

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Margaret Panayi R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 24th May at 12.30pm.

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.

Mr John Harrington R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 30th May at 11.30am.

Mr Claude Vallee R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Wednesday 1st June at 10.00am.

Mrs Mary Brookes R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Thornhill on Friday 10th June at 1.30pm.

Mr Jacques Till R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 17th June at 12.15pm.

Mr Jason Murphy R.I.P. Funeral details to be confirmed.

Mrs Joan Lenz R.I.P. – Funeral will be held in Australia

Mrs Mary Williams R.I.P. – Funeral will be held in Bridgend



**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: 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, Donald Rees, Martin Jones, Connie Greck, Michael McLoughlin, Jacob Callaghan, Owen Williams, Andrew Nash and Derek Williams.

Readings continued

John 14:23-29.

'Shalom' (peace) was and remains the daily greeting of the Jewish people. For Christians the word peace is invested with something that only Christ can provide. Jesus the Christ, the Divine Word Incarnate, came to bring the peace of God to the face of the earth, to the heart of every human being. When Jesus addresses his Apostles in the Upper Room it is within the context of his 'Hour', the 'moment' of fulfilment that unites his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Jesus makes a bequest of his peace to the Apostles. After the resurrection, the Risen Lord breathes his peace into his Apostles. The Apostles must preach the Gospel of Christ and their first greeting to one and all must be 'Peace'. The Holy Spirit brings the fulfilment of Christ's peace to the community of faith, the Church. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we must confront everything that disrupts or disturbs the peace. We must strive to banish strife, ambition, rivalry, dissension, arrogance, selfishness and all else that is contrary to the fruits of the Spirit.

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him."

"... the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you."

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ASCENSION DAY

May I remind you that
Thursday is a Holy Day of
Obligation.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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22nd - 29th May 2022 6th Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29.

The Apostles convene in Jerusalem in order to address a topic that was causing division in the first-generation Christian communities. The question was whether Christianity should remain a sect within Judaism or should it jettison the practices of the Law. On the one hand, Christianity claimed to be the fulfilment of Judaism. On the other hand, Christianity proclaimed that salvation is gained by the actions of Christ rather than by our fulfilment of legal precepts. This was a moment when the umbilical cord had to be cut so that Christianity could be set free from the confinement of Judaism. The decision of the Apostles attempted to ensure that harmony and peace be preserved as far as possible. Converts who had not previously been adherents to the Mosaic Law are told to observe a very limited number of regulations in deference to the sensibilities of observant Jews who had embraced the Christian faith.

"We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us ..."

"It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 66.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23.

Today we encounter the final imaginative vision of the Book of the Apocalypse, a prophetic revelation that is full of symbolism. Of old it was the Twelve Tribes of Israel that formed the foundation and fabric of the community of faith, now it is the Twelve Apostles who form the foundation of the Church. This transition represents the fulfilment of the promise, the fulfilment of revelation in Christ who is the Cornerstone. The new City of Jerusalem is described in reference to the four points of the compass, for now the great City actually encompasses the whole world. The salient focus is that this City is filled with the glory of God, radiant with his presence and with the presence of the Lamb. Just as a precious stone has nothing to offer until light flows through it, the great City holds nothing of value without the presence of God. We can find no joy, no peace, no fulfilment without God.

"The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

"I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple ... (the City) was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it."

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Eastertide (22nd May)

6pm Vigil Mass Nomie Colbert

11.00am John Petersen RIP

Tuesday (24th May)

9.30am Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

Wednesday: (25th May)

11.45am Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Bodman

Thursday: Ascension of the Lord (26th May)

9.30am For the Church in Need

7.00pm Fr Christopher Delaney OSB RIP

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Eastertide (29th May)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael & Elizabeth McMahan

11.00am Sharon Clifford (Birthday)

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Eastertide (22nd May)

10am Ursula Cunliffe RIP

12.00pm Michael Maher

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Sr Bridget Macken

**Monday: Feast of the Dedication of the
Cathedral Church (23rd May)**

9.30am Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Tuesday of Eastertide (24th May)

9.30am William Jones RIP

12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Margaret Panayi

Wednesday: St Bede the Venerable (25th May)

9.30am Robert Angove (Wellbeing)

Thursday: Ascension of the Lord (26th May)

9.30am Doreen Utley (First Anniversary)

1.00pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Ellen Carpenter

Friday of Eastertide (27th May)

9.30am Robert Hanson RIP

7.00pm Memorial Mass for

Fr Christopher Delaney OSB RIP

Saturday of Eastertide (28th May)

12.15pm Evlyn Smith RIP

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Eastertide (29th May)

10am Sam Cross

12.00pm Mary Banffy RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

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

REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DELANEY O.S.B. R.I.P.

