

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Miss Mary Whittle R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 11th May at 12.00pm.

Mr Pietro Cannatella R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 12th May at 12.00pm.

Mrs Mary Bodman R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Wednesday 25th May at 11.45am.

Mrs Ellen Carpenter R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 26th May at 1.00pm.



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

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Valentine, Vivian Miller, Collette Griffin, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Susanna, Zaid Saffo, Joseph Stancombe, Chris Collins, 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.

Readings continued

The vast majority of the Jewish people who hear this declaration consider it to be the ultimate blasphemy. We hear for the first time that the crowd are prompted to set about stoning Jesus. The image of the shepherd reveals an attitude of fierce protection. The shepherd will fight for his sheep against all the enemies that threaten. We should not adopt the romantic image of the shepherd as one who occupies an idyllic country environment, as if he has won a place on the T.V. programme 'Escape to the Country'. The shepherd must cope with the stupidity of the animals and their erratic behaviour. The shepherd must be vigilant against those humans who would steal his flock and defend against the wild animal predators. The shepherd must negotiate difficult terrain whilst ensuring that his flock remains intact. The shepherd must display an alert wisdom, must hold fast to the thread of endurance and be courageous against the odds. Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father."

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CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE OF SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Fr John will be in Ireland until the 11th May. Mass times on Sunday morning 8th May are as follows:

Masses will be 10.00am at St Mary's, 11.15am at Holy Family and 12.30pm at St Mary's.

The Priest Training Fund Annual Appeal will be held after all Sunday Masses this weekend, 7th and 8th May. Please contribute as generously as possible for this **vitaly important cause.**

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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8th - 15th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52.

Three times in the course of Paul's missionary journeys is he rejected by his fellow Jews. Today we hear of the rejection that took place at Antioch in Pisidia. Paul's proclamation was also rejected by the majority of the Jewish community in Corinth and later in Rome. On each occasion Paul replies with a formal condemnation, using texts from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament texts). Paul points out that Christianity is not to be considered as merely a sub-sect of Judaism. The transition that takes place is a fundamental change, for Christianity brings fulfilment to the message originally entrusted to God's 'Chosen People', the message originally communicated through 'The Law' of Judaism. The entire world is now addressed through Jesus the Christ, through Jesus who is nothing less than God Incarnate.

Paul and Barnabas addressed the Jews in Antioch in Pisidia: "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans."

Paul and Barnabas shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 99.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17.

This vision describes the scene leading up to the final destruction of the world which follows the opening of the Seventh Seal. In the dramatic imagery of the apocalyptic style the author describes the dreadful annihilation of all that does not belong to God; but, before that, the Elect who have been through persecution must be gathered out of the world. In today's text, the Elect are assembled before the throne of God so that they might escape destruction. They are wearing their white robes of victory and holding the prize of a palm branch. The Elect gain their share in the victory because they were united with the Lamb in his suffering. The Lamb is Christ who was slain and is now alive and triumphant. The multitude of the Elect will experience the presence and power of God extended over them like a tent. The Hebrew word for 'presence' and the Greek word for 'tent' have the same consonant sounds which creates a clear linguistic pun in the original languages.

"I John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language. ... These are the people who have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb. ... God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

John 10:27-30.

The image of a shepherd is often employed in Old Testament texts but it is not always clear whether the shepherd is God himself or his Messiah. At one key moment in the history of ancient Israel, Yahweh states explicitly that he will take charge of the flock that have strayed, care for those that have been threatened by enemies. In today's text from John's gospel, we hear Jesus claiming for himself the role of Shepherd but we also hear him make clear that he and the Father are one.

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Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Eastertide (8th May)

6pm Vigil Mass Davidson Family

11.15am Bella & Family

NO MASS ON TUESDAY

Thursday (12th May)

9.30am

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Eastertide (15th May)

6pm Vigil Mass Patrick James Walsh

11.00am Ardolina Turato

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Eastertide (8th May)

10am James & Lawrence Tobin

12.30pm Anna Gawlik

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm For the People of the Parishes

Monday of Eastertide (9th May)

9.30am George & Mary Phillips (Anniversary)

Tuesday of Eastertide (10th May)

9.30am Margaret Harper RIP

Wednesday of Eastertide (11th May)

12.00pm Funeral Mass for Miss Mary Whittle

Thursday of Eastertide (12th May)

12.00pm Funeral Mass for Mr Pietro Cannatella

Friday: Memoria: Our Lady of Fatima (13th May)

9.30am Birthday Intentions of Canon Collins

Saturday: Feast of St Matthias, Apostle (14th May)

9.30am Marge Edwards

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Eastertide (15th May)

10am Simon Stedman (Birthday)

12.00pm Rovana & Patrick McGlinchey

6pm Thanksgiving (For Graces Received)

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

APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEXT ARCHBISHOP

At 11.00am on Wednesday 27th April 2022 an announcement was promulgated by the Holy See that His Holiness Pope Francis had appointed the Right Reverend Mark O'Toole as both the eighth Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff and twelfth Bishop of Menevia (fourth since its restructuring). The appointment to Menevia, in addition to Cardiff, is termed 'in persona Episcopi', with the archdiocese of Cardiff and the diocese of Menevia maintaining their distinct identity, juridical reality, history and pastoral life.

