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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 6th and 7th February 2021

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 7 th February				
			Canon	Fr. Dwayne
Sunday 7 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	John Riordan – Anniversary (C&DT)
Monday 8 th February St. Jerome Emiliani	Online	10.00am	Wellbeing of the Thomas family (PP)	Vera Burrows – Anniversary (CB)
Tuesday 9 th February St. Teilo, Bishop – Patronal Feast – Solemnity	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	Maureen Lee – RIP (SVP)
Wednesday 10 th February St. Scholastica, Virgin	Online	10.00am	In thanksgiving for the recovery of AB (PP)	John Blackey – RIP
Thursday 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick	Online	10.00am	For all the Sick	In Thanksgiving
Friday 12 th February	Online	10.00am	Michael Bradshaw – RIP (PP)	Terry O’Connell – RIP
Saturday 13 th February Our Lady	Online	10.00am	Private Intention	For the Wellbeing of All COVID-19 Sufferers (TC)
Sunday 14 th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Online	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	David and Helen Purnell – RIP

Quote of the Week



“I would like so much for all Christians to be able to comprehend ‘the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ through the diligent reading of the Word of God, for the sacred text is the nourishment of the soul and the pure and perennial source of the spiritual life of all of us.’”

Pope Francis in his address to the members of the United Bible Society on the publication of the new bible translation in Italian – September 29th, 2014



St. Teilo's remains closed for public worship,

Due to the Alert Level Four in place for the whole of Wales, with a very high risk of infection and the 'at risk' profile of many of our parishioners, **Mass will be live streamed only from St. Teilo's** until further notice.

Please take the Welsh Government advice and STAY AT HOME if at all possible.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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.

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.

Dial for Mass

We 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.

Canon Isaac

Canon continues to make progress and has had his first Covid-19 vaccination. He will shortly have a liver biopsy to check if the recent operation has had the desired effect. If so, plans will go ahead for the major operation in three or four weeks' time. Please continue to keep Canon in your prayers.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Cooney, a faithful parishioner who regularly attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and Mrs. Irena Davis, a faithful parishioner who attended Mass at 11am at St. Teilo's until moving into care at the BUPA home in Heol Don. Mr. Cooney's Requiem

Mass is on Friday, February 12th at St. Teilo's at noon. Mrs Davis' Requiem Mass is on Thursday, February 25th at 12.15pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family members and invited guests. However online attendance at both Requiem Masses will be available on the Parish Livestream.

Please pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr. Francis Morris, Francis Lynch, Maria Britton, Mary Hayes, George Walsh, Eileen Grady, Josephine Glover, William Brien, Charlies Crowley, John Hudson, Ethel Cashman, Stephen Jenkins, Patricia Burrows, Catherine Collins, Frederick Stenson, Constance Davies, Muriel O'Hanlon, Cyril Watts, Elfrieda Davies, Joanna Lynch, Huw Thomas, Phyllis Davis, James McNulty, Stanley Webb, Mary Maskill, James Poole, Margaret Melia, Mary Perrins, Mary Grace, Elizabeth Jenkins, Guiseppe Gagliardi, Joseph Daly and Eric Richard (Dick) Dicketts.

Saint Teilo's Day – Tuesday February 9th



St. Teilo - Photo Courtesy of Dave Harris

Tuesday is the celebration of our Parish Patronal Feast. As usual, Mass will be at 10.00am but as the patron of a church is celebrated as a Solemnity in that church, Mass will include the Gloria and Creed as is fitting for a Solemnity.

St. Teilo was a 6th century monk and Bishop. He was a very popular saint in Wales with more churches dedicated to his name than any saint other than St. David. According to tradition, St. Teilo studied under St. Paulinus at the monastic school at Whitland, Carmarthenshire. Here he met and became firm friends with St. David. St. Teilo subsequently travelled with him to Mynyw, now known as St. David's, where St. David set up his religious community. As a Bishop, St. Teilo founded the Cathedral Church at Llandaff, where he is buried and the great Abbey in the town named after him, Llandeilo. St. Teilo was also a missionary, travelling to Brittany to share the faith. He is commemorated in many churches dedicated to him in Brittany. The feast day of St. Teilo is celebrated on February 9th in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church in Wales, but in November in Cornwall and Brittany. As well as being our Parish Patron, St. Teilo is the Patron Saint of the City of Cardiff.

