

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**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.**

### Readings continued

Such people will receive an abundant blessing from the Lord. Whereas Matthew would tend to sum up this teaching in terms of the call to 'perfection', Luke sums up in terms of 'compassion'. Matthew employs the phrase 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect', an expression of a legal concept implying fulfilment of the Law. Luke's Gospel is characterised by the demands of justice, the practical application of principles, and his manner of expression offers far more warmth and empathy.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly."

"If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them."

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate ... the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

**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**

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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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20th - 27th February 2022 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

## Readings for the 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.

The paranoia of King Saul conceived and nurtured a deep jealousy for David, the young poet-warrior. This jealousy developed into hatred. The young David had gradually developed a national profile and the affections of the people (and of the Lord God himself) were increasingly focused upon him rather than on Saul. Although all the evidence reveals how David maintains his allegiance to the throne, the King becomes intent on killing this infuriating upstart. A number of occasions are recorded, including today's incident, when David had the opportunity to kill his 'enemy'. However, Saul is the anointed King and David will not lift his hand against the anointed of the Lord. The character of David is depicted in splendid terms, contrasting with the demeanour of the hateful Saul. David is open-hearted and generous, with man and with God. He proves himself a leader on and off the battlefield. David's loyalty to the King was real and sincere but we should not think that he was naïve. David was wisely capable of following the path of calculation in his assessment of situations. There will come a time when, as King, David will become a great sinner. God's grace will bring him to a deep conversion. Examining the life and exploits of David will teach us much about the human condition and about our relationship with God.

"Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?"

"The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty."

"Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 102.

The Lord is compassion and love.

I Corinthians 15:45-49.

In some circles of Hebrew theology there existed a strand of thought which declared that there had been two Adams at the dawn of time; one perfect Adam in heaven, another imperfect copy on earth. Paul employs the image of the two Adams. The first (imperfect) Adam became the progenitor of the human race whilst the second (perfect) Adam, who comes later, establishes a new and heavenly humanity. Although the Divine Breath imprinted God's image and likeness upon humankind, the first Adam was oriented to earthly principles. The Second Adam is inhabited by the Spirit of God. We receive the Spirit through Christ who was himself transformed by his resurrection. We are able to share in the transformation of Christ. In Christ we move from what is perishable to what is permanent, from what is contemptible to what is glorious, from what is weak to what is powerful.

"The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit."

"And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man."

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Luke 6:27-38.

Last week we listened to Luke's version of the beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus. Today we listen to a sort of commentary and set of applications. Our focus is on those who display the generosity to give without counting the cost, those who place themselves in the position or condition of 'the deprived'.

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## Holy Family Masses

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

6pm Vigil Mass Michael & Olive Lynch

11am Josephine Webber RIP

**Tuesday: (22nd February)**

9.30am Kitty Doyle

**Thursday: (24th February)**

9.30am Bella

**Sunday: 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (27th Feb.)**

6pm Vigil Mass Sakishna Nithiananda RIP

11am Thanksgiving (J Joseph)

## St Mary's Masses

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

10am Yvonne Best

12pm Family & Friends of Kimberley Family

6pm For the People of the Parishes

**Monday: Weekday (21st February)**

9.30am Queen Elizabeth II, 70th Anniversary

**Tuesday: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle  
(22nd February)**

9.30am Constantine Sueref & Mary Angelopoulou RIP

**Wednesday: St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (23rd  
February)**

9.30am 10th Birthday

**Thursday: Weekday (24th February)**

**11.00pm** Funeral Mass for Oliver James Robert Edwards  
7-8pm **Adoration & Benediction**

**Friday: Weekday (25th February)**

9.30am Peter Murphy

**12.00pm** Funeral Mass for  
Mrs Mary Margaret Ahmed Chaudhary

**Saturday: Weekday (26th February)**

12.15pm Private Intention (JL)

**Sunday: 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
(27th February)**

10am

12pm Edward P Murphy

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Harry Hogan

**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

Thank you very much to everyone who has engaged with the listening process. 49 people attended the listening meetings and another 39 paper and portal submissions were received. It is important to acknowledge that some of those paper and portal submissions represented more than one person's thoughts and considerations. Submissions represent a cross section of the people of the Parish; young and old, married and single people, families with children. The Synodal process to date has promoted a great deal of thinking and discussion and that is a good thing for us as a Church.

There have been very considered and insightful comments and we as a Synodal Team are now working on the development of 2 reports. One will be written to be submitted to the Diocese representing our contribution to the Synod and another will be written to include the detail, valuable to us as a Church, to take the synodal process forward. Both reports will be available for everyone to read.

There are a number of emerging themes, outlined below and in no particular order.

Lots of people have acknowledged the need to be welcoming and engage with people, making them feel welcome and to promote a sense of belonging to our community. This along with the need to be joyful.

