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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 11th – 12th April 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 11 th April 2020			
Saturday 11 th April Easter Vigil	Online	7:00pm	Easter Vigil – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Online	10.00am	Denis Bond – RIP (BW-F)
Monday 13 th April Easter Monday	Online	10.00am	Holland Family (MJ) Protection and Wellbeing of Judith
Tuesday 14 th April Easter Tuesday	Online	10.00am	Bernadette Hutchison – RIP (DM)
Wednesday 15 th April Easter Wednesday	Online	10.00am	Pat Walker – Recently Deceased (Natalie and David)
Thursday 16 th April Easter Thursday	Online	10.00am	Wilfred Calderbank – RIP (M&RT)
Friday 17 th April Easter Friday	Online	10.00am	Harold Doherty – Recently Deceased (P&ED)
Saturday 18 th April Easter Saturday	Online	10.00am	In thanksgiving for Philip and Susan Ilsley – Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 19 th April Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish



Quote of the Week

“Yes as the rain and the snow came down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.”

Isaiah 55:11 (The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night)



Easter Greetings – Pasg Hapus

Canon Isaac would like to wish you and all your loved ones every joy and blessing during this Easter Season. However strange it might seem and however challenging you may find it, be confident in the Resurrection of Jesus. I pray that the light of the risen Lord Jesus may shine in your homes, in your families and in your lives.

Mass Times

As has now become familiar, Mass will be broadcast from St. Teilo's live at 10am each day including Sunday. (Advance Notice: Mass on Wednesday, April 22nd will be at 9:30am, to facilitate a funeral at 10.30am.)

You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass, but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

At Communion time each day, I will lead us in praying St. Alphonse Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
AMEN.

Canon Isaac

Polish Masses

Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski will say Mass in the Polish language at 10.30am each day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Each day, following the Masses, Canon or Fr. Michał will expose the Blessed Sacrament for silent adoration until around 5:30pm. You are welcome to go online to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

Live Streaming

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church at any time.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Harold Doherty, Christopher "Ernie" Tucker, Brother Raphael Aspinwall OSB, Terrance Devano, Robert Allen, John Roberts, John Gardiner, David Israel and David Hartley who have all died recently. Mr. Tucker's funeral will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, Mr. Davano's funeral will take place on Monday, April 20th, Mr. Allen's and Mr. Israel's funerals will take place on Wednesday, April 22nd and Mr's Roberts' funeral will take place on Monday, April 27th. All funerals will take place privately, in line with the Welsh Government's guidance.

Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop Thomas Joseph Brown OSB, Fr. John McLoughlin, Fr. Bernard Whitehouse, James O'Dowd, Suzanne Prickett, Kathleen Chivaria, Joanna Fitzgerald, Anthony Nann, Laurence Spillane, Thomas Martin, Mary Hyde, Agnes O'Sullivan, Harry Marks, Kevin O'Callaghan, Clifford Jacobson, Kathleen Griffiths, John Davies-Gay, Richard 'Dick' Street, Stephen Armstrong, Patrick Gavine, Francis Tucker, Winifred Poole, Mary Donovan, Trevor Kane, Martha Scully, Ivor William, Arthur Bickerton, Rose Davey, Honora Rowe, Giovanna Conti, Eileen Wheatley, Ellen McLoughlin, Christopher Hutchinson, Germane Ash, Henry Porter, Christine Jenkins, Veronica Martin, William Chinnick and Vanda Shirley Cronin.

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of the Costley and Yaxley families. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Apostles' Creed

It is our practice in the parish to renew our commitment to the faith during the Easter Season by saying the Apostles' Creed at weekday Mass. This ancient Creed is a reminder of the Easter Faith of the Church which we continue to celebrate.

For those who are less familiar with the Apostles' Creed than the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, we say at Sunday Mass the words are as follows:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Pope John Paul II declared Divine Mercy Sunday as a Feast of the Universal Church in 2000, on the occasion of the Canonisation of Sister Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was prompted by the Lord to promote the [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#), the [3.00pm Prayer](#) and the [Feast of Divine Mercy](#).

Over many years in Cardiff, Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated at St. Alban's, the Church which is now the home of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in formation, Cardiff. This year the devotions will take place on a [live stream from the Oratory](#)

The timetable is as follows:

2.00pm until 3.00pm; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Petitions will be read before the Blessed Sacrament. Email your petitions to pgs.illsley@sky.com

3.00pm; Divine Mercy Prayers and Chaplet followed by Holy Mass.

Donating to the Parish

The Standing Orders for March amounted to £1,526 for the parish. Many thanks.

