



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

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## Parish Newsletter



### Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Mass Readings

The Mass readings and prayers for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time are on page 144 of the Parish Mass Book. The readings and prayers for Ash Wednesday are on page 149 of the Parish Mass Book.

#### Parish Council

The election for the Parish Council was concluded last weekend and 107 parishioners voted. There was a tie for eighth place, so Fr. John has decided that the Parish Council will have 9 elected members, rather than the 8 which was originally planned. The 9 elected members of the Parish Council are, in alphabetical order of surname, are:

Claude Bulai  
Carole Burns  
Anthony Evans  
Marcia Fortner  
Clare Gallagher  
Jo Hudson  
Angela Jones  
Christine Searle  
Madeleine Walters

The elected members will serve alongside the four ex-officio, i.e. those that are appointed by virtue of their parish role. Paul Doherty, Parish Health and Safety Representative, Gerry Lewis, Parish Safeguarding Officer, David Roblin, Parish Treasurer and Peter Searle, Parish Finance Committee Chair.

The first meeting of the new Parish Council will take place on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We ask the Lord to bless the new Parish Council in its work to further the pastoral development of the parish community of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes.

I would like to thank all those who stood for election and am especially grateful to those who were not successful in being elected on this occasion. They have all been generous in their responses and in continuing to support the parish, if not in this particular role.

*Fr. John*

#### **Synodal Process – Final day for data collection – please return your 'Have your Say' forms**

Following the final listening session on Saturday, we now need to gather all the paper based 'Have Your Say' forms. Could you please make sure you return your form to the back of the Church after Mass this weekend? If you have forgotten to bring the form, could you please drop it off at the presbytery either later today or tomorrow? The latest time for receipt will be the end of Monday as the forms, along with the reports from the listening sessions, now need to be collated and analysed into the Parish Report which we will share with you shortly.

#### **Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg**

Heddiw bydd y gymuned Gymraeg yn dathlu Offeren yn Gymraeg am 4.30pm. Today, we welcome the Welsh language community who will be celebrating Mass in Welsh at 4.30pm. Croeso!

## **Children's Liturgy**

We are very grateful to Nick Davies, a member of the Children's Liturgy team, who continues to provide resources designed for children and families. The resources can be found on the parish website. The children's resource for this weekend can be found here – <https://stteilos-lol.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/27Feb-C.pdf>

## **Confirmation**

If you are the parent of a young person in Year 8 or above who has not yet been confirmed, you are asked to consider enrolling him/her on this year's Confirmation Programme.

The programme will begin with a Parents' Information Evening **this Monday**, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. This will be followed by an Enrolment Mass at 10am on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and the programme for the young people will continue on Monday evenings at 6pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall.

Enrolment Forms are available at the back of both Churches and they, along with a copy of the confirmandi's Baptismal Certificate, should be brought to the Parents' Information Evening on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **St. David's Day**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, is the celebration of the Patron Saint of Wales, St. David. Why not celebrate St. David's Day and pray for all the people of Wales by joining in Mass at 10.00am on the Solemnity of our nation's Patron?

## **Chapter Mass and Installation – St. David's Day**

The Chapter of Canons of the Cathedral is celebrating a Chapter Mass at the Cathedral on the Feast of St. David, Tuesday, March 1st at 12.45pm. All are welcome to attend. At that Mass Fr. Nicholas James, Parish Priest of Monmouth, will be installed as a member of the Cathedral Chapter of Canons.

## **Dydd Gŵyl Dewi – Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg**

Why not come along to celebrate St. David's Day at Mass in Welsh? Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Peter Davies at St. Teilo's on Tuesday, March 1st at 6pm. Bilingual booklets will be provided. Croeso cynnes i bawb!

## **Are you ready for 'What is God saying to the Church?' – Online Event Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

All are welcome to attend the online event arranged by the Divine Renovation UK team to reflect on what God is saying to the Church as we begin to move out of the Pandemic. The speakers are Fr. James Mallon – Parish Priest of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Dartmouth Nova Scotia, who founded the Divine Renovation ministry, Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of the Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Revd. Nicky Gumbel, Anglican Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton, London who was the pioneer of Alpha. The evening will be a conversation on the topic of 'What is God Saying to the Church?'

