

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.

Master Oliver James Robert Edwards R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 24th February at 11.00am. N.B. Oliver has died at the tragically young age of just 13 years.

Mrs Mary Margaret Ahmed Chaudhary R.I.P. - The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 25th February at 12.00pm.



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

I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY - AN ORDINATION DATE FOR DEACON ELLIOT

Archbishop George recently met with Deacon Elliot at The Priory to inform him that a date was now set for his ordination to the ministerial priesthood. The ordination will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Saturday 16th July 2022, the Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We extend our congratulations to Deacon Elliot. He has completed six full years of formation, three at Allen Hall Seminary in London and three at the Venerable English College in Rome. As you know, in September he commenced a two-year course of research in Paris but home circumstances changed and he returned to the Archdiocese. We are delighted that he was placed with us at St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family. We offer him the assurance of our prayers as he receives the approbation of the Ordinary to proceed toward his ordination to the priesthood.

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

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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, 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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13th - 20th February 2022 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

Readings for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8.

The alternatives of blessing and malediction delivered by the prophet balance with those we encounter in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Jeremiah provides only one choice, putting our trust in the Lord or in man. The question concerns 'the fundamental option', the fundamental orientation of our lives. How are our attitudes formed? Do we allow ourselves to be formed by those influences that are in contradiction to God's kingdom? In our own time, within the contemporary secularist environment we occupy, this is a critical question. Will we centre ourselves on the 'cultural mood' of the moment or will we be rooted in the enduring foundations that are provided by the Lord God?

"A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord."

"A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 1.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20.

Paul takes us to the heart of the Christian message, that is the resurrection of Christ. It is the resurrection of Christ that draws his followers into the triumph of eternal life. Paul is addressing the community at Corinth, a Greek city, and Paul has to provide answers to the philosophical questions involved in the declaration of a bodily resurrection. Death imposes bodily corruption within the confines of time and space. Paul reminds us that the resurrection of Christ takes us beyond that corruption, body and soul. There is real continuity between this life and the next but this continuity is mediated through a transformation that brings a transference into the divine realm. The resurrection of Christ establishes our enduring communion with him and enables us to understand that we called to an eternal destiny in him. "If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Luke 6:17, 20-26.

The Gospel according to Luke places particular emphasis upon the demands of justice. Luke inhabits a more prosperous community as compared to the other evangelists and he often emphasises how Jesus gave warning concerning the dangers of riches. The poor are treasured by God. Matthew depicts Jesus as preaching a 'Sermon on the Mount', whereas Luke places Jesus addressing the crowd on 'a piece of level ground'. Matthew delivers a spiritualised 'Blessed are the poor in spirit', whereas Luke offers the more literal phrase 'Blessed are you who are poor'.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets."

Holy Family Masses

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

6pm Vigil Mass People of Afghanistan

11am Paul Mantle RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

Tuesday: (15th February)

9.30am Nancy O'Sullivan

Thursday: (17th February)

9.30am Elizabeth McMahon RIP

Friday: (18th February)

1.30pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Elizabeth McMahon

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (20th Feb.)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael & Olive Lynch

11am Josephine Webber RIP

St Mary's Masses

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

10am Ivan Sadka

12pm David, Natalie & Thomas Hall (Intentions)

6pm Dr Eleanor Hartley

Monday: Sts Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe (14th February)

9.30am Mary Hickey

Tuesday: Weekday (15th February)

8.30am Michael Kimberley RIP (Anniv.)

Wednesday: Weekday (16th February)

9.30am Peter Affley RIP

12.00pm Funeral Mass for Mr Anthony Collins

Thursday: Weekday (17th February)

9.30am Gordon Baker

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Weekday (18th February)

9.30am Doreen Utley

Saturday: Weekday (19th February)

12.15pm

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (20th February)

10am Yvonne Best

12pm Family & Friends of Kimberley Family

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm

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.

Would the Parish Groups please respond to the letters which were sent out recently.

Holy Family Parish

Two or three members of the Holy Family Synodal team will be available in the hall after each Sunday Mass on

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 ST.MARY OF THE ANGELS, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING FOLLOWING THE 10.00.am MASS ON SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY.

