

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mrs Patricia Paton R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Friday 4th March at 9.30am.

**Mr Paul Turner R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 10th March at 12.00pm.

**Mrs Johanna Marengi R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 17th March 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

We might claim that our words do not always accurately express our true intention, but then we should recognise how important it is to think before we speak.

“Can one blind man guide another?”

“The disciple is not superior to his teacher.”

“Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?”

“There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.”

“For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.”

## 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 March in Holy Family.

## SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent commences with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (see this week's timetable for Mass times in both parishes).

It is my intention through Lent to celebrate Friday Evening Masses for the different parish groups in St Mary's and in Holy Family. Mass will hopefully be followed by a light supper in both locations. The schedule is as follows:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room of St Mary's for members of the Cleaning Team and Piety Stall volunteers.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room of St Mary's for Welcomers and Stewards.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room of St Mary's for members of the Sunday Morning Choir, the Sunday Evening Music Group and the S.V.P.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Mass at 7.00pm in Holy Family for all parish volunteers.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room at St Mary's for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

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

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

**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, 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 and Andrew Nash.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP Kings Rd, Canton CF11 9BX  
27th February - 6th March 2022 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

## Readings for the 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7.

Today's extract from the Book of Ecclesiasticus perfectly captures the wisdom expressed across the entire content. Our speech is the most obvious self-expression. Speech is the most sophisticated and subtle manifestation of our inner self. Our speech can swiftly reveal our character, or at least can give form to how others perceive us. Words can also deceive when a person harbours a deliberate intent to mislead others. There are others who simply cannot express themselves well, those whose manner of expression can mislead, giving the impression that they are harsher than they actually are or intend to be. We are all aware of how easy it is to injure others with just a word and we are equally aware of how powerful a kind word can be in healing wounds. We are tested, we are judged, according to the balance of integrity between word and deed.

“In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.”

“The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 91.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

I Corinthians 15:54-58.

St Paul teaches that by baptism we are already incorporated into Christ; we die with Christ and enter the tomb with him but we also rise from the tomb with him. As we heard last week, we are made members of the 'New Adam', sharing in his very life. In Christ we await that final transformation that comes with death. Death is certain but by faith we face it not according to the enclosures of doubt and fear but rather in terms of the certainty born of confident trust. In death the body becomes subject to the decay of nature but through the power of the resurrection our bodies will finally be transformed as surely as our souls. Death is the end of mortality itself and constitutes our entry into our immortal destiny, the glorious freedom of the children of God.

“Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
“Never give in ... never admit defeat ... keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.”

Alleluia. Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Luke 6:39-45.

Today's text effectively brings us to the conclusion of the 'Sermon on the Plain' (Luke's shadow representation of Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'). In the sixth week we heard the four beatitudes and the four warnings. In the seventh week we heard a passage on generosity which reflects the four beatitudes and today, the eighth week, we hear a passage that reflects the warnings. If we do not forgive others their transgressions, what right have we to request, let alone demand, forgiveness for our sins. We are being warned against the blindness induced by haughtiness, complacency and intransigence. Self-justification is a fatal temptation. The lesson is hammered home by the exaggerated contrast between splinter and block of wood. Luke emphasises how words encapsulate intention as well as simple expression.

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## Holy Family Masses

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

6pm Vigil Mass Sakishna Nithiananda RIP

11am Thanksgiving (J Joseph)

**Tuesday: (1st March)**

9.30am Michael McMahon

**Wednesday: Ash Wednesday (2nd March)**

9.30am

7.00pm

**Thursday: (3rd March)**

9.30am Lynch Family

**Friday: (4th March)**

6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm For the Holy Souls

**Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent (6th March)**

6pm Vigil Mass

11am Elizabeth McMahon RIP

## St Mary's Masses

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

10am Oliver Edwards RIP

12pm Edward P Murphy

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Harry Hogan

**Monday: Weekday (28th February)**

9.30am Dan McManus

**Tuesday: St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales  
(1st March)**

9.30am Elsie Lamb

**Wednesday: Ash Wednesday (2nd March)**

9.30am Michael Kimberley

12.15pm Terence Murphy RIP

**Thursday: Weekday (3rd March)**

9.30am Sean & Mary Maher (Get Well)

