

## RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

**Mrs Joan McCarthy R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm.

**Mrs Kathleen Mary Atsoparthis R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm.

**Mrs Kathleen Hughes R.I.P.** – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.15am.

**Mrs Mary Frances Conway R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Holy Family on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11.30am.

**Mr Philip Edmund Cunningham R.I.P.** – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm.



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, Derek Williams, Cath Milton.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

- Teas and coffees are now available again **after Sunday 10am Mass** in St Mary's. There are also refreshments after Wednesday's Mass. Please consider joining the rota.
- We are planning a St Mary's parish picnic (weather permitting) at the site of the Blackfriars ruins (Bute Park) on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 12pm. Bring your own picnic for a fun day out.
- The Welsh Blood Service are at Holy Family church Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The booking link is <https://wbs.wales/HolyFamilyCH>. Please donate if you can.

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF PENRHYS

The pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Mass at 3pm at the foot of the statue. Please bring your own seat.

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**Account name: Archdiocese of Cardiff**

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

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

**Holy Family Account No: 63656861**

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## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE

This year's Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. People have prayed at the Grave of St John Kemble from the time of his martyrdom in 1679. Further details to follow in later newsletters. All enquiries to: The Pilgrimage Secretary, Mrs M Walsh, tel. 01600 713316.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN

I would like to thank the staff and pupils of our two primary schools for their hard work and dedication during this academic year. We wish them well for the summer break, and send our best wishes to those who are moving on to the next stage of their education.

# Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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24th July - 31st July 2022 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (Cycle C)

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### READINGS FOR 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Genesis 18:20-32.

Abraham said: "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten (just men in the town)." The Lord replied: "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

Today's extract from the Book of Genesis progresses from last week's description of Abraham's encounter with God beneath the Oak of Mamre. The subject at hand today is the corruption afflicting Sodom and Gomorrah. The people in these places are guilty of the worst of sins. What is to become of them? Last week we heard a description of oriental hospitality, this week we hear of oriental bargaining. The cunning skill of bargaining is prized as an art-form. The story reveals a beautiful intimacy between Abraham and the Lord. We should visualise God smiling at the transparent sophistries of Abraham's argumentation. The Semitic peoples, Jewish and Islamic, speak of Abraham as 'the beloved of God'. We should draw two principles from this story of Abraham: God is eager and ready to forgive; Abraham's persistence is to be lauded. Abraham's persistence is saved from being 'shameless' only by his employment of an elaborate though sincere courtesy.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 137.

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Colossians 2:12-14.

"You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead."

"He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross."

St Paul's Letter to the Colossians is a meditation on the position of Christ in the work of redemption, particularly in terms of Christ's relationship to us, the members of Church. When Paul speaks of Christ's exaltation it always leads to the declaration that in Christ we are taken up into the presence of God's power and glory. We first participate in the cross, then we enter the tomb with Christ and emerge from the tomb with Christ. This is all achieved when we enter the 'torrent' of baptismal waters. In baptism we find healing and the debt of our sin is annihilated.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Luke 11:1-13.

"Say this when you pray: Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

"So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him."

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is strikingly simple in comparison with Matthew's version. Luke's Gospel lays great emphasis on the importance of prayer and there is great stress on the need for persistence. We should be as persistent in prayer as was Abraham in his bargaining with God. Our persistence in prayer is no mere pestering of God but is truly and properly an expression of our trust and confidence. The Lord's Prayer focuses our attention on God's Kingdom. If we hold God's name to be holy then we will more certainly honour all the values of the Kingdom. We must be resolute in prayer, abandoning all self-centredness. **Continued opposite**

## Holy Family Masses

**Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (24th July)**

**Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**

6.00pm Vigil Mass Carmelo Scarvaghiari

11.00am Nomi & Ed Fowler

**Tuesday: (26th July)**

9.30am Olive Lynch RIP (Anniversary)

**Thursday: (28th July)**

9.30am John & Maureen Petersen (Wedding Anniv.)