The Archbishop-Elect has been Bishop of Plymouth since 2014. He was born in London on the 22nd June 1963. Both his parents were Irish, both native Gaelic speakers. He graduated with a B.Sc. degree in Geography from the University of Leicester in 1984. He then entered seminary formation at Allen Hall in Chelsea, graduating with a B.D. in theology from the University of London (Heythrop College) in 1989. He was ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Westminster on the 9th June 1990.

From 1990 to 1995 he served as an Assistant Priest in the Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Willesden Green. Between 1990 and 1992 he also undertook post-graduate research at the University of Oxford. His M.Phil thesis was an examination of the relationship between divine and human freedom. His research supervisor was the then Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, a certain Rowan Williams. From 1995 until 2002 he served as a member of Staff at Allen Hall Seminary. In 2002 he was appointed as Private Secretary to the then Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. In 2008 he returned to service at Allen Hall, this time as Rector. In late 2013 he was appointed to become Bishop of Plymouth, being ordained to the episcopate on the 28th January 2014.

The installation/enthronement of the next Archbishop will be celebrated on the 20th June, the feast of St Julius and St Aaron, Protomartyrs of Wales. Archbishop George was himself enthroned on this same feast day back in 2011. In his retirement, Archbishop George will take up residence in presbytery at Caerleon, the location where Julius and Aaron were martyred in the year 304 AD.

The Archbishop-Elect said: I am grateful and humbled by the trust that the Holy Father has placed in me. I bring to mind the words of the Lord – 'Do not be afraid. I go before you always.' I am delighted that Archbishop George will remain resident within the Archdiocese. I have much to learn and I know I can count on your patience and understanding. I ask especially for your prayers.



CONCLUSION OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

As previously announced, some thirty-five bishops from across England and Wales assembled in Cardiff last week for their post-Easter Plenary Meeting. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is President of the Conference. The four other Archbishops together with the remaining diocesan and auxiliary bishops were also in attendance. Archbishop George provided a stimulating itinerary for his episcopal visitors beyond the intensity of their formal deliberations. The bishops were received at The Senedd on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday evening the bishops hosted their own formal Reception for invited guests at Cardiff Castle. The First Minister delivered an address with a reply from Cardinal Nichols.

Feasts of the Week

Friday 13th May - Memoria: Our Lady of Fatima



The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, aged 10, 9 and 7. The youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun" appeared to them. From May to October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month.

News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed.

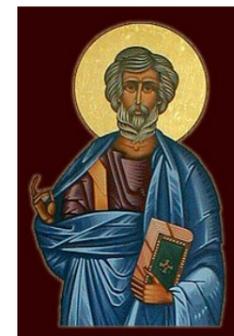
When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, many pilgrims made plans to attend. Nearly 70,000 people journeyed through heavy rain and mud to the place of the previous apparitions to witness the predicted miracle. Suddenly the "clouds separated...and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun returned to its normal place in the heavens.

The heart of Our Lady's message to the world is contained in what has become known as the "Secret," which she confided to the children in July 1917. The first part of the "Secret" was a frightening vision of hell and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying of the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second part of the "Secret" prophesied the outbreak of World War II. The third part was not revealed until 2000, coinciding with the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta. It did not contain any striking or cataclysmic prediction, but, instead, the vision supported and affirmed the immense suffering endured by witnesses of the faith in the last century of the second millennium.

Saturday 14th May – Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

The Acts of the Apostles describes Matthias as one of those who had accompanied the Lord from the very beginning of the Public Ministry and who could witness to the Resurrection. When it came to replacing Judas, the Apostate, the Apostles nominated two men for consideration: Joseph, known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias. Following prayer, Matthias was the one chosen by lot.

Later tradition – the writings of Clement of Alexandria, Eusebius and Jerome – describe Matthias as being one of the seventy-two disciples sent out by the Lord. St Matthias is said to have been martyred at Colchis, a district of Asia Minor on the shores of the Black Sea, south of the Caucasus Mountains. Another strand places him in Cappadocia and onward to the Caspian Sea. A less likely strand sees him diverted south to Ethiopia.