CATECHISTS FOR FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR 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)

*** Sunday 10th July at 12.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*** 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.

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.



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 PROPOSED PARISH SPRING FAYRE

A new date will need to be set for the proposed Spring Fayre at St Mary of the Angels as on Saturday 21st May the Archdiocese will be celebrating the Archbishop George's Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. The meeting for volunteers remains set for Monday 14th March at 7.00pm at The Priory .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.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

6th February - Gift aid £64.50 Loose £527.27

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

6th February - Gift aid £121.00 Loose £223.65

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

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.

GIFT AID LETTERS

We have now posted out any Gift Aid letters for the tax year 2020-2021 which had not been collected from church. We are aware that they contain some general information about personal tax allowances which is irrelevant as it refers to previous years, however as these letters are pre-printed we were not able to amend them.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday 14th February – Feast: St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe.

Cyril (originally known as Constantine, Cyril being the name he later adopted as a monk) and Methodius were brothers, sons of a senatorial family. They were born in Thessalonica, Cyril in 826 and Methodius in 827. Both were ordained to the priesthood and then continued their education at Constantinople. Cyril became librarian at Santa Sophia, the Cathedral Church of Constantinople. Cyril alone then undertook a missionary pilgrimage to southern Russia. Upon his return, Patriarch Ignatius of Constantinople sent both brothers as missionaries to the Bulgarians and Moravians. The Emperor had commanded Patriarch Ignatius to send missionaries in response to a request received from the local ruler, Rostislav. This mission was undertaken between 861 and 865. The brothers met with great success and their work extended into Dalmatia. Cyril and Methodius were emissaries from Byzantium and they encountered tensions with emissaries sent from what we now identify as Germany.



The brothers moved to Venice and it was from there that they were called to Rome so as to deliver an account of their work to the Pope. A tradition claims that Cyril and Methodius took the relics of St Clement to Rome. The brothers were received with great honour. Cyril decided to embrace the monastic life but died soon afterwards in 869. Pope Hadrian II consecrated Methodius as Archbishop of Sirmium (Pannonia). Methodius then left Rome and returned to Moravia. He would also travel to Bohemia, Poland and beyond. Methodius again encountered local opposition to his authority and mission. He was imprisoned for two years and was only released following the intervention of the Pope. He was called to Rome in 879 to answer accusations of heresy and disobedience. He was completely cleared of all accusations and once again journeyed back to Moravia. Methodius died on the 6th April 883 at Velehrad in Slovakia. The creation of the Glagolitic alphabet (commonly known as Cyrillic) is attributed to the brothers, a tool that enabled the translation of the Sacred Scriptures into the vernacular languages of the region. The relics of both brothers are venerated in the church of St Clement in Rome. St Cyril and St Methodius are designated as Patrons of Europe alongside St Benedict and St Brigid of Sweden.

HOLY FAMILY JOINT PAC/ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a joint Parish Advisory Council and Finance Committee Meeting held at Holy Family Church Hall on Tuesday 22nd February at 6.30pm.

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).



RETURN OF HYMNALS

Our parish hymnals can return from exile. If you took home a hymnal from either parish, could you return it to the church as we are now able to distribute them at Masses without risk. Many thanks.

GREETINGS FROM SMOKEY, THE PRIORY CAT

“ I am feeling quite well, though I had a seizure last week. I was unable to walk for a while and my eyesight is deteriorating significantly. I have to admit that I am not as young as I once was. I don't like to admit it, but I am now at least fifteen years old (I refuse to translate this figure into 'cat years'). I am still eating well – four meals a day. It is quite fun imposing a timetable on the humans. I think they realise that I am, in fact, in charge of the house they share with me. A new young chap has recently joined the older fellow and he seems very nice. I am in the process of 'training' the newcomer. I don't get into the Church as often but I haven't lost the faith! I occasionally meow loudly from the safety of the Sacristy. I will keep you posted.”
Miaow-Miaow /Meow-Meow – Smokey.