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

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## Parish Newsletter

Weekend 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>				
			<b>Canon</b>	<b>Fr. Dwayne</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Terry – RIP, Wellbeing of Cath and Mrs Ryan (WJI)	Holy Souls
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	John and Maureen Bending – RIP (RCB)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August St. Clare, Virgin	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	John Blackey – RIP	Tony & Pat O'Shea – RIP
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Online	10.00am	Wellbeing of Chris Harris (RH)	Christina Lewis – RIP
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Peter Murphy - RIP (RF)	Don Cesare Martelli – RIP (Paolo)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Online	10.00am	Mary Spillane – RIP (PS)	Colucci and Ross Family (JR)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August Our Lady	Online	10.00am	Wellbeing of all the Priests in Cardiff (RF)	Sidney and John Magee – RIP (Paolo)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Mark Searle – RIP (P&CS)	Anthony Calderbank – Anniversary (R&MT)

### **Mass Intentions**

Please note that with the arrival of Fr. Dwayne both of the priests in our parish will be celebrating Masses for the intentions of those who choose to request them. You will note both sets of intentions in the list above.

While we currently have a small backlog of Mass Intentions, due to there being fewer Masses each weekend during the pandemic, this will not last long now that we have two resident priests. If you do wish to request a Mass, please do so by email to [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website or you can write the intention on an envelope with the donation inside and drop it into the Presbytery letterbox. The guidance is that the minimum donation for a Mass intention should be £10 but your donation amount is at your discretion.

### **A message from Fr. Dwayne**

I am delighted to be the newest of your parishioners. Fr. William and Fr. Michał have been spectacularly hospitable in your name and I would like to thank all of you for making my arrival so enjoyable.

Born in 1960, I am the youngest of the family's four children. My sisters are identical twins. Judy has four children and Joyce (RIP) has six. My brother, Jerry, is a priest serving as the Vice-Rector at St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, our birthplace. Our dear parents are deceased, having been the first generation born in the US of Polish immigrants.

After studying economics at Notre Dame in the US, I travelled to Cracow, Poland to participate in an introductory Polish language course and found myself entering the Diocesan Seminary in Lublin, Poland in 1986. My assignments have taken me to Lviv, Ukraine and back home to Cleveland, then to Westminster Cathedral in London and most recently St. Anthony's Church in Lublin. I've been writing a book of background information and discussion questions based on the Sunday Mass readings to be called "The Word of God: Between the Lines."

I go by "Fr. Dwayne" or my Confirmation name "Francis" or, in Polish, "Franciszek." Feel welcome to use whichever you wish. When asked for a title, I describe myself as "a live priest." The current restrictions are proving to be a novel challenge to becoming integrated into the parish but I trust that we will maintain safe precautions while doing our best to engage in the Lord's work and that we will have fun doing so. I promise to pray for you and to consider you as I do my family.

Your servant,

*Fr. Dwayne "Franciszek" Bednar*

### **Opening the Church for Mass**

St. Teilo's will be open for Mass today at 10.00am. If you have not booked in advance and have not had verbal confirmation from Carole Burns – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

St. Teilo's will also be open for Mass this week on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00am and next Sunday at 10.00am. The booking arrangements are as usual and are outlined below.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So please do not feel under any pressure to attend the Church when online or phone Mass are valid alternatives.

### **If you wish to attend Mass**

- Booking will be by telephone on a 'first come, first served' basis. Carole Burns is the contact and can be telephoned on 07747 562847 **between 11am and 1pm on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** for Mass on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE DO NOT RING OUTSIDE THESE HOURS.
- You **must** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door, so if you have not booked in advance – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
  - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
  - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will NOT attend.
  - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- You should arrive between 20 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- Communion will only be possible if a Eucharistic Minister, who is not in an at risk group, is available at the Mass.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in one of the wall boxes around the Church or in the votive candles box.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are a requirement to enable public worship to take place.

### **Masses in September**

I am very grateful for the wonderful work that our volunteers do to ensure that we are able to celebrate Mass in accordance with the Welsh Government and Bishops' Conference Guidance. Mel and Carol have worked with the volunteers to ensure we have the Church open for Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday throughout August.