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and for all who suffer as a result of war. Stand with them now just as you stood beside your Son as he suffered on the Cross at Calvary. Give the people of Ukraine strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be abiding peace after war. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR CADI

One of the youngest members of our Church family, 14 month old Cadi is undergoing planned surgery later this month. Please remember Cadi, her parents Carys and Mezz along with all her family and friends and the Surgical and Nursing Teams in your prayers at this time.

BELMONT ABBEY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

We have 15 places left on the bus to attend this Devotion which will take place on Wednesday 11th May. If you would like to come please book a place at Mass or ring Kath Elley on 07976 903111
The Bus will leave Holy Family Church at 5pm promptly and then collect St Mary's Parishioners on the road towards Sophia Gardens, just past the cross-roads NOT AT THE CHURCH at 5.30pm (Access and exit for the Bus is difficult down Talbot Street or Kings Road so this is the better option).



UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE SUMMER FAYRE

You'll remember we have a Summer Fayre Planned for the 18th June.

Summer Fayre Preparations continue, thank you to all those people who have volunteered their help. If anyone is free to help clear away after the event please let the Welcomers know at Mass, you would be very welcome at the end of the day to help.

In preparation to receive donations for the Fayre we have a number of dates and times when the Hall will be open, and people available, to receive your donations. Please note the slightly different times for Saturday and Sunday.

Dates and Times to Receive Donations for the Summer Fayre	Sat 28 th May	Sun 29 th May	Thur 2 nd June	Sat 11 th June	Sun 12 th June	Fri 17 th June
	10- 2pm	11- 2pm	10- 2pm	10- 2pm	11- 2pm	6-8 pm

Please try to make your donations on the earlier dates so that we can sort things ready for the day in good time. Please remember we would like new or items of good quality.

We would be happy to receive Toiletries, Children's Toys and Books, Glassware, Jewellery, Handbags, Pictures and Picture Frames, Bric a Brac, Books, CD's and DVD's and Plants. We will also thankfully accept Raffle Prizes.

At this time we do not want clothes, please do not bring clothes for donation and once again I request that the items donated are of good quality.

NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO STAFF THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

One family have already volunteered to assist with the provision of refreshments following 10.00am Mass at St Mary's once the kitchen renovations have been completed. I would hope to arrange a monthly rota so that the responsibility can be shared. Please consider participating so that we regain an important opportunity for parish social interaction. Could volunteers please contact Deacon Elliot or myself.

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.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST CONFESSIONS

On Saturday 7th May I celebrated the First Confessions of 33 children from the Parish of St Mary of the Angels. There are 7 other children from St Mary's whose celebrations have been slightly delayed due to various circumstances. On Saturday 14th May I will celebrate the First Confessions of at least 15 children from the Parish of Holy Family. Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue their preparations for the celebration of First Holy Communion.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

24th April - Gift Aid £63.95 Loose - £581.33

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

24th April - Gift Aid £152.00 Loose - £189.04

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

PARISH FINANCE - GIFT AID INFORMATION

You can make your parish and diocesan donations go much further by participating in the Gift Aid system. If you pay U.K. Tax (including Capital Gains Tax) you are able to sign up to the Gift Aid scheme. Gift Aid helps our parishes to survive and thrive. For every £1 you donate an extra 25p can be gained.

A standing order is the best way to donate, ensuring accuracy of security. Establishing a standing order removes the last-minute scramble for cash before arriving for Mass. The methodology of standing orders obviously lowers costs and risks associated with handling cash. A standing order ensures you are able to donate to the parish even when you are unable to attend Mass. Any contribution you make can be given on a day of your choosing; you choose the amount and the frequency. More information can be obtained by contacting the Parish Priest or the Parish Office or by consulting the Parish Website.

It is worth addressing the **TOP 5 GIFT AID MYTHS**. Don't let the following misconceptions get in the way of signing up to Gift Aid.

*** I'm a pensioner, Gift Aid doesn't apply to me – If you pay tax on a pension or capital gains taxes on investments then YES YOU CAN GIFT AID, up to the amount of tax you've paid.

*** HMRC will audit or review my past years' returns – Gift Aid filings DO NOT TRIGGER ANYTHING in HMRC's database, but are simply to check you're a taxpayer on record. No connection to past returns, or triggering of an audit will result.

*** I'm a higher rate taxpayer, I'm not eligible – YES YOU ARE ELIGIBLE! If you Gift Aid your donations, the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 that you give, and you can reclaim the difference between the basic and the higher rate of tax yourself when you complete your tax return.

*** The Government will check my immigration status – NO. Gift Aid has nothing to do with immigration and legal status. No information is shared with policing agencies.

*** My taxes will go up if I claim Gift Aid – NO. Gift Aid is RETROSPECTIVE. It has nothing to do with future taxes; it's about tax you've already paid.