



## Parish Newsletter

**Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2020			
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April St. Beuno, Abbot	Online	10.00am	Wellbeing of Mrs Joan Ryan and Family
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Online	10.00am	John Gardiner – Recently Deceased
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Online	<b>9.30am</b>	Gertrude and Peggy Bond – RIP (BW-F)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April St. George, Martyr	Online	10.00am	Brian Taylor – RIP (M&RT)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Online	10.00am	Martha Gwendoline Calderbank – RIP (M&RT)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	Online	10.00am	Joan Cowley – Recently Deceased (MS)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish

### Quote of the Week

“The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’”

*John 20:19 (Second Sunday of Easter)*



### Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is 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.

The invitation to celebrate the Feast is recorded in Sr. Faustina’s diary (499):

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My 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](mailto:pgs.illsley@sky.com)

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

### **Mass Times**

As has now become familiar, Mass will be broadcast from St. Teilo's live at 10am each day including Sunday. **Please Note that this Wednesday**, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mass will be at 9:30am, to facilitate a funeral at 10.30am at Thornhill.

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.

## **Live Streaming problems**

I am sorry to all those who had trouble taking part in the services over the Easter Weekend via live streaming. I am sure you can imagine that a lot of people rang me to say it was not working, but there was nothing I could do about it.

When the webcam was put in, just after the announcement that all churches were to close, it had to be run over the Presbytery internet connection, the only one we have! This connection is fine for normal household/parish office use and for low levels of live streaming. It will be the same as the connection in your home. However when lots of people try to connect at the same time, it can overload the system and that seems to have happened last weekend. Indeed, there were between 1,500 and 2,000 views of the webcam on the four days of the Triduum and Easter Sunday morning, a much higher usage level than I had expected.

KT Electronics, who supply telecom solutions for much of the Archdiocese, are on the case and looking at an upgraded, business Internet connection, which should provide a stable connection. In the meantime, I will continue to say Mass for you all each day, whether you can see me or not. Hopefully it will be possible for you to take part.

*Canon Isaac*

## **Rest in Peace**



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Terrance Debano, Robert Allen, David Israel, John Roberts, Dudley Peter Hurley and Mary Magdelene Pawlica who have all died recently. Mr. Debano's funeral will take place on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Allen's and Mr. Israel's funerals will take place on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Roberts' and Mr. Hurley's funerals will take place on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Pawlica's funeral will take place on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. All funerals will take place privately, in line with the Welsh Government's current regulations.

Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Daly, Dilys Thomas, Kathleen Murphy, Rita Thompson, John Morris, Bernard Regan, Pat Regan, Jeremiah O'Hanlon, Richard Sherriff, Sara Barry, Ian Meredith, Elizabeth George, Malcolm Thomas, Nora Bois, Minda Gazzi, Michael Baca, Pasquale Bahauande, Elizabeth Spear, Jane Massey, Eileen Jones, John Powell, Kath Deehan, Rosalind Kelly, Anthony Anzani, Kathleen Joyce, Thomas 'Tom' Walsh, Pauline Green, Hubert Culverwell, Gregory Massey, Elizabeth Close, Margaret O'Keefe, George Armstrong and Christopher Barry.

## **Memorial Candle**

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of the Brooks family. 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.**

## **Regina caeli**

During the Masses of Eastertime, we also pray the great Easter anthem to Our Lady. This anthem has been celebrated in the liturgy since the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. It is called, in Latin, Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven). It is shared here, in the original and translation, for you to pray along:

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia,  
quia quem meruísti portáre,  
allelúia,  
resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia;  
ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!  
for he whom you were worthy to bear,  
alleluia!  
has risen as he said, alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

## **Online Newsletter**

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email:

[whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

## **Strange Times: Difficult Time: Times of Hope and Faith – A reflection from Canon Isaac**

These are strange times because I say Mass in an almost empty Church, it is just me and the Lord!! It seems very strange! However, I know that people are praying the Mass with me! Even when the webcam fails, I am still offering the Mass and it is still reaching you spiritually.

The wonder and the beauty of the Mass reaches through to all of us even in these difficult times. I was humbled to read a message sent anonymously via the parish donation site: "The streamed services are remarkable, God bless and thank you, you have restored my faith. With my prayers." Restoring and strengthening the faith of all is what I, as a priest, am called to do at this time.

Some people, at this time, feel alone and afraid; for some it is difficult to believe; for some there are questions and tears, but the root of our faith and my personal belief is that we are NOT alone. The Lord is with us. At Benediction every evening, I have been trying to bring before the Lord all the sick and also all doctors, nurses, carers, social workers and all the many people who assist in our daily lives. So many we take for granted: Post Office workers, shop assistants and drivers who bring food to the shops. In our Masses and prayers, we give thanks for all of you who make such a valuable contribution to life. We will overcome this pandemic and I hope and believe that we will be a stronger, more faithful people as a result. Knowing what it is to not receive the Lord will inspire us to a deeper devotion to Him, when we can return to his churches. As Catholics, let us give thanks for the great gift of our faith and continue to pray that this gift may grow in us and be shared with others, in all we do, say and pray.