Many have identified a need to modernise the Church citing the potential for married Priests, creating roles for women (including women Priests), reviewing the Churches teaching related to divorced and remarried Catholics, teaching on sexuality and sexual behaviours. It has been suggested that the teachings of the Church and the language used is not consistent with the more inclusive, loving messages found in the Gospels and the teachings of Christ.

A significant number of people have acknowledged their love of the Mass and their Faith being of central importance to them, something that is central to and enriches their lives and they couldn't be without. There are questions on how we best share those appreciations so that others may come to know the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Management of the Church at local, Diocesan and Universal levels has been addressed arguing for greater participation, transparency, thereby promoting better accountability and governance. A greater role for women has been suggested to promote this. Many have cited historical clerical child abuse and the shameful ways that abusing Priests have historically been managed and dealt with. That shame is acknowledged as still hanging over the Church and a reason why some have walked away from the Church. It is commented that the Church as a whole has to rebuild trust and be more outward looking.

Many express the need to accommodate and promote more active engagement of children and families in the Mass and wider activities of the Church along with greater links with schools.

There has been a significant number of people wanting support to grow in faith and cite prayer groups, bible study, spiritual reading and discussion groups. Some suggest a Church Mission supported by inviting visiting Priests or Nuns and others acknowledge the value of sharing and learning with other local Christian groups.

Finally, while the precious and central place of personal faith and engagement in the Holy Mass is acknowledged there is a voice promoting the essential need for people to participate in the ministries of the Church. Through greater participation we are better able to support the Clergy and each other. The need for more social activities and inclusive engagement is highlighted. This has been said by many and is perhaps reflective of what people are looking for following the pandemic. A traumatic period that has been identified as one that has resulted in some people not returning to Church as they 'have got out of the habit'. Many believe that our Mission begins in the Church promoting greater Communion and Participation and a significant number suggest reaching out to resting (lapsed) Catholics to encourage those people to return to a more active role in the Church and come back to Mass. Many believe that Mission equates to action and cite the Night Shelter and the Outreach Work of the Food Bank. Kind words and deeds however great or small are seen as a means to show our faith in action and it is suggested that local works encourage others to join us as this work 'fits' with their own moral compass and personal sense of social justice.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm.

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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR 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 (United celebration for both parishes)

\*\*\* Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February**

at 7.00pm in Holy Family church.

## WELCOME AND FAREWELL TO SEMINARIAN MARC PITSON

Marc has been visiting us here at The Priory during the past week. Marc was born in Hull and is a seminarian for the Diocese of Leeds. He studied with Deacon Elliot at the Venerable English College in Rome until last summer. Marc read theology at Leeds and following graduation went on to obtain a Master's degree before spending five years exploring a potential vocation to the religious life with the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). These years were spent at Oxford and Cambridge. Discernment led Marc to leave the Dominicans and he was soon accepted as a diocesan seminarian by Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds. Marc was then sent to Rome for three more years in formation. Following completion of his pontifical degree in theology he returned to Leeds and is currently on pastoral placement in anticipation of ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. It has been delightful to have him with us and we offer him the assurance of our prayers as he prepares for ordination. P.S. Marc is wisely delaying his departure until Saturday as a result of Storm Eunice.

## ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

The new date for what will now be the Parish SUMMER Fayre at St Mary of the Angels will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting for all volunteers remains set for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at The Priory .

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Two parishioners at St Mary of the Angels are hitting significant birthdays today – Sunday.

HAPPY SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY TO  
CYNTHIA TREVELYAN.

HAPPY EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY TO JOE KEMBLE.

These two stalwarts are still doing sterling work in service to our parish community. May they both enjoy a wonderful celebration with their family and friends.



**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!**

## FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

13th February - Gift aid £40.57 Loose £536.33

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

13th February - Gift aid £194.00 Loose £216.37

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

## BEQUESTS TO BOTH PARISHES FROM THE ESTATE OF MR DUDLEY HURLEY R.I.P.

Dear Dudley was a parishioner of Holy Family at the time of his death in 2020 during the early days of the pandemic. He had previously been resident in the parish of Llantwit Major and Cowbridge and also had an allegiance to St Mary of the Angels. Dudley bequeathed a sum of money to each of the parishes he attended during his lifetime. St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family have each received the sum of £20,000. Dudley was predeceased by his wife and son. Despite having to cope with profound deafness in later life, Dudley always remained fully engaged with parish and community life. He served on the sanctuary for many years. In accordance with his wishes, we will apply the funds received from his estate for liturgical needs. A new set of vestments for priest and deacon will be purchased for St Mary of the Angels. A coordinated set of chalices and ciboria will be purchased for both parishes. New outfits will be purchased for our teams of altar servers in both parishes – the recruitment of new altar servers is underway. As we give thanks for Dudley's generosity we pray earnestly for his eternal rest.

