

ST. TEILO'S



Whitchurch

## Parish of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

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### Parish Newsletter



## Weekend 31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**Today's Mass:** The Mass readings and prayers for the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time are on page 130 of the Mass Book.

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Today, Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>, marks the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. When writing 'The Call of Creation' in 2002, the Catholic Bishops of England & Wales said that "care for the environment presents a major challenge for the whole community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century." The passing of time makes this challenge clearer. It is now an unprecedented ecological crisis. All parishioners are invited to pray the prayer during their private prayers as we will at all Masses on this weekend.

*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise You with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.*

*We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.*

*In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.*

*Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.*

*Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You.*

*Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build Your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.*

*You, who live and reign, world without end, **Amen.***

### Congratulations

The parish wishes to offer our congratulations to Bob and Brenda Bending on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary this week. Canon will present Bob and Brenda with a Papal Blessing to mark their years of faithful and committed life together at the 9am Mass today.

### First Friday Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month so there will be a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale after the 10am Mass at St. Teilo's. Why not come along to share coffee, tea, good fellowship and a raffle and buy some of the lovely cakes made by the ladies of Our Lady of Lourdes?

### First Saturday Devotions

In 1925, in an apparition at Pontevedra, Spain, Our Lady carrying her baby Son appeared to the last surviving seer of Fatima, Sister Lúcia. They asked for all the faithful to receive the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of each month. During the First Saturday devotion, we are encouraged to monthly reparation for the sins of the world and of our own sins through attendance at Holy Mass, Confession, praying of the Rosary and 15 minutes silent meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the sins of the world.

We will begin the First Saturday devotions at St. Teilo's from next Saturday. Those who wish to take part are asked to gather at 9.30am in the Church to recite the Rosary and pray the Fatima prayers. Leaflets will be provided. Why not come along to respond to Our Lady's call to pray for the world in all its turmoil and need?

## Polish Chaplain

Last week, Fr. Michał was afflicted with sepsis and had to be admitted to hospital. While he has now returned to the Presbytery, he is in a weakened state. This means that, like last weekend, the Polish Masses will be celebrated in English with the readings and prayers of the faithful in Polish. We wish Fr Michał a speedy recovery.

## Paper Craft and Mixed Media – Monthly Event – Parish Hall – Starting on September 7th

This is a ladies' group, which has been running for over 10 years. It provides a friendly relaxed atmosphere where likeminded people can come together to learn about, and apply mixed media, paper craft and card making techniques.

St. Teilo's Hall is the new venue for the group and newcomers, especially parishioners, are very much welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends with similar interests, as the group launches its new monthly event beginning on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September from 11.00am to 3.00pm and taking place each First Saturday of the month.

The organiser/tutor Erica Evans, a parishioner of St Teilo's has over 25 years of experience within the Craft and Mixed Media Industry. More information about the event, attendance, pricing and booking details can be found on Erica's website: [www.simplycraft.com](http://www.simplycraft.com) Please note that there is a fee of £15 per person for each event. This includes refreshments/Craft materials provided for activities and entry into our Craft raffle.

## Archdiocese of Cardiff Centenary of St. Stephen's Guild

Archbishop George will be celebrating Mass at St. Iltyd's Church, Dowlais, Merthyr CF48 3BT on Saturday, September 7th at 12 noon. All Altar Servers are very welcome and are encouraged to attend the celebration of the Centenary of St. Stephen's Guild. Please tell Canon Isaac if you will be going so he can confirm numbers.

## Adoration for Our Families

Monday, September 9th, sees the monthly hour of adoration for families here at St. Teilo's between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Families face many challenges in our society. This monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to pray for our families and the problems that they face. All are welcome to attend this time of quiet prayer.

## SPUC and Our Lady of Penrhys

A small band of SPUC members will be gathering at the Shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys at 3pm on Saturday, September 14th, to pray for the protection of all unborn children and to protect their mothers from taking the terrible step of ending the life of their unborn child, God's most precious gift. Well over 9 million babies have lost their lives to abortion in the UK since April 27th, 1968.

## URGENT – New Parish E-mail Addresses

In the light of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and the Archdiocese's responsibility to ensure that all official communication is managed under the Archdiocesan auspices, the Archdiocese now requires all parishes to use Archdiocesan e-mail accounts. From September the emails for contacting the Parish of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes is either [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) or [gabalfa@rcadc.org](mailto:gabalfa@rcadc.org) RCADC is the e-mail for all Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff e-mail addresses. The existing e-mail addresses will be monitored for a short-time to ensure smooth transition, but if you have the incorrect e-mail stored in your phone or diary, please amend it as soon as possible. You will note the new address is now on the first page of the newsletter.