March 2022 marks two years since the pandemic hit much of the world. Now is the time to ask "What is God saying to the Church throughout the last two years? What have we learned? What should be our focus in the future? What is the most urgent call for the Church? What have the past two years revealed about the Church and how she is fulfilling her mission? What are we being called to repent of, to turn from, and to turn towards?"

This FREE online event is happening on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> and starts at 6pm. Find out more and register at: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event>

## **Lent**

Lent starts on Wednesday. Our minds turn to the journey of encounter and change that we make as we prepare to enter into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection in Holy Week.

During this season we are invited to use the various aids, which the Church offers us, to celebrate and practise our Catholic Faith with renewed enthusiasm. Below we outline some of the things we can do to make this Lent a time of grace and repentance.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of Fasting and Abstinence when all Catholics fast from one meal and abstain from meat. Age restrictions apply to the fast. Lent is a good time to remember that all faithful Catholics are expected to keep abstinence from meat on all Fridays of the year.

There will be two Masses on Wednesday, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10am and at St. Teilo's at 7pm. Ashes will be distributed during both Masses.

### **Journey through Lent with Celebrate**

The Celebrate community has developed a range of resources for families to celebrate together during Lent. The links to resources are all drawn together into a pdf document which can be accessed here – <https://tinyurl.com/3bbyrhe>

The team suggests that before Lent starts, you might like to watch a three-minute video reminder of what Lent is all about in which Busted Halo explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal. You can access the video here – <https://youtu.be/Xo1mjuj1NA0>

### **Lent Online Retreat**

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, a Scottish Jesuit retreat centre, are again making available a day-by-day prayer guide for you to make an individual retreat during Lent. The Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola during the Lent 2022 Retreat includes daily content using pictures, prayers, scripture, music and episodes from the life of St. Ignatius to bring us to a deeper knowledge of God in this year which marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion to Christ. The retreat begins on Wednesday and can be accessed here - <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>

### **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent we will celebrate Stations of the Cross each week at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Teilo's. We will begin this Friday with Stations after the 10am Mass at St. Teilo's. Stations will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes beginning Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass.

### **First Friday Coffee Morning and Cake Sale**

This Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, is the First Friday of the month so there will be Coffee Morning and Cake Sale after the Stations of the Cross at St. Teilo's. Why not come along to share coffee, tea, good fellowship and a raffle and buy some of the lovely cakes made by the ladies of the parish?

### **Adoration and Exposition**

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday this week after Stations of the Cross, from 11.00am to midday. Why not come along to spend time in silent prayer and adoration before the Lord?

### **New Parish Prayer Group Planning**

A small group of parishioners has arranged to meet in the Side Chapel at St Teilo's on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm to begin the process of forming a Parish Prayer group at St. Teilo's. They would welcome any parishioners who are interested in being part of such a prayer group to come along and join them. All you need to do is simply turn up. If anyone would like more information in the meantime, please email your contact details to the Parish email address ([whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org)) and Maria Jesu, one of the prayer group coordinators, will get in touch.

## **A Man for All Seasons in the Seligman Theatre at Chapter Arts Centre**

From Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Everyman Theatre is presenting a performance of 'A Man For All Seasons' in the Seligman Theatre at Chapter Arts Centre, Canton. The play by Robert Bolt, telling the story of Saint Thomas More's courageous and unflinching stand for his principles, portrays dignity and bravery on an epic scale. While many will have seen the screen adaptation of the play, the original play itself is a stunning piece of live theatre. Tickets are £14 and £12 – for bookings and more details please see the Chapter Arts Centre webpage - <https://www.chapter.org/whats-on/performance/everyman-a-man-for-all-seasons/8457>

**The God Who Speaks**

**Sharing the Word of God**

**Through Ministry**



**A Day of Reflection via Zoom for:**

**Ministers of the Word, Catechists and  
Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 10.30 am – 3 pm**

**Keynote Speaker: Deacon Rob Coyne**

To confirm a place and further information, please email Diocesan Scripture Champions  
[madeleine.walters@rcadc.org](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org) or [kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Discovering Christ**

As part of the Parish Lenten programme, we will be beginning the 'Discovering Christ' experience.

'Discovering Christ' is an experience through which anyone and everyone, from the baptised Catholic Church goer, baptised members of other faiths and unbaptised people of no faith are invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. 'Discovering Christ' helps people to renew or to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

The 'Discovering Christ' Programme will begin on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in St. Teilo's Church Hall at 7pm and take place each Tuesday during Lent with follow-up sessions after Easter. The programme will involve a short professionally produced video from the 'Discovering Christ' team followed by small group discussions in which people can freely share what they think and feel about the topic discussed in the teaching and what it says to them.

