM – HOLY MASS.

12.15PM – LUNCH (BRING A PACKED LUNCH) – TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

1.00PM – SERVING THE SACRED LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL VISITATION TO THE HOUSEBOUND.

1.30PM – DISCUSSION OF PRACTICITIES AND PLANNING FUTURE PROVISION.

2.00PM – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION.

2.30PM – CONCLUSION.

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 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.

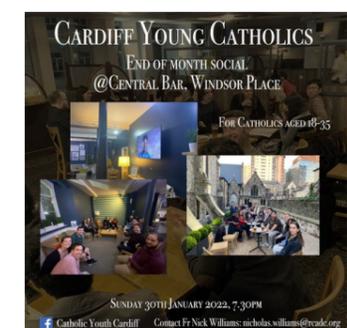


St David's Day Celebration
CWIS, CAWL a CANU Quiz, Cawl & Song
SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM
St Mary's Church Hall Talbot Street
ENTRANCE £5.00 ★ BAR
JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST POST-COVID GATHERING!

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH SPRING FAYRE – SATURDAY 21st MAY

I have now set a date for the Spring Fayre at St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 21st May. I am inviting all those who wish to assist in organising the event to a meeting at The Priory on Monday 14th March at 7.00pm. If you wish to leave your details in advance of the meeting, please do so via the parish email.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank 'The Wives' who for a number of years have planned and supported the delivery of the various Fayres in the Church Hall making a significant contribution to their success.



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.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES OF MEETINGS

*** 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.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

30th January - Gift aid £27.10 Loose £469.67

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

30th January - Gift aid £211.00 Loose £304.67

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

Thank you for bringing in used stamps to Holy Family.

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are all feeling anxious as we contemplate the financial implications of a projected 7% rate of inflation and a 50% increase in our energy bills. The finances of both our parishes will be particularly impacted by the increase to energy prices. We benefit from participation in an inter-diocesan scheme that purchases energy in bulk, however, we inevitably are obliged to spend a significant amount on heating large premises.

As previously indicated, we have been experiencing problems with the boiler that feeds St Mary's Church. Our engineers have systematically been addressing all the probable causes, one element at a time. The conclusion is that we require an entirely new ignition unit. This ongoing examination of the boiler has cost over £3K and I await news of the cost for the new unit.

With Deacon Elliot coming into residence at The Priory there was a need to redecorate two rooms. New carpets were required and some furniture – a three-piece-suite was purchased from the Heart Foundation Shop on Cowbridge Road and the S.V.P. provided a practically new office desk. Two shower units have to be replaced and two damaged sinks have been removed from two of the bedrooms.

Repairs to the basement beneath the Sacristy will cost in excess of £3k (water damage has weakened the exterior wall). Scaffolding had to be erected recently in order to repair a detached drain pipe. St Mary's Church, Hall and Priory were recently subject to the quinquennial structural survey. Repairs will be required to the stonework atop the Church facade and guard rails will have to be installed on part of the Priory roof to ensure safe access to the fire escape steps.

I could add further elements but will not bore you with the details. I provide this information simply to keep you all aware of the on-going maintenance works that have to be undertaken. There are a number of projects that await attention which will have cost implication. Reflecting the experience of all parishes across the Archdiocese and across the nation, our income has been significantly affected by the pandemic. Please continue to be generous in contributing to our parishes. Following consultation with the Parish Councils and Finance Committees in both parishes, I will present a full set of financial statements following the completion of the current financial year.

SOME OTHER PROPOSALS

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

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 8th February – Memoria: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.



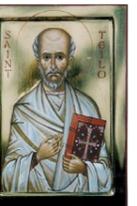
She was probably born in the year 1869, in the village of Olgossa near Dafur in Sudan. She was born into the family of a local chieftain and enjoyed a happy and relatively prosperous early life. When she was aged seven or eight and Arab slave trader kidnapped her and sold the child into slavery. She endured a sequence of appalling Arab and Turkish 'owners' who abused and even tortured her. She was eventually 'bought' by an Italian family who took her to Italy in 1883.

As slavery was outlawed in Italy, Josephine was able to escape her effective confinement. Having come under the care and influence of the Canossian Sisters, Josephine was baptised in January 1890. After further catechesis she entered the novitiate of the religious congregation in 1893, making her vows in 1896 at the age of forty-one.

The remainder of her life was filled with joy. She died aged seventy-eight. She was canonised on the 1st October 2000 and has become the Patron Saint of her homeland, Sudan, and is Patron of the Survivors of Human Trafficking.

Wednesday 9th February – Memoria: St Teilo, Bishop.

The sixth century Welsh Saint Teilo is also known as Elidius or Eliud. He was probably born in what we identify as Pembrokeshire. He is renowned as a scholarly monk and bishop, his work being centred on Llandeilo Fawr in Dyfed. No written account of Teilo exists before the text provided by Geoffrey of Llandaff in 1130. This text claims that Teilo was a student under Saint Dyfrig and Saint Samson. The medieval claim is that Teilo succeeded Dyfrig in the See of Llandaff. We invoke his particular intercession in support of our two parishes in recognition of the fact that tradition places him in our very midst.



Thursday 10th February – Memoria: St Scholastica, Virgin.



St Scholastica is usually defined in terms of being the sister of her more famous brother, St Benedict, the Father of Monasticism in the West. When Benedict finally established his monastery at Monte Casino, Scholastica soon established her own abode some five miles away at Plombariola. With the assistance and direction of her brother, Scholastica established what could properly be described as a convent of nuns.

Brother and sister would meet formally once a year. Neither could rightly enter the enclosure of the other, so Benedict, accompanied by a few of his brethren, arranged to meet Scholastica in a house located between the monastery and convent. A legend depicts the last occasion when they met. Their annual encounters always consisted of mainly spiritual reflections. Late into the evening Benedict rose to take his leave but Scholastica asked that he stay. Benedict was insistent that he needed to return to the monastery with his brethren but Scholastica had recourse to prayer and invoked a furious thunderstorm that kept her brother and his brethren in her company through the night so that they could continue their conversation on the 'joys of heaven'. It would prove to be their last meeting as Scholastica died three days later.

Benedict brought his sister's body to Monte Casino and she was buried in the tomb he had prepared for himself. Benedict himself died in the same year, 543 A.D., just a few weeks later on March 21st.

Friday 11th February – Memoria: Our Lady of Lourdes.

Today's Memoria is designated as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, a designation that holds particular importance within the context of the current world-wide pandemic. February 11th marks the first of eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette in 1858. It was on March 25th when Bernadette asked 'the beautiful lady' her name. The response was "I am the Immaculate Conception."



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).