Fr Christopher's Funeral Mass was celebrated at Buckfast Abbey on Friday 20th May. Many parishioners were in attendance. Monsignor Maguire was also present as a concelebrant. I was unable to attend due to a School Mass and a later Funeral Mass having been scheduled on the date. We will celebrate a Parish Memorial Mass at St Mary of the Angels for the eternal repose of Fr Chris on Friday 27th May at 7.00 pm.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him; may he rest in peace. Amen.

MEMORIAL BOOKS FOR FR CHRISTOPHER DELANEY

The memorial books will arrive in time for the Memorial Mass on Friday. I met the publisher at an event in Stratford last Tuesday, when he showed me the proofs. We will be able to record our many recollections of Fr Chris, which will be preserved in the parish archive.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOST REVEREND GEORGE STACK, METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF CARDIFF AND APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF MENEVIA

On Saturday 21st May, Archbishop George celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. We offer him our congratulations and extend to him the assurance of our prayers. His Grace celebrated his Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral in company with clergy and laity from across Wales together with many others who had travelled from the Archdiocese of Westminster and beyond. The Archbishop will host a more intimate celebration with family and close friends on Sunday 22nd May. We give thanks for his fifty years of priestly ministry and for his apostolic service following his ordination as an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster in 2001. As you know, he was translated from Westminster in 2011 to become the Seventh Archbishop of Cardiff. Archbishop George is now able to look forward to the arrival of Bishop Mark O'Toole as his successor and is preparing himself for a well-earned retirement. He will be making his home at the presbytery in Caerleon and will undoubtedly be pastorally engaged with the Parish of All Saints in Newport, with its nine churches!

MASS AT ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was a great joy to celebrate Mass at St Mary's Primary School on Friday 20th May in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although I have been able to celebrate a few class Masses over the past months, last Friday provided the first occasion since the dawn of the pandemic for the entire school community to assemble together for Mass. Each class painted their own depiction of the Mother of God and these were presented and displayed. Each pupil was invited to bring flowers and there was an extensive array adorning the altar and the statue of Mary. It was the first time that parents and parishioners were able to attend and so the School Hall was joyfully overflowing. It was most appropriate that our school community prayed for Fr Christopher Delaney on the day of his funeral – each and every pupil was asked to pause at Noon and offer the Hail Mary for his eternal repose.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR CELEBRATION

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.

RESTORATION OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

At their recent Conference, the Bishops of England and Wales issued a statement regarding the restoration of our Sunday obligation to attend Mass. The Bishops acknowledged how beneficial it has been to have streaming access to the celebration of Mass during those times when it was not possible to physically attend. Now that all restrictions have been removed, it was decided that now was an appropriate moment to reiterate how critical is our sacramental life, that is the requirement to have direct access to the Holy Eucharist within the sacrifice of the Mass. The Bishops acknowledge that some parishioners remain vulnerable and will still feel unable to attend, and these should not in any way think that there is pressure on them to make some immediate return. As we continue the long process of our emergence from the pandemic, let us pray for one another so that we build a more secure sense of solidarity and communal cohesion in our worship of Almighty God.

THE RETURN OF HOLY WATER TO THE FONTS

Please note that we are once more able to bless ourselves with holy water from the font as we arrive at church. This is compliant with the risk assessments that were stipulated by the Bishops' Conference.

NEW VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS FOR BOTH PARISHES

New votive candle stands were due to arrive last Friday but I have been informed that there is a delay to their manufacture. We can look forward to soon restoring our use of votive candles in both churches.

COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY FAMILY



We are holding a Coffee Morning in Holy Family **after 11am Mass on Sunday 29th May**, in aid of Holy Family Scouts. As you will know, they have not been able to do the Scout Post for the last two years, which has left a huge gap in their finances. We hope to have a raffle as well so please make sure you have some change on you!

It will be the first time we have had teas and coffees after Mass since the pandemic started so it will be lovely to have the opportunity to get together socially, as well as fundraising for a worthy cause.

All offers of help on the day will be gratefully received.