During our Synodal consultation, a number of parishioners asked about the opportunity to learn and share more about our faith. 'Discovering Christ' is a perfect means of doing this, so please think seriously about coming along. 'Discovering Christ' and the faith development it offers is one of the first fruits of the Synodal discussions which have taken place in the parish.

## **Prayer for Ukraine**

Pope Francis writes:

*I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.*

The Pope reminds us that we are all asked to pray for the people of Ukraine at this difficult time. It is important for us to remember that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the second largest (after the Latin Church, i.e. us) of the 24 particular churches which form the Catholic Church in communion with His Holy Father the Pope.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is led by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Major, who has written this request for prayers to the sons and daughters of the Ukrainian people in Ukraine and abroad, and to all people of good will.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The recognition by the president of the Russian Federation of the “independence and sovereignty” of the self-proclaimed LNR and DNR creates serious challenges and threats for the entire international community and for international law, on the basis of which people and their nations, exist and cooperate. Irreparable damage has been done to the very logic of international relations, which are called to safeguard peace and the just order of societies, the supremacy of law, the accountability of state powers, the defence of the human being, human life and natural rights. Today all of humanity has been placed in danger—that the powerful have a right to impose themselves on whomever they wish, with no regard for the rule of law.

In its decision, the government of the Russian Federation unilaterally withdrew from a lengthy peace process, tasked with ensuring the restoration of dignified conditions for life on the territories controlled by Russia in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, for those impacted by Russian military aggression. The war, initiated against our people in 2014, has inflicted deep wounds on many of our fellow citizens: thousands killed, wounded, left in solitude. Yesterday’s step taken by the President of the Russian Federation destroyed foundational principles for a long-term process of restoring peace in Ukraine, created the path for a new wave of military aggression against our state, opened the doors for a full-scale military operation against the Ukrainian people.

We consider the defence of our native land, our historical memory and our hope, our God-given right to exist to be the personal responsibility and sacred duty of the citizens of Ukraine. The defence of our Fatherland is our natural right and civic duty. We are strong when we are together. Now has come the time to unite our efforts in order to defend the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Ukrainian state. The duty and responsibility of all of humanity are to work actively to avert war and protect a just peace.

We are convinced that the world cannot develop and find answers for the challenges of today by resorting to might and violence, by showing disdain for shared human values and the truth of the Gospel. I call upon all people of good will not to ignore the suffering of the Ukrainian people, brought on by Russian military aggression. We are a people who love peace. And precisely for that reason we are ready to defend it and fight for it.

Today we call out in prayer to the Almighty Creator, with a special appeal for wisdom for those entrusted with making important decisions for society, in whose hands lies the fate of humanity. We ask the Heavenly Father for assistance in restoring a just peace on Ukrainian land.

We pray especially for those who defend Ukraine, who, in these days, are for us an example of loving sacrifice and dedicated service to their people. May the merciful Lord protect them from every danger and crown their efforts with the victory of truth and good.

We call for the gracious blessing of a loving God and Creator upon Ukraine and its people!

The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

+Sviatoslav

Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Kyiv, Ukraine

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Baptism – Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Next Saturday at St. Teilo's at 12.30pm Fr. John will celebrate the Baptism of Finley Clarkson Hall. We welcome Finley into the community and pray for his family and godparents as they commit themselves to supporting Finley in his developing faith.

### **Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes is resuming its travel to Lourdes in 2022. The dates are July 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board and four- star accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Detailed information will be shared and booking forms made available from next week.

Subscribe to our new website, to receive our pilgrimage newsletter for further updates see the pilgrimage website: <https://www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com/>

### **Marriage Encounter**

Marriage Encounter England and Wales, believes that the very pillar of vibrant church communities are good couple relationships, leading Christian families to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. They are offering couples in our parish a life changing Marriage Encounter Experience in 2022, either in-person or online.

