



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

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## Parish Newsletter



### Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Mass Today** - The Mass readings and prayers for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time are on page 135 of the Mass Book.

#### Quote of the Week



"I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them and I will be their Lord forever." *Entrance Antiphon for Mass of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*



#### Attending Sunday Mass

The parish has three Sunday Masses, the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday, the 10am Mass on Sunday morning and a 6pm Mass on Sunday evening. There is now **no need to book** to attend Mass. However, face coverings/masks are still required.

If you are coming to one of the Sunday Masses, you still **need to record your attendance** for the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service. This can be done in one of three ways:

- Registering for Mass via the online system – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-at-st-teilos-church-whitchurch-cardiff-tickets-150242307787> (pre-existing bookings will now be treated as registrations).
- Using the NHS Track and Trace app and the QR code at the Church Entrance.
- Writing your name and email or contact number on the sheets at the back of the Church.

#### Weekday Mass Times

Mass this week is celebrated at St. Teilo's at 10am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and on Wednesday evening at 7pm. There is no need to book to attend weekday Mass.

#### Church Open for Silent Prayer – Monday and Friday

St. Teilo's will be open for private prayer on Monday and Friday from Mass time until 5.30pm. You are welcome to call in at any time. You will need either to 'Check-in' using the NHS Covid-19 app to log the QR code in the Church porch or to add your name and phone number to the sign in sheet. You are required to sanitise as you enter and leave the Church. You may remove your face covering if you are alone in the Church but if someone else is present you will need to wear your face covering.

#### Confirmation Preparation

The cohort, which began to prepare for Confirmation in February 2020, has now returned to their preparations on Monday evenings at 6pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. The preparation programme, for those who are due to be confirmed and have not yet begun to prepare, will begin in January 2022. Full details of how to enrol for the programme will appear in future newsletters.

#### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in St. Teilo's Hall on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm. More information about the Parish Council and the approved Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the parish website – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/parish-advisory-council/>

### **Association of the Propagation of the Faith (APF) – Missio**

We have been collecting red boxes and contacting red box holders over the past month. If you have not been contacted and would like to have your box emptied or collected or do not have a box but would like to start, please contact Peter Jones on 07594693054. Thank you.

### **Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg – Mass in Welsh**

Bydd yr Offeren yn cael ei dathlu yn Gymraeg unwaith eto yn eglwys Teilo Sant ar Sul olaf y mis. Ryn ni'n edrych ymlaen yn fawr at gael ymgynnull yn rheolaidd eto ar ôl cyfnod mor hir. Mae offeiriad y plwyf, y Canon John Griffiths, yn edrych ymlaen at ein croesawu 'nôl a bydd y Tad Peter Davies yn dathlu'r Offeren fisol am 4.30 o'r gloch, gan gychwyn ar Fedi 26<sup>ain</sup>. Mass will be celebrated in Welsh on the last Sunday of the month at St. Teilo's at 4.30pm. Next Sunday will be the first Welsh Mass at St. Teilo's since February 2020. Fr. Peter Davies will celebrate the Mass. As a parish we welcome the Welsh language community back to its celebration of Mass in Welsh. Croeso!

### **Catholic People**

The September edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper Catholic People is now available here – <https://rcadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Cardiff-September-2021.pdf>

### **Second Run of the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme**

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce a second run of its Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme. The first run was very successful. Participants were enthusiastic about it and several of them have written glowing comments about it.

### **Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish.**

The Programme has been approved by His Grace, Archbishop George Stack. It is a seven-week programme, running for one and half hours via Zoom on one evening a week. The dates will be Tuesday, September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th and November 2nd and 9th. It will be delivered once again by members of the Evangelisation Commission. The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese. For more information and to register for the Programme, please email Madeleine Walters at [madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org)

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

From Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin to have periods of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Teilo's on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6:55pm and Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12.00 Noon.

In Eucharistic Adoration we come before the Lord in silent prayer open to listen to him who is present among us. Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of adoration when at the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest he said: "Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist to transform us, just as it transformed the great and courageous saints... Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralysing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us." Adoration and prayer are central to all that we do as a parish, the prayer will be the powerhouse for our future parish development.