However, a number of our volunteers have work commitments in September, which means that, unless we have new volunteers available during the weekdays, it will be difficult to sustain the current provision after the end of August. I would therefore like you to consider volunteering for September, if you are eligible, able and willing.

If you wish to volunteer and are aged 18 to 59 inclusive without any COVID-19 co-morbidities, then please email Mel Hopkins – [melfyn.hopkins@sky.com](mailto:melfyn.hopkins@sky.com) and let him know:

- Your name
- Contact details – phone and email
- Age range (18-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-59)

- Confirmation that you do not have a raised risk of Covid-19 infection
- Whether you want to Steward or Clean or both
- Which hours and days, of those above, you are able to volunteer
- Whether you will be available: weekly; fortnightly; monthly

*Canon Isaac*

### **Mass Times**

Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Parish Website from St. Teilo's at 10am each day. 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, Canon 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.**

### **Polish Masses**

Fr. Michał Oszczudłowski will say Mass in the Polish language at 10.30am each weekday. On Sunday, Polish Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, to allow time for the Church to be sanitised after the 10am Mass in English.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Each day, where possible, 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 for prayer at any time.

## Dial For Mass

We will continue to operate the 'Dial for Mass' scheme for those who do not have access to the Internet. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2.00pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week.

The number is a local number from Cardiff based landlines – 22 670 999. If you are dialling from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone, you will need to dial 029 2267 0999.

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note, that as the feast day falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to the next day. Therefore, next Sunday we will celebrate this great feast in honour of Our Blessed Lady.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady but we do not know when it first came to be celebrated. From the fourth century the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. Having become a great celebration in the churches of the Eastern Empire. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God. Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." Thus, he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain, the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place. Only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition.

We gather next Sunday to honour Mary, who has gone before us in faith to share in the victory over death won by her Son, in which we all can share, in the glory of heaven, if we live lives of fidelity to God's Word as Mary did.

## Quote of the Week



"I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him."

*Responsorial Psalm for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*



## Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of one of our faithful parishioners Anthony O'Shea. Mr. O'Shea's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. In line with current government guidance attendance will be by invitation only.

Please also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Patrick Gibbons, Susan Flook, Thomas Thomas, Patricia Stephens, James Donovan, Michael Driscoll, Eilena Williams, John Joseph O'Sullivan, Josephine Marquiss, Catherine Gaffney, Joseph O'Callaghan, Maureen Chidgey, William Conway, Elizabeth Wells, Anne Hodgson, John Kelly, Jean Bartlett, Thomas Strange, Kathleen Carey, William Williams, Maureen Taylor, Julian Migward, John Evans, Marion Webb, Kay Collier, William Brown and Monica Baldock.

## Car for Fr. Dwayne

One of the things that Fr. Dwayne will need to acquire now he has joined us in the parish is a car. If any parishioner has a spare car that they are not using that Fr. Dwayne could borrow, I would be very grateful. I know that not many people have spare cars but I was surprised to find, a few years ago, when the Oratory was established in Cardiff, that a request in the newsletter for a spare car saw a very kind parishioner donate one to Fr. Alexander. So, here's hoping that some equally thoughtful and generous parishioner may have a car s(he) can give or lend to Fr. Dwayne.

## *Canon Isaac*

## Catholic People

The August edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper [Catholic People](#) is now available with its usual mix of interesting articles from throughout the Archdiocese.

## Statues of the Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and St. John Vianney

The refurbished statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony along with the new statue of St. John Vianney have now arrived and I will bless them and place them in their places of honour in the Church.

I would like to thank all of you who have been so generous in donating towards the statues, we are very close to having covered the cost of the statues from the donations – so one last push will ensure that the statues are paid for before we put them up into the Church.

Catholic Churches have long been adorned with the statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony, but not every church has a statue of St. John Vianney. We now have an image of this wonderful saint who is the patron of all the clergy especially the secular clergy who work in parishes.

Saint Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, to give him his full name, is often called the Curé d'Ars, the word Curé simply means priest and his priestly ministry was spent in the French town of Ars, to

which I have been very blessed to go on pilgrimage. St. John Mary was a parish priest, who with simplicity, tenderness and fidelity to the sacraments, conformed himself to the will of God, thus following the path of holiness. What a wonderful example for those of us who may not be as strong in living out the faith as him but who continue try to live faithfully the calling received as a free gift from the Lord!

Last year on the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's death, Pope Francis wrote to all priests urging them not to be discouraged by the damage caused by the "wayward behaviour" of some priests. The Holy Father said that priests always need to keep in mind that vocation is "a free gift", "totally undeserved", to be gratefully accepted "with humility and prayer". Having a statue of St. John Mary Vianney in St. Teilo's will, I hope, remind all the priests who serve here to be humble and prayerful and remind each of you, God's chosen people to pray each day for your priests, that we who have been chosen will live up to the promises made at Ordination and as the Ordination Rite says, "may we be faithful to the ministry that we have received and be faithful in working with the order of bishops, so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God's one, holy people."

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus – Have Mercy on us

St. Anthony – Pray for us

St. John Mary Vianney – Pray for us

St. Teilo – Pray for us

All the Saints of Wales – Pray for us

*Canon Isaac*

## Saint of the Month – St. John the Baptist – August 29<sup>th</sup>



The National [Year of The God Who Speaks](#) team have shared the following reflection about this famous painting by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio of St. John the Baptist whose feast we celebrate later this month.



St. John the Baptist followed in the footsteps of the great prophets of the Old Testament, calling upon the people to repent and be ready for the coming Messiah. He baptised with water but spoke of the One who would baptise with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11). He pointed Jesus out as the promised Lamb of God (John 1:35-37) and baptised him (Matthew 3:13-17). He had a great following among the people but he always directed away from himself and lived an ascetic lifestyle. His life was centred on God and on his calling. Herod, despite fearful of John's popularity among the people, had John beheaded after an oath he made to Herodias at his birthday party (Matthew 14:1-12).

St. John's cult is exceedingly ancient in both the East and West and he was particularly popular during the Middle Ages. St. John is believed to be buried in Samaria. He is the Patron Saint of the Knights Hospitaller and is believed to protect pilgrims to and from the Holy Land.

### **Donating to the Parish – Virgin Money**

Donations via the [Donation link](#) on the parish website in the last week have amounted to £612.00. Many thanks to those who responded to my request last week and have donated by this method. If you do use this link, please indicate whether your donation is for the parish, for Mass Stipends, the Memorial Candle or another charitable purpose. Many donors choose to remain anonymous but I would like to thank those who donate anonymously and those who let me know their names. I am very grateful.

*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](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*

### **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).

### **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/>) or the parish twitter account ([https://twitter.com/stteilos\\_olol](https://twitter.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 following week's newsletter.

## Children's Liturgy

Nick Davies continues to provide a copy of the sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend; many thanks to Nick for doing this. You might want to print it out and use it with your child.

Name .....

### Matthew 14.22-33

Peter, the disciple, learns what it means to trust Jesus when he steps out of his boat and walks towards him on the water.



### Activity time



Draw Peter being pulled up out of the water by Jesus after he started to sink.



## ROOTS Children's Sheet

9-15 August 2020



Write a letter from Peter to his mother explaining what happened on that day and how it made him feel.

Dear mum...

### Family time

**Talk** What kinds of situations can you think of where we have to be brave and 'step out' in faith?

**Do** As a family, all think of situations where you need to trust God more. Write them on sticky notes and put them somewhere that you will see and be reminded to pray through the week.

**Pray** Lord, please help us to be brave like Peter. We all have times when we need to be brave and trust in you. Teach us to rely on you, and to know you are always there, strengthening us. Amen.



Cross out the letters v, x, y and z to reveal a hidden message.

vPxeytvezr vsxyeypysz  
zoyutv xozf ythvez  
zbyvoxayty  
tvozwzaryvdxs  
yJxezysxuvsyz