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

**Friday: Weekday (4th March)**

8.30am 30th Birthday Intentions Deacon Elliot

**Saturday: Weekday (5th March)**

12.15pm Private Intention (M)

2.00pm Sacrament of Marriage

**Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent (6th March)**

10am Maria & Sotiri Psaila

12pm Nomi & Ed Fowler

6pm Patricia Collins RIP

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

## THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

Last Thursday morning I awoke at 4.30am. Whenever I awake at such an early hour I tend to turn on the radio for the B.B.C. World Service. Despite the fact that we have witnessed the build-up of Russian armed forces on the borders of Ukraine over the past weeks, it was shocking to hear confirmation of the fact that Vladimir Putin had authorised the actual invasion. The President of the Russian Federation declared that Ukraine was nothing more than a puppet state of the West, with the West being identified as an 'Evil Empire', a reversing of Ronald Reagan's description of the former Soviet Union. Putin has denied that Ukraine has any right to exist, that it is merely an artificially created territory. He even went as far as saying that the Ukrainian Government constituted a Neo-Nazi regime that must be eradicated. The deceptions perpetrated by Putin over recent weeks have been multiple, including false-flag incidents that were crafted in order to provide justification for Russian intervention in Ukraine. Putin's mindset threatens not only the stability of Ukraine but undermines global stability. Ukraine is a democratic sovereign state, entitled to its territorial integrity, entitled to self-determination. The events of the last twenty-four hours have already left their mark on history. Let us pray for the people of Ukraine and indeed for the people of Russia. There are no simplistic answers to the situation, but let us pray that the dictatorial attitudes and actions of one man may be undermined by the concerted collective effort of all who treasure liberty.

To quote the Book of Ecclesiasticus which we will hear on Sunday: "The defects of a man appear in his talk ... the test of a man is in his conversation."

Two separate appeals for prayer have been issued by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church & Rt. Rev. Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukraine Catholic Eparchy in London.

"Now more than ever before your prayers and your acts of solidarity with the Ukrainian people are needed."  
(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski)

You can read the two appeals in full on the following links:

<https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2022-02-24-Outgoing-Ukrainian-invasion.pdf>

<https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Letter-Ukraine.pdf>

## CARING FOR OUR PARISH PATRIMONY – REPAIR OF THREE MONSTANCES (ST MARY OF THE ANGELS)

As previously announced, I sent the three Monstrances belonging to St Mary of the Angels for repair and renovation to a specialist in the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham. The work is nearing completion. The cost for the largest of the three will amount to £1,900. The second will cost £600 and the third £400. The specialist who has undertaken the work has placed a value on the largest and most elaborate of the three (containing a significant amount of silver) as in excess of £25,000. They will soon be returning to us and, when they do, I will place them on display at the Sunday Masses – with security! It is important that we care for our patrimonial inheritance.

## NEW MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER OF CANONS

On the feast of St David I will be in attendance at the Metropolitan Cathedral for a meeting of the Chapter of Canons followed by Mass. During the Mass, the Chapter will be welcoming a new member. Archbishop George has appointed Fr Nicholas James, who is currently serving as Parish Priest in Monmouth and Ross-On-Wye. He is a native of Bridgend and graduated from Jesus College, Oxford. Following a few years of teaching, he began four years of seminary formation at the Beda College in Rome (the Beda is dedicated to preparing so called 'late' vocations, though Fr Nick was only in his mid-twenties when he began). I attended his ordination in 1977 at Bridgend. He has previously served as Parish Priest in Abersychan, Dowlais and Ely. He was Vocations Director for a number of years. We offer him our congratulations and extend to him the assurance of our prayers.

