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

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## Parish Newsletter

**Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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<b>Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020</b>				
			<b>Canon</b>	<b>Fr. Dwayne</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Rae Evans - Anniversary	For all the Dead (CBY)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August St. Bartholomew, Apostle – Feast	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	John Salter – RIP (MS)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Margaret Ranner – RIP (Sonia)	Jack Wilshin – RIP (AW)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August St. David Lewis, Priest and Martyr	Online	10.00am	John Blackey - RIP	Wellbeing of Kathleen Doherty – Birthday (P&ED)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August St. Monica	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Canon Edmund Joseph Mullins - RIP	John Morgan (SM)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Online	10.00am	Reg Williams – RIP (Paolo)	Wellbeing of Derek Phillips (PW).
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August The Passion of St John the Baptist	Online	10.00am	Christina Lewis – RIP (Gerry)	Eileen John – RIP (Barbara)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	Mairead Sutherland – RIP	Mavis Julia Edwina Evans – RIP (JE)

### **Feast of St. Bartholomew – Apostle**

On Monday, we celebrate the feast of one of the lesser-known apostles, St. Bartholomew. All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts of the Apostles as one of the twelve Apostles. His name means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same person as the Nathanael mentioned in St. John's Gospel, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit."

St. Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners, plasterers, tailors, leatherworkers, bookbinders, farmers, housepainters, butchers and glove makers. The fair, celebrating his feast day in London, led to the famous hospital in the City to be named for him. Now known as St. Bart's, it continues to draw on his patronage for those who are sick.

### **St. David Lewis – Priest and Martyr**

On Wednesday, we celebrate the Welsh priest and martyr, St. David Lewis. He was known as "Tad y Tlodion" – Father of the Poor. St. David Lewis was sent to Wales in 1648, to the Jesuit Mission of St. Francis Xavier at a house called 'The Cwm' in the borders between Wales and England. He was to work here for the next thirty years. On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 1678 he was arrested at Llantarnam as he was preparing to say Mass. At his trial, he was condemned as a Roman Catholic Priest who said Mass, which was considered high treason against the Crown. For this, he was executed at Usk on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 1679. We remember his devotion to the faith and his desire to share it with those who were most under threat for following it. The usual pilgrimage to his shrine is cancelled this year but we can all pray for his intercession on Wednesday.

### **Saint Monica**

On Thursday, we celebrate the memoria of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. For years, Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before her husband's death, she successfully converted them. St. Augustine, who was a rebel at this time, was unwilling to follow his mother's example. St. Monica followed her son to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She continued her prayers for him and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance. We ask St. Monica's aid for all mothers who have special concern for their children.

### **St. Augustine of Hippo**

Friday sees the feast of St. Augustine of Hippo. Through St. Monica's prayers, St. Augustine was converted and began a new life of faith. He was baptised, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, the founder of an order of religious priests and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practised great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervour right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God but with his holy life, he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. We ask his aid in our journey of faith.

### **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

On Saturday, we celebrate the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Like Our Lord and Our Lady, St. John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. This one, in August, celebrates his death and the other, in June, celebrates his birth. This is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men, the greatest but also the most tragic. He was a prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God. His task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. Moreover, he did it! With unequalled courage, he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples - and the devil - would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptised and to seize his place in history. He did not, however: so, rightly, he has his place and he has glory in heaven. He is a wonderful example to us that Jesus must come first for us in all we do and say.

## Saint of the Month – St. John the Baptist



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 being 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.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>** for Mass on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, August 30<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 the Bishops' Conference Guidance. Mel and Carol have worked with the volunteers to ensure that 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](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*

### **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.

### **Polish First Holy Communion Celebrations**

The Polish Community will be celebrating First Holy Communion at St. Teilo's, in small groups, to take account of the social distancing requirements in the Church. The first First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Subsequent First Holy Communion Masses for the Polish Community will be on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, each at 11.00am.

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

Each day, where possible, following the Masses, Canon, Fr. Dwayne 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.

## **Tuning in online**

Many kind comments have been received from people who tune in to the daily mass at 10.00am and also those who attend the phone-in Mass each week. We have had comments from people from Wales, the UK and abroad.

I am really grateful for the positive comments on the live-stream Mass, Adoration and Benediction and how helpful it is for them during this challenging and difficult time. It is a great joy to me to know that even in small ways, we can continue to show the love of God to all those who wish to join with us in faith.

It is our calling as a Catholic community to share the good news of Jesus Christ and our online and phone ministry is simply a new way of continuing the age-old call to be faithful and share the gospel.