**Friday: (29th July)**

10.15am Funeral Mass for Mrs Kathleen Hughes

**Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (31st July)**

6.00pm Vigil Mass John & Maureen Petersen

Wedding Anniv.)

11.00am Paul Mantle RIP

## St Mary's Masses

**Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (24th July)**

**Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**

10.00am Eliza Murphy

12.00pm Sheila Sage

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6.00pm Michael Maher

**Monday: St James, Apostle (25th July)**

9.30am David & Maria Lewis (Anniversary)

**Tuesday: St Joachim and St Anne,  
Parents of the BVM (26th July)**

9.30am Sebastiana & Remedios Rodrigues

**Wednesday: St Philip Evans and St John Lloyd,  
the Cardiff Martyrs (27th July)**

9.30am Thanksgiving S Sueref Family (Anniv.)

**Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (28th July)**

9.30am Jo. N. Phillipines

**1.45pm** Funeral Mass for Mrs Kathleen Mary Atsoparthis

**Friday: St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus (29th July)**

**NO MASS TODAY IN ST MARY'S**

**Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (30th July)**

**9.30am** Heather Rodrigues

1.30pm Sacrament of Marriage

**Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (31st July)**

10.00am Sam Cross

12.00pm Lucie Anne Jones RIP (26th birthday)

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6.00pm Intention of Mary O'Malley (Health)

**Confessions on Saturday from 10am to 11am.**

## REVEREND FATHER ELLIOT HANSON

The ordination of Fr Elliot as a priest of the Archdiocese was joyfully and gloriously celebrated at the Cathedral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A large number of priests from the Archdiocese were in attendance, joined by many others from across England and Wales. The Archbishop Emeritus was present as were the former and current Rectors of the Venerable English College. Fr Nicholas Williams, in his role as Vocations Director, presented the candidate to Archbishop Mark for ordination as a priest, bearing testimony that he had been found worthy.



Each and every priest is ordained to proclaim the Kingdom of God; ordained to offer the one and eternal sacrifice of Christ in the Mass; ordained to celebrate the sacraments in service to God's Holy People.

We listened as Elliot was addressed by Archbishop Mark in the homily, being called to remain dedicated to prayer and service. We listened as Elliot promised respect and obedience to the Archbishop and to his successors. We prayed through the great Litany of the Saints as Elliot lay humbly prostrate before the altar. We witnessed Archbishop Mark lay his hands upon Elliot's head and then all the priests present processed past Elliot to lay their hands. With his hands extended, the Archbishop then offered the Prayer of Ordination. Fr Elliot's Mother and Sister brought forward his priestly vestments, the Stole and Chasuble, and Canon Hayman and myself then vested him. The Archbishop then anointed the hands of the new priest with the Oil of Chrism: "The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God." The Archbishop then presented the new priest with a paten which held an altar bread and a chalice containing wine: "Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate. Model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross." Archbishop Mark and the priests then offered the Kiss of Peace to Fr Elliot.

We extend to Fr Elliot our congratulations and offer him the assurance of prayers for his future ministry in the Archdiocese.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July Fr Elliot celebrated his First Mass at St Mary of the Angels at 12.00pm. Following the Mass many people approached the sanctuary to receive a 'First Blessing' from the newly ordained priest. We then rejoiced to process across to the Parish Hall where parishioners and visitors sat down to enjoy a celebratory lunch.

## DEACON GREGORY BECKETT

Deacon Greg of the Diocese of Menevia will be on pastoral placement in our parishes from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. I look forward to welcoming him to the Priory, and I ask you to keep him in your prayers over the coming weeks.

## A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR CATECHISTS

I am deeply grateful to Fr Elliot and to Deacon Christian for their great work in coordinating the sacramental programmes over the past months. Fr Elliot was assisted by Claire and Adele in preparing candidates for Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Deacon Elliot was assisted by Bethan in preparing candidates for Confirmation. My thanks to them all for their dedication to the crucial work of catechesis and for the quality of their Catholic witness.