Clearly the Church continues to have expenses, which continue during the period when there are no public acts of worship and no regular collection. Any parishioner who is able and does not already donate in this way, is encouraged to set up a standing order. You can do this through your own bank by phone, mobile or Internet banking. The details you need are in the form at the end of the newsletter. One-off payments can also be made direct to the Parish Account using the sort code and account number below. If you do not have electronic banking, you can print the form and forward it to your own bank.

However, if you want to give a one off payment to the parish or to the priest, you can do so by clicking [here](#). Please indicate whether your donation is for the Parish, the Priest's Easter Offering, for Mass Stipends, the Memorial Candle or another purpose.

The Archdiocese has agreed to use Virgin Money Giving as the means to collect such one-off donations because the company is the least costly of providers of this service.

I realise that these are uncertain times and that some of you may not be in a position to give as generously as you normally do. If you need to reduce your Standing Order, or cancel it please make the necessary arrangements do so. While we are encouraged to give what we can to the Church, we need to do so given our own circumstances.

Canon Isaac

Praying for the Sick and the Dead

We have a long standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on whitchurch@rcadc.org ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died.

Canon Isaac

Mass Intentions

On Sundays, Canon will celebrate Mass for all the people of the parish. On other days he will pray for a specific intention. Due to there now being only one Sunday Mass, some Sunday intentions will be moved to weekdays later this month or next. If you wish to submit an intention for a Mass, please do so by email to whitchurch@rcadc.org clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is offered and your preferred date. Canon has agreed to say these Masses on trust and the Mass Offering can be made when things return to normal.

Staying in touch with the Parish

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>). Updates are often made on these sites before they can appear in the next week's newsletter.

Online Newsletter

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email: whitchurch@rcadc.org.

The God Who Speaks – Year of the Word



Many of the events planned for the Year of the Word have, naturally, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. These include the series of talks due to be given at the Cornerstone in Cardiff. The Archdiocesan Scripture Champions, Madeleine Walters and Kate Duffin, hope that the Year of the Word will be extended into 2021 and the events rescheduled. More information will be available in due course.



In the meantime, in order to keep the message of the Year of the Word alive, the Bishops' Conference and the Bible Society are continuing to provide resources which can be accessed online. To mark Easter you can access the [Easter Focus of the Year of the Word](#) and the [Bible Society's Easter Resources](#). Another great resource is the Scripture Seekers – New Testament series written by the writer Diana Klein. Diana has created a [guide to the New Testament](#) for Catholics which connects the New Testament scriptures with the Church's Lectionary throughout the year.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Fr. Peter Davies and Fr. David Prichard, both well known to us in the parish, are facing the challenge of their ministry in the Cardiff hospitals.

Fr. Peter writes:

The hospitals within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board have now issued very restrictive rules on visiting inpatients. The basic rule is that there is **No visiting** permitted.

However, visiting is currently permitted (at the discretion of the ward manager) for patients who are not infected with COVID-19 but limited to:

- one parent or guardian for paediatric inpatients and neonates.
- people receiving end of life care, with permission to visit secured in advance from the ward manager and if agreed, this should be one visitor at a time for a specified amount of time.
- women in labour should be permitted a birthing partner [from their household].

As Hospital Chaplains, we are also having to abide by these restrictions, so please be aware that we aren't able to visit Catholic patients unless they are approaching the end of their lives. However, please continue to refer any Catholics in the hospitals to us so that we can pray for them and also to help us provide them with any practical or spiritual materials that they may need.

In relation to patients who are infected with the COVID-19 virus permission to visit is currently only given in extreme circumstances. For those receiving end of life care, permission to visit must be secured, in advance, from the ward manager and if agreed, this should be one visitor at a time for a specified amount of time. Full PPE must also be worn. Visitors, family and friends of infected patients are encouraged to consider other ways of maintaining contact with their relatives, such as by phone, FaceTime or Skype.

Fr David Prichard, myself and the on-call Catholic chaplains have been passed for wearing respirators in order to visit COVID-19 infected patients. The current guidance suggests that we would be able to minister directly to infected patients referred to us, but this may change at any point.

In light of the above, please continue to let the Chaplains know when Catholic patients are in the hospital. Please be aware that we as chaplains can only visit and minister to them directly if they are coming to the end of their earthly pilgrimage. However, we are in a position to pass on any materials which they require via the ward staff.

Contact details for the Chaplains are below:

Fr David Prichard at the University Hospital of Wales (the Heath) can be contacted on david.prichard@wales.nhs.uk – 029 2184 3230.

Fr. Peter Davies at Llandough Hospital or for any other of hospital in Cardiff can be contacted on peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk – 029 2071 6710.