*Canon Isaac*

## **Donating to the Parish**

Donations via the [Donation link](#) on the parish website in the last week have amounted to £910, very many thanks for your generosity. If you use the link please indicate whether your donation is for the Parish, for Mass Stipends, the Memorial Candle or another charitable purpose.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Urbi et Orbi – The City and the World**

Last Sunday, the Pope's annual Urbi et Orbi message was seen on TV and online by the highest number of people ever. The words of the Holy Father on that occasion were a great rallying call of faith in the risen Jesus. They provide a source for prayerful reflection, so I share them here:

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!".

Like a new flame, this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic, severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence).

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the Resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good. This is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.

Today, my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable, such as persons who work in nursing homes, or live in barracks and prisons. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.

This disease has not only deprived us of human closeness, but also of the possibility of

receiving in person the consolation that flows from the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In many countries, it has not been possible to approach them, but the Lord has not left us alone! United in our prayer, we are convinced that he has laid his hand upon us (cf. Ps 138:5), firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, "I have risen and I am with you still!" (cf. Roman Missal, Entrance Antiphon, Mass of Easter Sunday).

May Jesus, our Passover, grant strength and hope to doctors and nurses, who everywhere offer a witness of care and love for our neighbours, to the point of exhaustion and not infrequently at the expense of their own health. Our gratitude and affection go to them, to all who work diligently to guarantee the essential services necessary for civil society and to the law enforcement and military personnel who in many countries have helped ease people's difficulties and sufferings.

In these weeks, the lives of millions of people have suddenly changed. For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic. May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees and the homeless. May these, the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, not be abandoned. Let us ensure that they do not lack basic necessities, which are all the more difficult to find now that many businesses are closed, such as medicine and especially the possibility of adequate health care. In light of the present circumstances, may international sanctions be relaxed, since these make it difficult for countries on which they have been imposed to provide adequate support to their citizens, and may all nations be put in a position to meet the greatest needs of the moment through the reduction, if not the forgiveness, of the debt burdening the balance sheets of the poorest nations.

This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. Among the many areas of the world affected by the Coronavirus, I think in a special way of Europe. After the Second World War, this continent was able to rise again, thanks to a concrete spirit of solidarity that enabled it to overcome the rivalries of the past. It is more urgent than ever, especially in the present circumstances, that these rivalries do not regain force, but that all recognise themselves as part of a single family and support one another. The European Union is presently facing an epochal challenge, on which will depend not only its future but that of the whole world. Let us not lose the opportunity to give further proof of solidarity, also by turning to innovative solutions. The only alternative is the selfishness of particular interests and the temptation of a return to the past, at the risk of severely damaging the peaceful coexistence and development of future generations.

This is not a time for division. May Christ our peace enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world. This is not a time for continuing to manufacture and deal in arms, spending vast amounts of money that ought to be used to care for others and save lives. Rather, may this be a time for finally ending the long war that has caused such great bloodshed in beloved Syria, the conflict in Yemen and the hostilities in Iraq and in Lebanon. May this be the time when Israelis and Palestinians resume dialogue in order to find a stable and lasting solution that will allow both to live in peace. May the sufferings of the people who live in the eastern regions of Ukraine come to an end. May the terrorist attacks carried out against so many innocent people in different African countries come to an end.

This is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people. May the Lord of life be close to all those in Asia and Africa who are experiencing grave humanitarian crises, as in the Province of Cabo Delgado in the north of Mozambique. May he warm the hearts of the many refugees displaced because of wars, drought and famine. May he grant protection to migrants and refugees, many of them children, who are living in unbearable conditions, especially in Libya and on the border between Greece and Turkey. And I do not want to forget the island of Lesbos. In Venezuela, may he enable concrete and immediate solutions to be reached that can permit international assistance to a population suffering from the grave political, socio-economic and health situation.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Indifference, self-centredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words for ever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

With these thoughts, I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter.

## Poem for the Season

During the week Archbishop George shared the poem 'Praise' by the Cardiff born Anglican Clergyman R. S. Thomas, with the clergy. We share it here for your personal reflection:

### PRAISE

I praise you because  
you are an artist and scientist  
in one. When I am somewhat  
fearful of your power,  
your ability to work miracles  
with a set square, I hear  
you murmuring to yourself  
in a notation Beethoven  
dreamed of but never achieved.  
You run off your scales of  
rain water and sea water, play  
the chords of morning and even light sculpture  
with shadow, join together leaf  
by leaf, when spring  
comes, the stanzas of  
an immense poem. You speak  
all languages and none,  
answering our most complex  
prayer with simplicity  
of a flower, confronting  
us, when we would domesticate you  
to our uses, with the rioting  
viruses under our lens.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

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*Canon Isaac*

## **Donating to the Parish**

Clearly the Church continues to have expenses, which will 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 below. 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.

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. Please make the necessary arrangements to change your existing standing orders if the expense becomes too much for you.

*Canon Isaac*

**Standing Order Mandate**

To ..... Bank / Building Society \*  
Address .....  
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..... 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.