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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 5th – 6th September 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 6th September 2020				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 6 th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Deceased Members of the Hall Family (CH)
Monday 7 th September	Online	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (MH)	Holy Souls (Alex)
Tuesday 8 th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	The Intercession of Our Lady	For the wellbeing of Rhodri Daly (Sick)
Wednesday 9 th Sept. St. Peter Claver	Online	10.00am	Terry – RIP Wellbeing of Cath and Mrs Ryan (WJI)	Wellbeing of Dave Harris (Paolo)
Thursday 10 th Sept.	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	John and Josephine Bending – RIP (RCB)	Baby Edward (Teddy) RIP (P&CdeS)
Friday 11 th September St. Deiniol, Bishop	Online	10.00am	John Blackey – RIP	Beatrice and Attilio Trisolini (Paolo)
Saturday 12 th Sept. Most Holy Name of Mary	Online	10.00am	Holy Souls	Christopher Ryan – RIP (Tricia)
Sunday 13 th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's and Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Christine Thomas – Anniversary (David and Carmel)

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, September 7th** for Mass on Tuesday, September 8th or Thursday, September 10th or Sunday, September 13th. 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.
- 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 the basket at the back of the Church, 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

While we have sufficient stewards for the weekday Masses throughout September and for the Sunday Mass the number of stewards for weekday Mass is very tight, so we encourage anyone who is able to volunteer to contact Mel as soon as possible.

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

We have had **no volunteers** for stewards for Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday evenings. I had hoped that we might be able to restart a Sunday Vigil Mass in English on Saturday evenings in the next few weeks but without people to act as stewards, we are not allowed to open the Church for Mass.

The plan was for Mass to take place at 5.30pm, with the Polish Vigil Mass following at 7pm. While the Polish Community is willing to take on responsibility for cleaning and sanitising the Church, we need four stewards to volunteer to steward the English language Mass for us to enable the Mass to take place; the Polish Community will steward the Polish Mass.

Please may I ask anyone who is able to attend Our Lady of Lourdes on a Saturday at 5.30pm and meets the criteria for stewards outlined above, to volunteer as soon as possible. Volunteers to steward should email Mel Hopkins – melfyn.hopkins@sky.com.

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, we will be led 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 and 2pm, 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. First Holy Communion Masses for the Polish Community will be on Saturday, September 19th, Saturday, September 26th and Saturday, October 3rd, each at 11.00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Fridays from now on. Due to work commitments, some of the cleaning team will be working in the Church at various times during the day on Friday, so we will not have the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Each day, apart from Friday, 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.

Prayer - My Jesus your heart is only Love

One of our parishioners has shared this prayer with us. If you have any prayers you would like to share with your fellow parishioners, please email them to whitchurch@rcadc.org and we will try to include them in the newsletter.

I trust in you Lord
but continue to help me in my moments of desperation and doubt.
Continue to call me to you by day and night,
in happiness and sadness,
in success and failure.
Do not permit me to ever leave you

Amen

Henri Nouwen

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Mary Anthony Simmons and Bethan Durkin. Mrs. Simmons' funeral will take place on Tuesday, September 8th and Mrs. Durkin's funeral will be at Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Tongwynlais at noon on Friday, September 11th. Bethan was an Anglican, but her husband, Mark, and two small daughters Rhiannon and Olivia, are Catholics and members of our parish. Bethan would often attend Mass with her family at St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes. Please also keep Mark and the girls in your prayers at this difficult time for them.

We pray for Danielle and Matthew whose baby son Edward John (Teddy) died just eight days after his birth. Teddy, a great grandson of our parishoners Paul and Christine de Souza, was baptised before his death and now shares the glory of all those who have died without the stain of sin. Please pray for Baby Teddy's parents and family at this difficult time.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Baker, Elizabeth Light, Thomas Fitzgerald, William Gibbs, Joan Cass, Patrick Sullivan, Marcus O'Connor, Daniel Driscoll, David Lloyd, Donald Rabaiotti. Christina Bartlett, Daniel Collins, Collette James, Anna French, Elizabeth Bailey, Salvatore Defiglio, Margaret Griffiths, Marjorie Ulrich, Eva Jordan, Albert Cronin, William Harrington, Louise Murray, Winifred Evans, John Wood, Kathleen Mansfield, Mathew O'Neill, Gwendoline Elswood, Louisa Aherne, Charles Cunningham, Mary Doubler, Alfred O'Brien, Gertrude Rix, Bertha Fraser and Bernard Clarke.