## UPDATE ON THE CHURCH BOILER AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

Our maintenance contractor has been systematically examining the boiler over the past three months, replacing various parts in the hope of remedying the repeated failure. The conclusion is that we require an entirely new burner unit which will cost at least £6,000. Our contractor has this past week conducted the scheduled examination of the house boilers and we have discovered a major fault on the smaller of the two units. This failing unit will have to be replaced. The cost will be in excess of £6,000. The substantial expenditure required for these essential repairs provides a point of reference for understanding parish income and expenditure.

## UPDATE ON THE QUINQUENNIAL STRUCTURAL REPORT AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

As previously announced, I recently arranged for our quinquennial inspection to be brought forward by a year so as to address a number of structural issues relating to the Church and the Priory. I am awaiting the detailed report but I can relate what was discussed and shared as the inspection took place. The external fire escape attached to the second floor of the Priory will need renovation. Railings will have to be erected around each of the three flat roofed areas of the Priory. Repairs will be required to the stonework at the top of the Church façade (West Wall). A number of other items will also require attention. The cost of these works will be substantial. I will be contextualising all these matters within the financial report that will be delivered at the beginning of the new financial year.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 22nd February - Feast: The Chair of St Peter

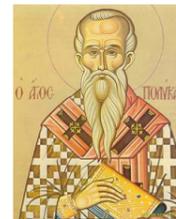
In my sitting room I have a framed photograph of 'The Chair of Saint Peter' that constitutes the central ingredient of the great Reredos above the Altar of the Apse within the Vatican Basilica of St Peter. A fellow seminarian took the photograph during our 1981 Easter Week pilgrimage to Rome, an annual event. The Reredos was created by Bernini and the central 'Chair' is a reliquary for a few pieces of ancient wood that are said to be the surviving remnants of St Peter's original 'cathedra'. These pieces of wood were originally housed in the baptistry of the original Basilica constructed by the Emperor Constantine.



Until the twelfth century, the Bishop of Rome was known as the Vicar of Peter rather Vicar of Christ. Today's feast provides an opportunity for the Universal Church to celebrate the role of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, as the Successor of Saint Peter. The Pope exercises the ministry and authority entrusted to Peter by Christ. The original feast of the Chair of St Peter on this date was linked to Peter's time in Antioch, the place where the followers of Jesus are first called 'Christians'. In 1558 an additional feast was added to the calendar on the 18th February to celebrate Peter's ministry in Rome. It was only following the Second Vatican Council that the two feasts were united. Simon bar Jonah, who was renamed by Christ to become Peter (Kepha / Cephas / Rock) is named 169 times across the New Testament. In Matthew 16:18 Christ bestows upon Peter the power of the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter moved from Jerusalem to Antioch and then on to Rome. It was at some time between 64 AD and 68 AD that Peter was crucified upside down during the persecutions perpetrated by the Emperor Nero. Members of his Christian Community in Rome witnessed the martyrdom and buried his mortal remains on the Mons Vaticanus.

Today we honour Saint Peter as Vicar of Christ and we honour his successors who have assumed the responsibility of holding and exercising the 'Power of the Keys' through the ages, down to the present Bishop of Rome. Pope Francis is the 265th Successor of St Peter.

Wednesday 23rd February - Memoria: St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr



St Polycarp was a Christian bishop of Smyrna, the modern city of Izmir in Turkey. He was an Apostolic father, meaning he was a student of one of the original disciples of Christ; and he was known to other important figures in the early Christian church, including Irenaeus, who knew him as a youth, and Ignatius of Antioch, his colleague in the Eastern Catholic church.

His surviving works include a *Letter to the Philippians*, in which he quotes the Apostle Paul, some of which quotes appear in the books of the New Testament and the Apocrypha. Polycarp's letter has been used by scholars to identify Paul as the probable writer of those books.

Polycarp was tried and executed as a criminal by the Roman empire in 155 C.E., becoming the 12th Christian martyr in Smyrna; the documentation of his martyrdom is an important document in the history of the Christian church.

## 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.

## 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.

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## NEWS FROM HOLY CROSS ABBEY

The Sisters at Holy Cross Abbey, who provide us with Communion hosts, have just elected Mother Joanna (known as Sr Jo) as the new Abbess. We send our prayers and best wishes to Sr Jo and the whole community.

## MASSES IN WELSH

Monthly Mass in Welsh, February 27th, 4.30pm at St Teilo's Church Whitchurch. Also, MASS FOR ST DAVID'S DAY will be celebrated in Welsh at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch CF14 1AD, Tuesday March 1st at 6pm. Bilingual booklets are available at the church. Warm welcome to all. Croeso cynnes i bawb! Contact: [carys@caerdelyn.com](mailto:carys@caerdelyn.com)