A Prayer to St. Teilo

O God, by whose grace
the Bishop Saint Teilo
taught Your Church with simplicity
and sustained her in adversity by his prayers,
grant her, we pray, in our own day,
through his intercession and example,
guidance and consolation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

An Invitation to Hope: Mission through Prayer and Lament



The Bible Society invites the Church to gather online to pray and lament for our nation, as we seek God together.

This ecumenical event will be held on **Tuesday, February 9th from 10:00 – 11:30 am.**

Led by Christian leaders from multiple traditions and cultural spheres, we will spend time in lament, prayer and reflection, asking God what He is doing and how we can partner with Him in a new wave of mission across our country. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP will be one of the speakers.

We so hope you will be able to join the event. [You can book your free place now.](#)

Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick



Our Lady of Lourdes - Photo courtesy of Dave Harris

Thursday, February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. While we do not have Mass in our Church at Gabalfa this year, we celebrate the memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday. The day is also the World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. This is a very important theme of prayer for us at this time,

Pope Francis has written a message for the World Day of the Sick which is well worth a read:

Dear brothers and sisters,

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on February 11th, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care, both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalised, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern.

The theme of this Day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticises the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (cf. Mt 23:1-12). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the Creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. That is why Jesus uses strong language about the peril of falling into self-idolatry. He tells us: “You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (v. 8).

Jesus’ criticism of those who “preach but do not practise” (v. 3) is helpful always and everywhere, since none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity.

Before the needs of our brothers and sisters, Jesus asks us to respond in a way completely contrary to such hypocrisy. He asks us to stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them (cf. Lk 10:30-35).

The experience of sickness makes us realise our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are ill, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life’s incessant worries (cf. Mt 6:27).

Sickness raises the question of life’s meaning, which we bring before God in faith. In seeking a new and deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer. Nor are our relatives and friends always able to help us in this demanding quest.

The biblical figure of Job is emblematic in this regard. Job’s wife and friends do not accompany him in his misfortune; instead, they blame him and only aggravate his solitude and distress. Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet for all his extreme frailty, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others. He cries out to God so insistently that God finally answers him and allows him to glimpse a new horizon. He confirms that Job’s suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less a sign of God’s indifference. Job’s heart, wounded and healed, then makes this vibrant and touching confession to the Lord: “I had heard of You by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen You” (42:5).

Sickness always has more than one face: it has the face of all the sick, but also those who feel ignored, excluded and prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 22). The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick. Elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. This is the result of political decisions, resource management and greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility. Investing resources in the care and assistance of the sick is a priority linked to the fundamental principle that health is a primary common good. Yet the pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and

served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family.

Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering. As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin. United to Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be merciful like the Father and to love in particular our frail, infirm and suffering brothers and sisters (cf. Jn 13:34-35). We experience this closeness not only as individuals but also as a community. Indeed, fraternal love in Christ generates a community of healing, a community that leaves no one behind, a community that is inclusive and welcoming, especially to those most in need.

Here I wish to mention the importance of fraternal solidarity, which is expressed concretely in service and can take a variety of forms, all directed at supporting our neighbours. "Serving means caring ... for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people" (Homily in Havana, 20 September 2015). In this outreach, all are "called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable... Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, 'suffers' that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people" (ibid.).

If a therapy is to be effective, it must have a relational aspect, for this enables a holistic approach to the patient. Emphasising this aspect can help doctors, nurses, professionals and volunteers to feel responsible for accompanying patients on a path of healing grounded in a trusting interpersonal relationship (cf. New Charter for Health Care Workers [2016], 4). This creates a covenant between those in need of care and those who provide that care, a covenant based on mutual trust and respect, openness and availability. This will help to overcome defensive attitudes, respect the dignity of the sick, safeguard the professionalism of healthcare workers and foster a good relationship with the families of patients.

Such a relationship with the sick can find an unfailing source of motivation and strength in the charity of Christ, as shown by the witness of those men and women who, down the millennia, have grown in holiness through service to the infirm. For the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection is the source of the love capable of giving full meaning to the experience of patients and caregivers alike. The Gospel frequently makes this clear by showing that Jesus heals not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship, in which God's gift finds a response in the faith of those who accept it. As Jesus often repeats: "Your faith has saved you".

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope and help us care for one another with fraternal love. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing.

Pope Francis

Bringing Lourdes Home – Four days of prayer in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

BRINGING LOURDES HOME

Our Lady of Lourdes is known throughout the world to intercede for both spiritual and physical healing. During this time last year, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France closed its gates for the first time in over a century. The Sanctuary has a privileged place in our hearts of prayer for and with the sick. It is still a place of intercession. The last year has taken its toll on many people in different ways, whether emotionally, spiritually, or physically. Let us unite ourselves in prayer during these 3-days Novena with all those who seek the healing intercession of Our Blessed Lady.



