



Whitchurch

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

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## Parish Newsletter

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2020			
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Online	10.00am	Canon Edmund Joseph Mullins – RIP Intentions of Marion Loeve and Gregory Leslie (AD)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Online	10.00am	Wilfred Calderbank – RIP (R&MT)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Feast)	Online	10.00am	Antonio Bacco – RIP (GM)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April St. Pius V, Pope	Online	10.00am	Mairead Sutherland – RIP Thomas O'Driscoll – Anniversary
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May St. Joseph the Worker	Online	10.00am	Clare Bell – Recently Deceased
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Online	10.00am	John Gardiner – Recently Deceased
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Fourth Sunday of Easter	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish Robert Strinati – RIP (C&IB)

### Quote of the Week

“Then he said to the ... ‘Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.”

*Luke 24:25-27 (Third Sunday of Easter)*



### Reading while in lockdown

A number of people have asked me recently what reading I would recommend for this time in lockdown. As I mentioned during Mass earlier in the week, I would strongly recommend reading the Acts of the Apostles during this season of Easter. The Acts of the Apostles show how the Catholic Church began its journey of faith and the Church has allocated a reading a day for each weekday in Eastertime, which would be well worth reading. You can see the current weekday readings at - <https://universalis.com/mass.htm> or if you would rather read the Acts of the Apostles at your own pace, you could choose to read a chapter (there are 28) or a half-chapter a day. Obviously if you have a family Bible at home you could read it there, but if you prefer to access it online or on your mobile device then I would recommend either – the New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised Catholic Edition (the Acts of the Apostles starts [here](#)) or the original Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (the Acts of the Apostles starts [here](#)). The translation of the Bible we use at Mass is not available online, due to licensing issues, but the two editions above have been approved by the Church, the main difference being that the NRSV is in modern English while the RSV uses a more traditional form of language. If you have

any other suggestions for lockdown reading, please [email](#) and let me know.

*Canon Isaac*

### **Mass Times**

As has now become familiar, Mass will be broadcast from St. Teilo's live at 10am each day including Sunday.

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 John Roberts, Dudley Peter Hurley, Mary Magdelene Pawlica, Mary O'Driscoll and David Patrick Brierley who have all died recently. Mr. Roberts' and Mr. Hurley's funerals will take place on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Pawlica's funeral will take place on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Mrs O'Driscoll's funeral will take place on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Mr.

Brierley's funeral will take place on Wednesday, May 13<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: Fr. Gregory Matus, Emma Tusich, John Harty, Margaret McEvoy, Thomas Sheridan, Christine Rees, Clive Hill, John Lloyd, Hubert Taylor, Paul Manley, Winifred Morris, Ronald Rees, Kathleen Blakeman, Colin Coughlin, George Spratt, Agnes Liston, Douglas Howell, Marie Hart, Thomas Barry, Michael Aherne, Eileen McGrath, Francis Daly, Dennis Battisto, Thomas O'Driscoll, Dora Coulthard, Annie Purnell, Winifred Davies, Dave Welsh, Helen Moylan, David B. Evans, Mary Fairweather, Raymond Sumner and John John.

### **Memorial Candle**

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the souls of the Murphy 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).

## **That Was the Week That Was**

Some of you who are of a certain age will remember the programme, which forms the title of this piece. It was a 1960s television comedy and this week has felt a little like that!

First was the story of the locked in priest. As you know Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski, the Polish Chaplain also says Mass in St. Teilo's each day. Well, accidentally, honest!!, I discovered that I had locked him inside St. Teilo's. Those of you who know the connecting door between the body of the Church and the passage with the toilets and sacristies in will know that it can only be opened by a key fob. Normally, when saying Mass we leave the door on a hook, but for some reason, I'd forgotten to do this after I had said Mass, so when Fr. Michał was saying Mass immediately after me, the door between the Church and passage was locked. This would have been fine, as I normally come over to the Church when Father is finishing Mass. But on this day, Fr. Michał had forgotten to take the chalice into Church with him. Therefore, at the Offertory Fr. Michał went to get it from the sacristy only to find out that the door was locked. Of course, the back doors to the Church are locked too. So, he was stuck inside. Naturally he checked his pocket for his mobile, but that was in his jacket in the sacristy. So, being a quick thinking chap, he appealed on the web-camera for the Polish parishioners watching to ring me in the Presbytery so I could get him out! Several calls were received at the Presbytery and soon I came to the rescue with keys in hand! All was restored to normality! But the incident was quite amusing.