## ST DAVID'S DAY

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will celebrate the Solemnity of St David, Patron of Wales. Archbishop George will be the celebrant at the 9.30am Mass in St Mary of the Angels. Happy feast day. Retrospectively, I hope St David will inspire the Wales XV in their Saturday encounter with the England XV. I think we can anticipate a finely balanced rugby match.



## LENTEN LUNCHES AT HOLY FAMILY

A Lenten Lunch will be provided in Holy Family Parish Hall on the Fridays of Lent, commencing on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, from 11.45am to 1.00pm. There will be a short prayer in the Church followed by homemade soup accompanied by a bread roll, with tea and coffee. Donations of £5. For further information contact Cecilia Brookman on 02920563829.



## 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.

## THE FUTURE OF THE HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE OF THE S.V.P

The Holy Family Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society currently has six members. However, this figure is effectively theoretical, as four of the six are now in their mid-eighties. These four ladies have been unable to participate in the work of the S.V.P. for some time, even prior to the COVID pandemic. The remaining two members, Teresa Walker and Eileen Wolfe, have now indicated their intention to retire – I will not reveal their ages! Teresa has been Treasurer for the past twenty-five years and Eileen has been President for the last twenty-two years. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all six members of the Conference for their dedication to the work of the S.V.P. over so many years.

As you know, Holy Family became a separate parish from the Mother Church of St Clare's during the 1960's. The then Fr Chidgey (later Canon) became the first Parish Priest and he was succeeded by the then Fr Kerrisk (later Canon). The core of the parish came from the Newtown diaspora. The parish and school populations were significantly larger than today. As the parish developed its identity there was a great flourishing of participation and service, with an extensive network of engagement and activity. The last twenty years has seen a significant change in the age profile of parishioners, as elsewhere across the Archdiocese. Today the majority of parishioners are over 60, with a significant proportion being over 70. With regard to the future of the parish S.V.P. Conference, I recently met with the S.V.P. Recruitment Officer who deals with our archdiocese and we agreed on hosting a meeting of the current membership in Holy Family Parish Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am. It is proposed that the Recruitment Officer will address the parish in the near future with a view to encouraging new membership for our local Conference. Details to follow.

## 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 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.

**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!**

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Bernadette Geary, a parishioner at Holy Family is celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday 26th February. May she enjoy a wonderful celebration with her family and friends.

### 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 18th June. The meeting for all volunteers remains set for Monday 14th March at 7.00pm at The Priory .

### 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.

### FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

20th February - Gift aid £75.44 Loose £434.29

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

20th February - Gift aid £122.00 Loose £222.66

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.

### WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**Save the dates: 25th - 30th July 2022**

We are travelling to Lourdes in 2022 - Come & Join Us!

A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board 4\* accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Detailed information will be shared & booking forms available from next week.

Subscribe to our new website, to receive our pilgrimage newsletter for further updates: [www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com](http://www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com)

### MASSES IN WELSH

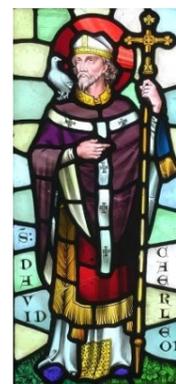
Monthly Mass in Welsh, February 27th, 4.30pm at St Teilo's Church Whitchurch. Also, MASS FOR ST DAVID'S DAY will be celebrated in Welsh at St Teilo's Church, Whitchurch CF14 1AD, Tuesday March 1st at 6pm. Bilingual booklets are available at the church. Warm welcome to all. Croeso cynnes i bawb! Contact: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

### DEACON ELLIOT'S BIRTHDAY

I know you will join me in wishing Deacon Elliot our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of his 30th birthday on Friday 4th March.

### FEAST OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 1st March – Solemnity of Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales.