## Bags of clothes at the back of St Teilo's

Please **do not** leave bags of clothes at the back of the Church unless it is the designated weekend when the SVP request such items. Due to the illness of a key member the collections have been less frequent this year than intended. As soon as the next collection is due we will make it clear in the newsletter.

Mass Attendance for 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> August			
OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
88	132	145	86

## Finance Update - Reminder

Parishioners will recall that earlier this year, Peter Searle, Chair of the Parish Finance weekend, spoke at all Masses one weekend, highlighting that, following Quinquennial Reports, and to comply with mandatory Health and Safety requirements, we need to spend in excess of £100,000 over the next few years. Since that time, we have been examining options open to us to ensure that we can responsibly meet our obligations in respect of works, which are required to be done both in Whitchurch and in Gabalfa. Levels of expenditure are greatest at Gabalfa, where it is evident that no major expenditure had been made over the fifty years to ensure that everything remained “fit for purpose”. Over the coming weeks, the Finance Committee will be talking to and taking advice from the Archdiocese and others, of how we move to the next stage of ensuring that ALL our properties are safe for all users and that they remain “fit for purpose” so we can, as a parish, continue to deliver the vision and message of Christ in this part of Cardiff. As your Parish Priest, I will endeavour to keep you all fully apprised of what is happening. Every parishioner can assist by praying that the Holy Spirit will guide all involved in the decision making, to ensure that His Will be done. Thank you.

*Canon Isaac*

## Finance and Health and Safety

Not everyone will see the work they undertake, but I am aware of the great amount of time and effort individuals put into supporting the work of the parish. I would like to thank in particular the members of our Parish Finance Committee and Mr. Paul Doherty, our Health and Safety representative, for all the work they are currently undertaking to address the existing issues in the parish buildings and to assist me in planning for the future of the parish.

*Canon Isaac*

## Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another persons, such as on a birthday or in sickness, or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul and that of those for whom we pray.

If you wish to have a Mass prayed for your intention of those of a loved one living or dead please complete a Mass Intention envelope and hand it in to the Presbytery or drop it into the collection. If you want a Mass for a particular date, please try and let us know at least three weeks in advance.

## Baptism Course

The next Baptism Course takes place takes place at St. Brigid's, Crystal Glen. (The Sacristy is accessed beyond the altar in the Church) on the Tuesdays, September 24th and October 1st at 7pm. Please e-mail Ann Martin if attending: [stevemartincardiff@gmail.com](mailto:stevemartincardiff@gmail.com)

## Marriage Preparation - Volunteers needed: Could it be you?

Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. The Archdiocese is partnering with Catholic Marriage Care to train and equip parishioners to become FOCCUS Facilitators and help to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. FOCCUS stands for 'Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study'. If you wish to be part of a friendly team helping couples have the best start in their marriage, training for this role will be held on October 26th – 27th at Hedley Lodge, Hereford. For more information visit [www.marraigeacare.org.uk](http://www.marraigeacare.org.uk)

Collections for 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> August				
	OLOL 6pm	St T 9am	St T 11am	St T 6.30pm
Cash	115	203	192	147
Gift Aid	107	200	250	21

**Confessions****Saturday:** St. Teilo's - 10.30-11am OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

<b>Mass Times / Intentions Week Beginning 31<sup>st</sup> August &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019</b>			
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	OLOL	6.00pm	Holy Souls
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo	9.00am	Franco Cecere – RIP (AW)
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	St. Teilo	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (HB)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September St. Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo	10.00am	Private Intention
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	OLOL	7.00pm	Thomas and Winifride Mullins
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Teilo	10.00am	Dorothy Calderbank – RIP (R&MT)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Teilo	10.00am	Golden Wedding Anniversary – Bob and Brenda Bending
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September Our Lady	St. Teilo	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	OLOL	6.00pm	Daniel Ahearne – RIP (Gerry)
	OLOL	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo	9.00am	Jane and Gregory Massey – RIP
	OLOL	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St. Teilo	11.00am	For the People of the Parish
	OLOL	12.00pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St Teilo	6:30pm	Holy Souls

Please note that the list of our Faithful Departed whose anniversaries occur this week is in the Church.

Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.