*Fr. John*

### **Father's day off**

Since arriving in the Parish I have tried to identify the best day to take as my rest day. I know after so many years that a day of rest is critical for me to work among you as a faithful priest. Following this reflection, I am planning, from the start of October to take Monday as my day off, which means that from that date there will be no Mass at St. Teilo's on a Monday. We are blessed in Cardiff to have access to many other churches, so I hope those who like to attend daily Mass will be able to do so at St. Brigid's, St. Joseph's or the Cathedral, all of which have Monday Mass. *Fr. John*

## **Attending Mass at Covid-19 Alert Level Zero**

When attending Mass, you:

- Must wear a face covering (over your nose and mouth).
- Are requested to take your temperature on entry to the Church.
- Leave contact details if you have not pre-registered for Mass.
- Try not to 'bunch' up beside those not in your Household group.
- Do not leave your seat other than for Holy Communion or to pray at one of the votive positions.
- Try, where possible to avoid sitting directly behind someone. This will give a more open and 'comfortable' feel to spacing and for those who are a little uncertain in the new environment.
- Cards will be offered to place beside anyone who is concerned saying, "PLEASE RESPECT THIS SPACE". These are available for those who wish to use them. If you do wish to use them, please pick them up from a Welcomer.

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

## **Reflections on the future**

In the light of the Bishops' Conference decision to reinstate the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from the First Sunday of Advent, we as a parish need to consider what is the best arrangements for Sunday Mass as we see more people returning to Mass from that date. Each of us, I'm sure, would prefer Mass to be at a time which is convenient to our own Sunday plans, but across the weekend we need to schedule Masses which are at the best time for as many people as possible. The current arrangements for the time of Masses emerged due to Covid restrictions. This was determined by the need to keep the Church unused for a significant period between each Mass. These restrictions have now changed. The Code of Canon Law (Canon 905) says that "the local ordinary can allow priests to celebrate twice a day for a just cause, or if pastoral necessity requires it, even three times on Sundays and holy days of obligation." So, any plans we have for the future need to take account that as a priest I can only say three Sunday Masses.

So, what do you think? Is the current pattern of 6pm on Saturday and Sunday and 10am on Sunday morning working well, or would we want to remove one of the evening Masses and return to Sunday morning Masses at 9am and 11am? If so, would we stop the Saturday or Sunday evening Mass. Whatever you think, please let me know either by emailing the parish – [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org) or telephoning the presbytery or calling in to see me. *Fr. John*

## **Piety Stall and CTS Stand**

If you have been able to attend Mass recently, you will have noticed that the Piety Stall has now reopened at the back of the Church. The Catholic Truth Society stand has also now reopened. Why not visit the stall/stand and see the wide range of reading materials, prayer cards, greeting cards and various devotional items available?

## **Children's Liturgy**

The Children's Liturgy team is monitoring the current situation with the pandemic and will resume the Children's Liturgy when they judge that the time is right. In the meantime, you can access this week's Children's resource at this link – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/3-Children-19-sept.pdf> and the Family resource here – <https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/C-family-19-sept.pdf>

## **Donations to the Parish**

Donations in Church last weekend amounted to £351.01. Standing Orders for August amounted to £2,201.00 and Donations via Virgin Money in August amounted to £680.28. Many thanks to all parishioners for their on-going generosity to the work of the Church.

**Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Eileen and Terry Jones – RIP
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Holy Souls
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St. Paul Chong Hasang and their Companions – Martyrs	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Canon Richard Byron – RIP
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September St. Matthew – Apostle and Evangelist – Feast	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Anthony Dart and Madeleine Moore – RIP (VD)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	7.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Joan Ryan – Recently Deceased (TC)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Private Intention
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Ken and Franic Williams – RIP (CMJ)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September Our Lady's Saturday	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Holy Souls
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Wellbeing of Mike Craven (NW)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Alan Griffiths – Recently Deceased (P&CS)
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	<b>Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg – Mass in Welsh</b>
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish

**Confessions**

Fr. John will be available for Confessions in the confessional in the Church from 10.30am to 11am after Saturday Mass.

**Mass Attendance** – Last weekend's Mass attendance was as follows:

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm	44
	10am	56
	6pm	45

**Rest in Peace**



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr. Rowland Evans, Albert Wallace, Lionel Sharp, Toni Taylor, Julie Taylor, Julia Clarke, Joseph Flanagan, Colin Jones, James Thomas, Anthony Dart, Rita Lafrate, Patricia Jones, Albert Coates, Terence Quinn, Patrick O'Driscoll, Byron Jones, Anthony Daly, George Richards, Joan Brennan, James Davies, Paul Thompson, Sheila Downes, Margaret Hill, Benjamin Main, Edith Burns, Violet Brown, Owen McCann, Dot Skehan, Dennis O'Keefe, Elanor Barber, Christopher Larkin, Breege Walsh, Muriel Murray, Timothy Burke, Mary Morris, Elizabeth Reakes, Jessie Davies, Thomas Reynolds, Stan Soreson, Patrick Callaghan and Patricia Smith.