One tradition places David of Wales (Dewi) being born as early as 462, thirty years after St Patrick departed for Ireland. Another tradition places his death in either 588 or as late as 601. Depending upon which source you reference, the discrepancy is too great for both to be true. He was most certainly a monk and bishop, though outside of these facts we have no reliable detail concerning the course of his life and ministry. He has been regarded as the Patron of Wales from at least the twelfth century.

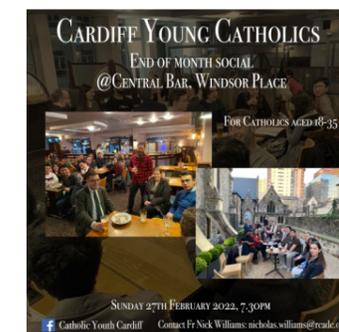
We can say with certainty that he was rooted in Pembrokeshire and that he was venerated across South Wales from an early date. The cult of spiritual veneration was also embedded in Brittany and Cornwall. David undoubtedly drew much of his inspiration from the monastic life as it had been established in Gaul (France), which itself drew directly from the traditions of St Anthony of Egypt. Strong connections are also claimed with Ireland. The Irish Catalogue of the Saints (c.730) acknowledges a spiritual inheritance received through the ministrations of Bishop David, together with Gillas/Gildas and Teilo. The Irish Martyrologies of Oengus (c.800) fix the feast of David on March 1st and identify his See as Menevensis / Menevia / St David's. A Breton source says that David is called 'Devius Aquaticus', for he drank only water - no wine or beer. Glastonbury claims David as a patron. One strand of tradition says that David's first monastery was at Henllan.

The earliest 'Life of St David' that can truly be referenced was written by Rhygyfarch, a bishop of St David's c.1090. David is described as the son of a chieftain in Ceredigion and that his great-grandfather was Cunedda, founder of the royal house of Gwynedd – with a connection to lowland Scotland. This work also claims archiepiscopal status for David with a view of establishing independence from the oversight of Canterbury. The work describes how David was first educated at Hen Vynyw and later he is placed on an island in the company of St Paulinus. It claims that David founded ten monasteries, including Menevia and Glastonbury. David's monks are said to have adopted the severe asceticism of the monks of Egypt – heavy manual labour, study and a minimal vegetarian diet. The so-called 'penitentials' of David describe him as undertaking the custom of frequent genuflections. Another penance of his was frequently immersing himself in cold water. David preached at the Synod of Brevi (Llanddewifrefi) and it was here that he was acclaimed as Metropolitan Archbishop. His successors in the monastery were then claimed to be similarly entitled and able to exercise the same authority.

It is pure fable that David ever undertook a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In 1120, Pope Callistus II decreed that two pilgrimages to St David's was equivalent to a pilgrimage to Rome. The present structure of the Cathedral at St David's owes much to the remodelling undertaken by Bishop Richard Carew around 1275. William I and Henry II undertook pilgrimages to St David's whilst journeying to Ireland. Depictions of David usually record his preaching on a mound at the Synod of Brevi, wearing the vestments of a metropolitan archbishop. Shakespeare attributes the wearing of leeks or daffodils on St David's Day to an ancient tradition. We honour the tradition that describes his dying words to his disciples: "Brothers, be joyful and keep your faith and your religion (i.e. your monastic profession), and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

### CAN YOU HELP ST VINCENT'S?

St Vincent's in Mill Road, Ely, are asking for donations of coat hangers, especially the ones with two clips, as well as any clothes rails, preferably with wheels, to help in their clothes shop area. Some form of book storage is also needed, and finally sturdy shopping bags of the Bag for Life variety. Please contact St Mary's or bring small items to church. Many thanks in advance.



### A DAY OF REFLECTION VIA ZOOM

There will be a Day of Reflection via Zoom for Ministers of the Word, Catechists and leaders of the Children's Liturgy on Saturday 5th March from 10.30am to 3pm. The keynote speaker will be Deacon Rob Coyne. To confirm a place or request further details contact [madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk)