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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 15th – 16th August 2020

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 15th August 2020				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 16 th 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)
Monday 17 th August	Online	10.00am	Fr. Maurice Gallagher OMI – Anniversary (JG)	The Matthews Family (JM)
Tuesday 18 th August	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	John Blackey – RIP (P&CS)	Private Intention
Wednesday 19 th August	Online	10.00am	Dennis Murphy – RIP	Chris Lewis – RIP (G&M)
Thursday 20 th August St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Tito and Ann Trisolini – RIP (Paolo)	Catherine A'Herne – RIP (Gerry)
Friday 21 st August St. Pius X, Pope	Online	10.00am	Holy Souls (Alex)	Brian Young – RIP (CBY)
Saturday 22 nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	James and Catherine Carroll – RIP (Paolo)
Sunday 23 rd August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Rae Evans - Anniversary	For all the Dead (CBY)

Mass Intentions

Many thanks to those parishioners who submitted Mass Intentions during the week. With the arrival of Fr. Dwayne, we benefit from having both of the priests celebrating Masses for the intentions of those who choose to request them. You will note both sets of intentions in the list above.

So please continue to show your usual generosity in requesting Masses. If you do wish to request a Mass, please do so by email to 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transferred from yesterday. As is our tradition in the parish, we will pray the Litany of Our Lady after the end of Mass today. Those who are attending via webcam please join us in the prayers. Those who

are attending in person are asked to leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion as usual.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady but we do not know when it first came to be celebrated. The "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated from the fourth century. 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.

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Saturday we celebrate the memoria of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This memoria, celebrated on the Octave day of the Assumption, is also commemorated in the fifth glorious mystery of the Rosary.

Why do we honour Mary as Queen? I am often asked. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. The idea of a Queen Regnant did not come about until the 16th century and is not implied in this title. Rather, this memoria reminds us that Mary is Queen because she is the Mother of Christ the King. In the Old Testament, we hear of many occasions when the mother of the king has great influence in court, so Mary as Queen Mother, is the great advocate for us with her Son.

In the fourth century, Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." There are numerous invocations in Mary's litany which celebrate her queenship. We will pray the Litany after Mass on Saturday.

Occasions when the Church is open 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 Masses 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 17th** for Mass on Tuesday, August 18th or Thursday, August 20th or Sunday, August 23rd. 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 the 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.

Please note that we have a number of our volunteers who 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 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

Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes

Paul Doherty, who is responsible for Health and Safety across the parish, has drawn up a plan for the socially distanced layout of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gabalfa. The plan shows that it would be possible to reopen the Church but with significantly reduced numbers of attendees and with similar requirements for stewards as we have for St. Teilo's (see above). Of our current stewards, only one is a regular attendee at Our Lady of Lourdes. As we do not have the facility to live stream Masses from Our Lady of Lourdes, celebrating Mass there would significantly reduce the number of people who could attend. It does not, therefore, make sense to cancel a Mass in St. Teilo's to have Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at present.

I am aware that many of the faithful parishioners who regularly attend Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be missing the Church. As soon as it becomes practical to do so, we will resume Mass in the Church. But for the present, our focus must be on enabling the largest number to attend Mass, whether by webcam or in person, which relies on the number of stewards who volunteer.

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.

Quote of the Week



'Happy are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.'
Gospel Acclamation for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Rest in Peace



Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Father Noel Williams, Father Michael Murphy, John Woodall, Charles Mullins,
Eileen Taylor, Terry Barnes, Doris Gibb, Michael Morris, Pat Hodder, Winifred
Kinsella, Constance Gaffney, Mary Wallace, Michael Reakes, Thomas Kelly,
Maldwyn Hughes, Eileen Barker, Lucicune Newell, Margaret Rowland, Rita Boston, James
Driscoll, Cecil Canlan, Margaret Compton, Mary Roberts, Annie Reilly, Pierette Hogg and Sylvia
Jones.

Churches Together in Whitchurch – Back together to pray



Canon Isaac and Rev. Davis at St. Teilo's - Photo by Fr. Dwayne Bednar

On Monday of this week Canon Isaac and Fr. Dwayne were joined by Rev. John Davis, Rector of Whitchurch, to celebrate the Midday Prayer of the Church at St. Teilo's. Together they prayed for all the people of the Catholic Parish of Whitchurch and the Anglican Benefice of Whitchurch including those who live in the area who do not share our faith. This was the first opportunity for shared prayer that has been possible since the start of the pandemic and is a reminder that while there remain things which still separate us, we are joined in a common faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Rev. Davis and Canon Isaac at St. Mary's - Photo by Fr. Dwayne Bednar

On Tuesday, the visit was reciprocated when Canon Isaac and Fr. Dwayne joined Rev. Davis for Midday Prayer at St. Mary's.

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

We blessed all three statues last Sunday at Mass and this reminded me to thank all the generous people who have donated towards the refurbished statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony and the new statue of St. John Vianney. The total of donations, including those received in the last week, have exceeded the cost of the work. Many thanks!

Canon Isaac

Saint of the Month – St. John the Baptist – August 29th

The National [Year of The God Who Speaks](#) team has 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 Hospitalier and is believed to protect pilgrims to and from the Holy Land.

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

Online Newsletter

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

 **Luke 1.39-45,46-55**
 Mary visits Elizabeth to tell her she is going to have a baby and they celebrate together.

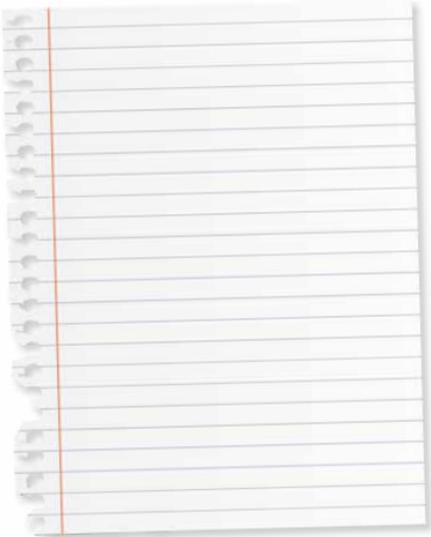


Activity time

 **Draw** Draw someone or something that makes you feel very happy.

ROOTS Children's Sheet

 **Write** Write about a time when you have been really joyful.



 **Family time**

Talk What are you joyful about at the moment?

Think of someone who is sad or lonely and do something to make them smile.

Pray
 Find a selection of items from around your house that make you feel happy. Bring them all to a quiet place and say thank you to God for each one.

 **Puzzle** Work out the clues to find three other words connected with JOY.

Clues across:

- To celebrate or be glad.
- To take delight or pleasure in.
- To be full of joy.

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3			Y				

Answers to puzzle: 1. Rejoice 2. Enjoy 3. Joyful

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