## THANKS TO THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

My thanks to the St Mary's Choir and the Music Group, coordinated by Monica and Helen, for their wonderful contribution to the Sacred Liturgy of Fr Elliot's first Mass.

## A WORD OF THANKS TO LIZ SORENSEN

Thanks to Liz Sorensen for her flower ministry, and particularly for attending to the needs of Masses for First Communion, Confirmation (with the first visit by Archbishop Mark) and Fr Elliot's first Mass.

## NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR ELLIOT

As you know, it was my hope that Fr Elliot would be appointed as my assistant at St Mary of the Angels and Holy Family following his ordination as a priest. However, it has become necessary for Archbishop Mark to transfer Fr Elliot to the Parish of All Saints in Newport. Although All Saints Parish has only a few more parishioners than our two parishes, there are nine church communities under its pastoral care. One of the three priests currently serving at All Saints has been moved to another appointment and it is essential that he be replaced.

It has been a joy to host Fr Elliot since his arrival with us last November, following the forced curtailment of his studies in Paris as a result of his Father's terminal illness – may he rest in peace. I wish to express my thanks to Fr Elliot for his companionship over these past months within The Priory and for his many contributions to the life of our two parishes. Fr Elliot is now on holiday for two weeks. I will be grateful to be on holiday over the last two weeks in August, my first holiday since 2018. Fr Elliot will depart for Newport on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his priestly ministry of service.

## NEWS REGARDING MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE

As you know, Fr John recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Following his retirement in 2019, Fr John has continued to serve our two parishes and his willingness to assist me with the schedule of Sunday Masses since the departure of Fr Nicholas last year has been of critical importance. It is now essential that Fr John is released from continuous Sunday commitment in our parishes. I am sure he will remain eager to assist me when he can but he must now be given the full freedom of his retirement, without the burden of 'voluntary obligation'. Fr John will be away in the middle of September and will then be on holiday in Ireland for the entirety of October.

## IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF FR ELLIOT AND THE RELEASE OF FR JOHN FROM CONTINUOUS PARISH COMMITMENT – CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

From Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 it will be necessary to alter our schedule of Sunday Masses across both parishes. It will not be possible to conduct a formal consultation with parishioners between now and September. I am obliged to make the decision to reduce our Sunday Masses from five to four. I have chosen the following timetable as the best option, though this should be considered as interim until I have had the opportunity to consult parishioners during September and October.

- The Saturday Vigil Mass will be retained at 6.00pm in Holy Family.
- The Sunday morning schedule will be 9.30am Mass in Holy Family and 11.00am Mass in St Mary of the Angels.
- The Sunday Evening Mass will be retained at St Mary of the Angels.

Although this option brings change to both Sunday Morning Masses at St Mary's, the compromise time seems the best way of addressing the needs of our two largest Mass congregations.

This option brings a more radical alteration to Sunday mornings at Holy Family.

The only alternative would be to retain the 10.00am Mass at St Mary of the Angels and celebrate Mass in Holy Family at 11.30am.

No one welcomes a disturbance to well-established norms, especially in reference to Sunday Mass. Of necessity, the future timetable must enable me to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries worthily and to best pastoral effect. Canon Law and best pastoral practice stipulates that a priest should celebrate a maximum of three Sunday Masses. I will be celebrating four every week. I ask for your patience and understanding as we transition to a new pastoral reality.

Twelve years ago, our two parishes were being served by Monsignor Maguire, Canon Kerrisk, Fr Christopher and Fr Andy, with further assistance from the retired Fr Owen Hardwicke. The situation altered radically with the death of Canon Kerrisk and the retirement of Fr Christopher. Fr Owen then returned to North Wales. Fr Nicholas joined Fr John and Fr Andy for one year until I arrived as Parish Priest in 2019. With the departure of Fr Nicholas in 2021, Fr John generously offered to assist for another year. We must all now become attuned to the fact that only one priest will be ministering across our two parish communities.