The Marriage Encounter Experience offers the opportunity to refresh, enrich, deepen and bring love, joy and sparkle back into relationships. The experience is presented by laity couples and a priest. It offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, and leads to personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context. The programme is delivered by experienced volunteers and is steeped in wisdom built over 50 years of experience, enjoyed by millions of couples, and part of the Marriage Alliance, supported by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The next experience weekends are March, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, May, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and June 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Full details and booking arrangements can be found on the Marriage Encounter Website - <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

### **Praying for the Sick of the Parish**

Please remember those who are sick in your daily prayers: Fr. Andrew Berry OSB, Keith Alexander, Bob Bending, Yvonne Butcher, Dorothy David, Barbara Day, Rita Daughton, Philip Evans, Mary Jones, Mary Joseph, John Mintram, Theresa Ng, Tom O'Leary, Terry O'Shea, Derek Phillips and Bridget Wynne-Farrell. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

## Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Michael McGrath, Canon Patrick Daly, Fr. John James Thomas, Fr. William Lloyd, Francis Hyde, Thomas Mullins, Mary Lock, Mark Enticknapp, Angela Simmons, Antonio Peries, Mary Stenson, Violet Weakley, Florence James, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Ann Dowdell, Kathleen Sumner, Margaret Welch, David Jones, Ronald Mitchell, Joyce Brown, Angela Hendy, Mabel Hyde, Maurice Lenehan, Catherine Jenkins, Daisy Hill, John Brennan, John Douglas, Pauline Clifford, Michael Jefferies, Mary Aviles, John Hallett, Mary Griffin, Mary Learman and Marjorie Rawlings.

## Confessions

Fr. John will be available for Confessions in the confessional at St. Teilo's from 10.30am to 11am after Saturday Morning Mass. Father will also hear confessions in the confessional at Our Lady of Lourdes before Mass on Saturday Evening – 5.30pm to 5.55pm

## Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish last weekend amounted to £226.80. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generosity.

## Standing Orders

The best way to make donations to the parish is by Standing Order. Setting up a standing order or increasing an existing one, may be done through your own bank. The information you need is: Account Name – Archdiocese of Cardiff. Sort Code – 20-18-23. Account Number – 93870367 – this is the Parish's Bank Account even though for legal reasons the account name is in the name of the Archdiocese.

## Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm	35
	10am	80
	6pm	43

## Covid-19 – updated new guidelines

From tomorrow, February 28<sup>th</sup>, face coverings will only be legally required in retail, public transport and health and care settings in Wales. However, while the legal requirement has been removed by the Senedd at the request of the Welsh Government, both the Government and the Medical Officer for Wales are recommending that people make use of face coverings in enclosed spaces where they meet people with whom they are not in regular contact.

Guided by the latest Covid-19 review using the Safety Toolbox adopted by the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales the following approach will be adopted at St. Teilo's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Covid-19 Recommendations

Those attending Mass at either St. Teilo's or Our Lady of Lourdes are strongly recommended to:

- Wear Face Coverings over their nose and mouth
- Sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the Church
- Use the 'PLEASE RESPECT THIS SPACE' cards if you are particularly vulnerable and wish to retain a social distance from others
- Respect other peoples' right to space as evidenced by the 'PLEASE RESPECT THIS SPACE' cards and do not be upset if someone chooses to move seats if they wish to ensure a greater social distance during this time when the virus is still endemic in the local community.

<b>Mass Times and Intentions – 26<sup>th</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>			
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> February Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Mairead Sutherland – RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – John Norris – RIP (CT)
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	<b>Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg</b> – Mass in Welsh
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Canon Paddy Daly – Anniversary (TC)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Weekday of Ordinary Time	No Mass today		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March Solemnity of St. David, Bishop – Patron of Wales	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10:00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Angela Margaret Hendy – Anniversary (David)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg</b> – Mass in Welsh
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Ash Wednesday	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Private Intention
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Katherine Law – Anniversary (UMcC)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Weekday of Lent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Mary Kinoultly – RIP
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March Weekday of Lent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Private Intention
	St. Teilo's	10:30am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	St. Teilo's	11.00am -12.00pm	<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Weekday of Lent	St. Teilo's	9:40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – George Allen – RIP
	St. Teilo's	12.30pm	<b>Baptism</b> – Finley Clarkson Hall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March First Sunday of Lent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – John Peter Morgan – RIP (S&RM)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March First Sunday of Lent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Wellbeing of Bobbie Halliday (SR)
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	<b>Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg</b> – Mass in Welsh
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Pat Norris – Anniversary (TC)