Quote of the Week



"Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth."
Gospel Acclamation for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Catechists have discussed how we might manage the group of children who began their First Holy Communion preparation just before lockdown. The Catechists believe that the best option is to start the programme again in the New Year and work towards a May First Holy Communion for both the existing candidates and those new candidates who will be eligible in 2021. The Catechists feel that with so much uncertainty at the present time and over the next few months, they did not want to restart and then have to suspend the programme again in the winter months. The Catechists hope and pray that things will be a bit more settled in the New Year and look forward to welcoming the children and their parents back to the programme.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birthdate was chosen, not for any historical reason but because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September and this feast was central to their practice of the faith. From the East it spread into the Western Church. The September 8th date also helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, nine months earlier.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal gospels reflect the development of Christian piety. According to the account in one of these gospels, St. Anna and St. Joachim were infertile but prayed for a child. They received the promise of a child who would advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the very beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace. We are invited to celebrate this feast and rejoice in Mary's role in her Son's life and her aid to us when we ask for her intercession.

Saints of the Week – Wednesday – St. Peter Claver

St. Peter Claver was born in Catalonia of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8th, 1604. While studying philosophy at Majorca, the young religious was influenced by St. Alphonsus Rodriguez to go to the Indies and save "millions of perishing souls." In 1610, he landed at Cartagena, modern-day Colombia in South America, the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the Black slaves - a work that was to last for thirty-three years. He laboured unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Black slave trade, and the love he lavished on them was something that transcended the natural order. He is the Patron Saint of slaves, the Republic of Colombia and of pastoral ministry to African-Americans. This is a reminder that, even in the 17th Century, the Church understood and lived out the truth, which is a theme of our own time, that Black Lives Matter.

The Holy Name of Mary

Saturday sees another of the traditional feasts that honour Our Lady, the memoria of the Holy Name of Mary. The feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in Spain and was approved in 1513. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended the celebration of the feast day to the universal church, to be celebrated on September 12th in honour of the great victory of the Christian forces, led by King Jan Sobieski of Poland, at the battle of Vienna. The King had visited the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on his way to the battle, to ask Our Lady's aid and celebrated the victory of the day before on this day by a Mass at the basilica in Vienna.

So we celebrate this day, the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day on which the inexpressible love of the Mother of God for her Holy Child is recalled and the eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the Redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion, confident that she will present our prayers to her Son.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Later this week, Canon Isaac is undertaking a pilgrimage to the English National Shrine to Our Lady at Walsingham. If you would like Canon to pray at the shrine for your intentions, or take those intentions with him and leave them at the shrine, please email them to whitchurch@rcadc.org before Wednesday morning.

Our Lady of Walsingham is the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated by Catholics in England since the Marian apparitions to Richeldis de Faverches, a pious English noblewoman, in 1061. Lady Richeldis had a structure built named "The Holy House" in Walsingham which later became a shrine and place of pilgrimage. In passing on his guardianship of the Holy House, Richeldis's son Geoffrey left instructions for the building of a priory in Walsingham. The Priory became the National Shrine to Our Lady until the time of the Reformation when Thomas Cromwell removed the statue of Our Lady from the Shrine and closed the Priory.

Renewed devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham began when the Church was allowed to worship freely in England after the Reformation. In 1954, Pope Pius XII granted a canonical coronation of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at the Catholic shrine in the Basilica. The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, known as the Slipper Chapel, was originally a pilgrim chapel on the way to what is now the Anglican shrine to Our Lady. After the Reformation, the Chapel was used as a poor house, a forge, a cow shed and a barn. It was restored to the Catholic Church in 1896. The Rededication of England to Mary as her Dowry took place at the Shrine on March 29th in a virtual way as the country was in lockdown. It renewed the commitment made by King Richard II in 1381, that England would ever be the Dowry of Mary. Please pray for Canon as he makes his pilgrimage to this ancient shrine and takes some much needed time for personal prayer and reflection after the extra devoted care he has given to his parishioners and to the many others who have been supported both online and face-to-face since the beginning of the pandemic.