Every day at Mass we pray for the living and the dead, naming those for whom we have been specially asked to pray. This, I believe, is vital for the life of the parish and the wider-Church. We pray because we are united in our Catholic faith. We ask the saints to pray for us because we have the Communion of Saints to help us! We treasure the beautiful gift of the Catholic Mass because it is the centre of our entire lives.

Thanks for your continuing online presence and prayer.

*Canon Isaac*

## **Rest in Peace**



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of John Charles Driscoll, Mary O'Neill and Ignatius Angelo Silva. Mr. Driscoll's and Mrs. O'Neill's funerals will take place on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Silva's funeral will take place on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Catherine Fackrell, Edward Feeney, G. Clifford Geddes, Nellie Fitzharris, Clifford Hewett, Ray Gaul, Graham Thomas, Thomas Walsh, William Sullivan, Vilma Aviles, Jack Wilshin, Loredana James, Kathleen Wearing, Timothy Hurley, Eugene O'Neill, Eileen O'Brien, Bridget Hutchings, Catherine Williams, Stuart Clarke, Stewart Clarke, Thomas O'Donovan, Mavis Bickley, Catherine Yates, Annie Craggs, Edith Daly, Dennis O'Leary, Donald Diddins, Monica Daly, Eileen Carlson, Gladys Barret, Michael Foley, Marjorie Jay, Rita Hartigan, Julian Ions, Winifred Evans and Adrian Moule.

Please also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

## Quote of the Week



'O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.'

*The Collect – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

A big thank you to all who contributed to the renovation of the statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony. They look really splendid indeed! We have covered the full cost of the restoration, thanks to many generous donations. Mr. Paul Doherty is making a wooden plinth for the Sacred Heart. The new statue of the Cure d' Ars, the patron of parish priests and confessors, has been placed at the back of the Church near the confessional. I do hope you will join me in prayer and devotion to St. John Mary Vianney when you return to the Church.

The list of benefactors will be typed up and placed on the wall near the statue of the Sacred Heart, to enable us to pray for the intentions of the individuals and families who contributed. If I have omitted any names or misspelt them, other than those who requested to remain anonymous, please let me know by email and it will be corrected.

The list is as follows:

Natalie Walker  
Anthony O`Shea  
Val Dart  
Gail Gerrard  
Gerrard Lewis  
Mr and Mrs Toms  
Miss Ahearn  
Sonia Rees  
Anna Wilshin  
Fiona Sutherland  
Rita Daughton  
Tricia Cleary  
Peter and Chris Searle  
Margaret Hadley  
John Gallagher  
Joan MacDougall  
Gloria

*Canon Isaac*

## The Top Ten Biblical Heroes and Villains



The Year of the God Who Speaks team is sharing different perspectives on the bible and its stories, as part of its on-going work.



Currently the website is sharing the story of the '[Top Ten Biblical Heroes and Villains](#)'. There are stories and paintings of classic pairings of 'heroes' and 'villains' in the Bible. These include Samson and Delilah, David and Goliath, Elijah and Jezebel, Esther and Haman and Mary Magdalene and the Pharisees. Why not look at the paintings, read about the characters and share the stories with your loved ones?

## 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](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.

## 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/>)

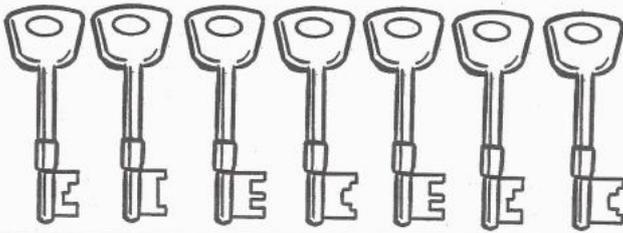
Updates are often made on these sites before they can appear in the following week's newsletter.

## 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.

Jesus said to Peter, 'I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...' Matthew 16:18-19 (NRSV)

1. Jesus said he would give to Peter the keys of the kingdom. Find the three pairs of keys that match, and put a circle round the odd one out.

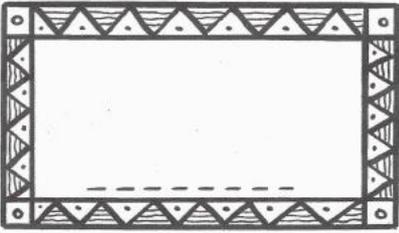


2. Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah. Below are the first letters of the word 'Messiah'. Use each of the letters to start a word or phrase that describes Jesus:

M \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
H \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus saw that Peter, who often said silly things, and got things wrong, could become a strong and responsible person. That's why Jesus gave him a new name. Draw a picture of yourself in the frame, put your name underneath, then say the prayer.

Dear God, please make me everything  
you want me to be in your kingdom. Amen.



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