The second incident was a little less amusing. When I went into the Church on Tuesday, I found the Paschal Candle in four parts; you can see two of them in the photo to the left. It appears to have blown up overnight. I don't think it had been left alight, but it looks as if the wick had smouldered down into the candle, so that by the morning it had broken apart and caused a huge amount of dust and ash on the sanctuary floor. Thankfully nothing else was harmed and the manufacturers have already sent a replacement. But it was a surprise and meant that we did not have the usual exposition on Tuesday due to the cleaning. A kindly parishioner, hearing of the problem, spent a good few hours cleaning the sanctuary, so that by Wednesday morning the Church was again looking immaculate. Many thanks to Mrs. Chris Searle for volunteering to do this. I am most grateful. So, there was a lot of excitement during the week. Let's hope the week to come is somewhat calmer.

*Canon Isaac*



### **Drawings of Canon Isaac**

I mentioned last Sunday at Mass the lovely drawings I received from two of our younger parishioners. I found them flattering, as I am more handsome and have more hair in the drawings than in real life. Since I mentioned them many of you have asked to see them, so the drawings are beside this message.

Many thanks to the two great artists, who are also very faithful members of the parish community.

*Canon Isaac*

### **Parish Rosary Prayer Group**

Please note that the monthly parish prayer group, which meets on the last Thursday of each month, is suspended until further notice. Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary at 2.00pm on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, in the comfort of their own homes, followed by the 3 o'clock prayer and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

*Thank you, Peter and Chris Searle.*

### **Strong in Tribulation**

The Holy See has released a prayer book entitled "Strong in Tribulation" to help us through these times. It's free and the English Language version can be downloaded from [here](#). Other language versions are also available.

## **Donating to the Parish**

Donations via the [Donation link](#) on the parish website in the last week have amounted to £283, 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.

## **Coronavirus and Access to Treatment**

The Bishops of England and Wales published a statement this week about Coronavirus and Access to Treatment. I include it here for your information and reflection:

With the escalation of the Coronavirus, demand on NHS resources is outstripping supply and those responsible for our care and well-being are facing challenging decisions. What may well be on all our minds is what provision will be available if I, or a loved one, is in need of treatment and life-support in these circumstances. While we would all agree that the allocation of resources must be done as fairly as possible, the criteria of fairness must be clear and shared by us all. These principles apply both morally and in the law which governs our expectations and rights on health and social care.

As Catholics our starting point is that we are all made equally in the image of God (CCC 357). Human value is not a measure of our mental or physical capacity, our societal function, our age, our health or of any other qualitative assessment. God made each of us and in so doing gave us all equal dignity and value. This is never lost during sickness or dying.

It is important to bear in mind in any discussion of resource allocation and medical rationing, when the tension between the appropriate treatment and scarcity of resources has, in most people's experience, never been so visible. A decision against offering a certain life-prolonging treatment to an individual must never be a judgement based on the worthwhileness of that person's life, including their age or other social characteristics, but a pragmatic decision about the likelihood of him/her benefiting from the intervention, given his/her medical condition. This principle has been upheld in case law repeatedly and the NHS Constitution itself is clear that we should deliver care and support in a way that achieves dignity and compassion for each and every person we serve.

Until the current pandemic, resources have always been allocated according to medical need and benefit to the patient. Today, this approach must be complemented by maximising scarce resources for the common good and so prognosis and the likelihood of benefit become the overriding criteria.

People with underlying health conditions should discuss the sort of treatment they may want with their families so that good communication is possible in a crisis. Each of us may be presented with clinical scenarios which are both unwelcome and distressing, yet doctors are faced with making the least worst decisions. This approach helps us to focus on the common good. Similarly, Catholics will focus on the benefit of a particular treatment for the person, taking into consideration all medical factors. This, again, helps us to focus on the common good of all and best meets the principles of justice and equality.

Clear communication with the sick and their loved ones is essential throughout this process and medical staff will need to deal sensitively with those affected. We pray for them as they strive to serve both the patient and our wider society in this time of need and we thank them for their hard work and commitment. We must always be mindful of the spiritual care of patients and their families, as well as of health and social care staff. Our chaplains have a particular role in this regard, but we will all know someone for whom we can pray and offer support.

*Bishop Richard Moth (Chair, Department for Social Justice)*

*Bishop Paul Mason (Lead Bishop for Healthcare and Mental Health)*

*Bishop John Sherrington (Lead Bishop for Life Issues)*

### **Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care**

The Bishops of England and Wales are also providing spiritual solidarity to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is focussed on those who are sick and their families, those suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love and the front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over England and Wales who are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

To show this spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved in the ways described above, each week at 7pm on Thursday evening, one of the bishops will celebrate Mass in his Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. Full details of the initiative and of access details for the Masses on particular Thursdays can be found [here](#).

## 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 .....  
.....  
..... 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 .....

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..... 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.