Fr. Dwayne will say daily Mass in Canon's absence. Canon will say Mass each day for the intentions advertised in the newsletter.

Pastoral Care of the Housebound in the Parish

Many thanks to the two parishioners and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul members who were the only people to respond to my plea from last week. If you can help with the request below, please could you email whitchurch@rcadc.org as soon as possible.

Since the beginning of the lockdown, I have tried to stay in touch by telephone with those people who are on our parish sick communion list. For those who live locally to the Church, I have, where possible, dropped off copies of the Catholic Universe to parishioners. Though I am aware that, with so many other things going on, this contact has not always been as regular as I would have liked. But I thank those with whom I have been in contact during this time for their thanks and concern.

As we are gradually moving back towards the 'new normal', Fr. Dwayne and I would like to make sure that no one who is housebound and unable to attend Mass is left out of contact with the Church. If you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass or access the online Masses via a computer, tablet or mobile phone, please let me know as soon as possible. I have already asked the SVP, who do such valuable work in the parish, to share their list of contacts with me. I would like each of you as parishioners to think carefully about the Catholics who sat near you during Mass before the lockdown, or who live in your street or local community. We will, of course, respect the data protection of any names and contact details which are given to us. If you have names and contact details, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

We hope, when we have a complete list, to be able to ensure weekly phone contact with the people concerned and to post them a printed copy of the Parish Newsletter. It is vital at this time that we do not forget the sick and the housebound and ensure that we, as an active parish community, remain in contact with them. I would like to thank the SVP who have continued to support people, at a distance, over the last few months, and hope that others might be willing to give some help to print and post the newsletters or be involved in the telephone contact. If so, please let me know.

If you have any other ideas of ways you could help the sick and housebound safely, from your own home, please let me know, on the email address above. All ideas are welcome. Fr. Dwayne and I will do our best to support all the initiatives that are suggested. Many thanks in advance.

Canon Isaac

The Season of Creation

At the present time the Church is celebrating the Season of Creation which began on Tuesday, September 1st and continues until Sunday October 4th – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has provided resources and a video of Pope Francis, as part of its encouragement for us all to celebrate this season, especially in a year when the whole world seems in turmoil. The material and a background to the Season of Creation [can be found here](#).

The Top Ten Pop Culture Playlist



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.



This week you are invited to share the team's view of the top ten artists in popular culture who have used Christian religious imagery in their lyrics. <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/our-top-tens/our-top-ten-pop-culture-playlist/>. Our more mature parishioners will be familiar with the first five of the ten; hopefully our younger listeners will be familiar with the latter three or four. Why not have a look and see how the gospel impacts on pop music from the 1960s to 2019?

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving

As from this week all donations to the Parish made online should be completed at a new web address (url): <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

The donation button on the front page of the Parish website has been updated to take account of the change.

You will notice some slight differences on the Virgin Money Giving page from the previous version but the main functions will operate just as before.

When we set up the original page at the start of the pandemic it enabled us to provide an immediate solution to address the financial needs of the Parish. To speed the set up of the site all the donations were directed to the Archdiocesan bank account and paid back to the Parish Account from the Archdiocese.

Now we have settled into using Virgin Money Giving, and have some time to sort things out, we, along with the other parishes of the Archdiocese, have been able to set up a new page so that all donations come straight to the Parish bank account, rather than via Archbishop's House.

Please continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one off donations or consider a Standing Order for regular monthly donations to the life of the Parish. If you would like to set up a standing order please e-mail whitchurch@rcadc.org for more information.

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.

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.

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

Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus teaches us how to deal with someone who upsets us.



Family time

Talk Why is it best to deal with issues rather than 'sweep them under the carpet'?

Do Watch *Toy Story* [PG] and think about the way Woody confronts Buzz with the things he is not happy about.

Pray Thank you, God, for all the people in our lives. Sorry for the times we upset one another. If something is wrong, help us not to bottle it up, but to deal with it and put things right.

Amen.

Activity time



Join the dots to discover who has promised to be with us, even if just two or three are gathered.



Puzzle

Help this boy to find his friend so they can talk and 'make up'.



ROOTS Children's Sheet

6-12 September 2020



Write a diary entry about a time you made up with a friend you'd fallen out with.