Let us pray for those who are sick. Let us reflect on and respond to human suffering and pain. Let us recognize and honour all those who work in health care and serve as caregivers.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us
St Demetrius, pray for us*



JOIN US EACH NIGHT

When : 8th February – 10th February (Monday till Wednesday)

Time : 7pm – 8pm

Zoom Link : 868-571-1627 / Password : cathedral

FEAST DAY : 11th February (Thursday)

Time : 6pm (Rosary followed by Mass)

Live-Stream : www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk

Reflection by Guest Clergy

Rosary

Novena Prayers

For all couples whose wedding plans have been impacted by the pandemic



The Family Life Commission
would like to invite
All couples whose wedding plans
have been impacted by Covid 19
to join them for a
***'Service of Unity and
Commitment'***
along with other couples from
across the Archdiocese of Cardiff
on Saturday February 13th

This is a special service for anyone who

- Was due to get married in 2020? 2021?
- Has had their Wedding day been postponed?
... maybe more than once?!
- Had to change their wedding plans considerably?
- Did get married, but the wedding couldn't be as planned?

11am Saturday,
February 13th 2021
Live streamed from
St Bridgid's RC Church,
Cardiff

<http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/>

In recognition of the turmoil that social distancing and various lockdown restrictions have had on those planning to marry over the past 12 months and for the foreseeable future, the Archdiocesan Family Life Commission is to hold a special Service of Unity and Commitment on Saturday, February 13th at 11am, be led by Canon Matthew Jones (FLC Priest Advisor) and Deacon Christian Mahoney in St Bridgid's, Cardiff.

Participation will be via livestream only, though couples will be given the opportunity to play an active role in the liturgy; details together with the Order of Service will be available via 3 Churches parish website, <http://3churches.org>

The webcam link for the service is <http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/>

Whilst this is primarily a service for the couples affected themselves, all are welcome to tune and join the Family Life Commission in praying for these couples whose married lives have not got off to the start everyone would hope for.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School – Nursery Applications

The application system for nursery admission to Christ the King Catholic Primary School will be open from Monday, January 18th to Monday, February 22nd. Application forms will be available on the School website – <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk/> or by email – christthekingprm@cardiff.gov.uk

Online Events for The Year of the God who Speaks 2021



The Diocese of Northampton is offering a Zoom session called 'Many more began to believe in Him because of His Word' (Jn 4:41). John's Gospel and the Season of Lent on Tuesday, February 16th between 7.30-8.30 pm. All are welcome to attend, but most book in advance. Please book by emailing - admin@nores.org.uk



The Diocese of Menevia also has a programme of Scripture Talks for 2021. The next one is on Saturday, February 20th between 11am and 1pm and will be led by Fr. Liam Bradley on the topic of 'Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis'. The talk will be available on the day at The Diocese of Menevia School of Evangelisation & Catechetics [website](#).

The previous talk, given by Fr. Tim McGrath, Parish Priest of Bridgend, on The Book of Revelation: Signs and Symbols for Understanding the Bible is available [here](#).

Housebound Parishioners without internet access

If any parishioner knows of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound and unable to access the parish newsletter online, please let us know at whitchurch@rcadc.org so that the newsletter can be mailed directly to them. Many thanks to Peter Searle who prints and posts the newsletter to housebound parishioners each week.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving

Donations to the parish made online should be completed at the following web address: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

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

If you would like to book Mass Intentions, please do so by email to whitchurch@rcadc.org. The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website. 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.

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/>).

Children's Liturgy and Family Time

The sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend is below; many thanks to Nick for providing them and for all that he is doing to support the children of our parish at this time. You can access the companion Family Time Leaflet by clicking on [this link](#).

Name _____

ROOTS Activity Sheet

7-13 February 2021
Epiphany 5



Mark 1.29-39

Jesus spends an ordinary day doing extraordinary things: healing, praying, and telling others the good news.



Jesus showed his friends what was important to him.



Can you put the pictures of Jesus' day in the right order? Write the numbers 1-3 to show in which order these scenes happened.



Write a word or phrase using each letter of 'Good news', to show what Jesus' priorities were. One has been done for you.

G _____
opening his heart to everyone
o _____
d _____
n _____
e _____
w _____
s _____



Simon couldn't find Jesus. Join the dots to find out what Jesus was doing.