Please keep Fr. Peter and Fr. David, along with the on-call chaplains, Fr. Andy Bord, Fr. Michael McCarthy and Fr. Nicholas Williams in your prayers at this difficult time.

APF-Missio – Red Boxes

Peter Jones, the APF secretary for St. Teilo's, would like to thank all donors to APF-Missio, the Pope's own charity. Last year St. Teilo's raised £2,842.73 for APF-Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. APF-Missio has written to the parish to thank you for your continued care for the Church family through your support of the Red Box and direct donations. Your prayers and gifts continue to sustain missionary sisters and priests as they share God's love with some of the most vulnerable, marginalised people throughout the world.

This year, as an example, APF-Missio reports the work of a Mill Hill Missionary priest, whom it supports, Fr. Michael, who is working in Cameroon. In Cameroon at present, there is a conflict leading to countless families being driven out of their villages and their villages being burned down. So far over 3,000 people have been killed and 600,000 displaced. 800,000 children are without school and one million plus people are in need of aid. Many escape from their villages with only the clothes they are wearing. Fr. Michael and the local parishes form a safe place for those driven away from their homes to live and eat and find spiritual and physical support. Fr. Michael is also working with the local parish communities to provide schooling for the children who need it.

It is only due to the prayerful and financial support of the Catholic community in England and Wales via APF-Missio, that Fr. Michael and his fellow missionaries can live alongside, support and offer hope and consolation to the communities in Cameroon.

If you don't already have a Red Box at home or would like information on other ways to give to the Red Box, please contact Peter Jones – 07594 693054.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The items from this point in the newsletter onwards are for reference. They are only updated when new policy decisions are made but provide a set of responses to the key issues facing Catholics today.

Closure of Churches

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the Prime Minister made an historic announcement that all Places of Worship would be closed in the attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19. Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time. Therefore, unfortunately, St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes will be closed until further notice.

Mass will be streamed online from St. Teilo's each day, but there is no longer the opportunity for private prayer in the Church. Please follow the government advice and stay at home if at all possible.

The Bishops of England and Wales confirm that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed, in line with the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). The pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

First Communion and Confirmation

Now that the Welsh Government has closed the schools in Wales, our First Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes will be suspended. The celebration of these sacraments will be postponed until a time that allows for the programmes to be completed.

Baptisms

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will be deferred until public worship is again permitted. Parents and grandparents are reminded that if a baby or young child who has not yet been baptised is ill or otherwise at risk, then parents or grandparents (with the parents' permission) can baptise the child. Such an emergency baptism is undertaken as follows:

Pouring water on the head of the one to be baptised and pronouncing at the same time the words:

"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Confession

Noting that absence from Mass at this time is not a sin, Confession will be offered on request to those who have dire need. The sacrament will only be celebrated as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (e.g. a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest, such as a grille and cloth, is in place). Please email whitchurch@rcadc.org and Canon will make the arrangements.

Marriages

The celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage will be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely.

Funerals

For the foreseeable future, funerals will take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery and crematorium authorities. Canon will be able to offer private Masses for any deceased person on request, but no Masses with attendees.

Requiem Masses '*In Memoria*' will be able to be celebrated in the future when congregations are again allowed to gather.

Supporting the Vulnerable in the Community

As well as our concern about the sacramental life of the parish, we also need to remember our Christian duty to consider others, especially those more vulnerable than us. I believe it is best for those Catholics who can do so, to contribute to the support being arranged across the community. You are encouraged to register interest in the Together for Cardiff volunteering scheme at <https://www.volunteercardiff.co.uk/> The local councillors are also co-ordinating groups of volunteers in each area of the parish to support the vulnerable and isolated by speaking on the phone, picking up items from the shops, dog walking and other forms of assistance. If you are willing to assist, or in need of assistance, then please contact the relevant people in your part of the parish.

Whitchurch contact:

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Canon Isaac

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Canon Isaac

Standing Order Mandate

To Bank / Building Society *
Address
.....
..... Post Code.....

Please set up a new standing order to:

Barclays Bank PLC,
City of Cardiff Branch,
Cardiff
CF1 1SG

Sort Code: 20-18-23

Account Name: PARISH OF ST TEILO'S WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Account No.: 93870367

Please debit my/our bank account as follows:

Account Name:

Account No.:

Sort Code:

the sum of £..... (amount in words).....

starting on the..... day of (month)(year)

and on the same day every month until further notice.

Signature(s)

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Address

.....

..... Post Code

Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of the same beneficiary. This standing order supersedes all former arrangements.

Please send this form to your bank.