



Whitchurch

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

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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 2nd and 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent are on page 154 of the Parish Mass Book.

The Road to Calvary: A Passion Play

The Road to Calvary: A Passion Play is being presented at St. Teilo's this Sunday at 7pm. Tickets are £5; children under 16 are free. Tickets are available on the door. Why not use the opportunity to see this dramatic presentation of the Passion, presented by members of the Swansea parishes, as part of your own preparation for Holy Week and Easter? Proceeds from the Passion Play will go to the work of the SVP.

Parish Pastoral Council Election

The Parish Pastoral Council is now at full size, with an additional nomination being received in time for the deadline. To confirm the new members of the Parish Pastoral Council are: Claudiu Bulai, Leigh Jenkins, Gill Kane, Natalie Walker Marsh, Ryan Moreland, Mary Jeffreys, John Steele and Madeleine Walters. The council also includes the following 'ex-officio members': Paul Doherty, Safety Representative; Jill Gildersleve, Safeguarding Representative, David Roblin, Parish Treasurer and Peter Searle, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee. The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. If you would like to raise any issues for the Council to discuss, please email – whitchurch@rcadc.org or slip a sheet of paper into the suggestion boxes at the back of the Church.

Requiem Masses this week

Please pay special attention to the times and locations of Mass this week as there are two Requiem Masses during the week. Mass on Tuesday at 10am will be at Our Lady of Lourdes and will be the Requiem of Mrs. Bridie Gordon. Mass on Thursday will be at St. Teilo's, as usual, and will be the Requiem Mass of Mrs. Marina Mawn.

Parish Physical Activity Programme

The indoor physical activity sessions take place on Tuesdays in the Hall at St. Teilo's at 10:45am. The Couch to 5K sessions will continue on Wednesday, meeting at 5:30pm in St. Teilo's car park.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, we normally celebrate the Stations of the Cross each week at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Teilo's. This week, Stations take place after the 10am Mass on Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes and after the 10am Mass on Friday at St. Teilo's.

Coffee and Tea after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

We will have coffee, tea and biscuits in the St. Pope John Paul II Chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes after the 10.00am Mass and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday. If you are at the Mass on that day, please stay behind and spend some time socialising and sharing with our fellow parishioners.

We Dare to Say – Parish Lenten Sessions – Wednesdays 7pm

The third Parish Lenten sessions takes place next Wednesday at 7pm at St. Teilo's Parish Hall. The theme of this week's session is: "Give Us Our Daily Bread". The sessions are independent of each other, so you do not need to attend all of them, but can come along to those which you can manage.

Knit and Natter

The Parish Knit and Natter group will meet at St. Teilo's Hall on Thursday following the Requiem Mass for Mrs Mawn. All are welcome to come along and join in the knitting or the nattering or both!

Adoration and Exposition – Our Lady of Lourdes

The Polish Community holds silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. All are welcome to come along and pray in silence, in the presence of the Lord Jesus. Adoration is preceded by Mass in Polish at 7pm.

Adoration and Exposition – St. Teilo's

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to midday at St. Teilo's this Friday. Why not come along to spend time in silent prayer and adoration before the Lord?

Parish Craft Session – Next Saturday

This month's craft session takes place in the Parish Hall at St. Teilo's next Saturday, March 9th after Mass, from 10.45am - 12.30pm. The session is suitable for absolute beginners to experts. This month we are painting/stencilling a canvas. The session is free with a voluntary contribution to help provide supplies for future months. Hope to see you there! Any enquiries please contact simplycraft@btinternet.com or speak to Erica.

Clothes donations for the SVP

The Parish St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) Conference undertakes a monthly collection of clothing for the SVP Charity Shop. Clean, good quality clothing, books and toys are welcome. Donations may be left outside the confessionals at the rear of St. Teilo's next weekend, March 10th, and on the weekend of the Second Sunday of each month. *Thank you from the parish SVP.*

Reaching Out Project

A big thank you to all parishioners for your continuing support and generosity that is making a difference to people in need in our local community. Currently the project is providing food parcels to 19 families within the parish and via Ysgol Glantaf. It is also providing food donations to the Pantry at St. David's Catholic College. In those 19 families there are 44 teenagers and children. On behalf of the families, we send our grateful thanks to you all.

At Easter we would like to give each teenager and child a gift of a chocolate egg. If you feel able to donate a chocolate egg, please leave it on our table at the back of the Church next Sunday.

Please note, the project is no longer asking for donations of toiletries, feminine products, household items or baby supplies. You will find an updated list of food items required on the Reaching Out noticeboard at the back of the Church and as an insert in this week's newsletter.

Volunteers needed

The liturgy at Mass, especially at weekends cannot be celebrated without the work and commitment of a small group of volunteers who undertake the role of welcomers and readers. The short list of volunteers for these roles is in need of new volunteers, so that the duties can be shared more widely. If you would be able to assist as a welcomer or reader at any of the weekend Masses, please email: whitchurch@rcadc.org or speak to one of the welcomers or readers who will be able to give your name to the rota coordinators.

Lenten Retreat – St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's, New Zealand Road is having a Lenten Retreat led by Deacon Christian Mahoney on Saturday March 16th after the 9.15 am Mass until 12 noon. It will include a talk; a short break for refreshments; Adoration and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All are welcome!

Missio Magazine

The Spring Edition of the Missio Magazine is now available at the back of the Church. If anyone is unable to get to mass and would like one delivered please let Peter Jones know on 07594693054.

Lenten Reflections

The Archdiocese is sharing a series of Lenten Reflections for each of the weeks of Lent. The videos are released each Wednesday and are available on the Archdiocesan website. The latest reflection is entitled "Prayer as reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit" and is presented by Father Richard Aziati, Parish Priest of the Catholic Churches of Tredegar, Rhymney, and Ebbw Vale - <https://rcadc.org/prayer-as-reliance-on-the-power-of-the-holy-spirit-in-our-lives/>

Parish Bingo Evening

"Eyes down for a full house!" Bingo with a chip shop supper, vegetarian option available, will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 15th. The doors will open at 6.30 pm for a 7pm start. There will be cash prizes for a full house and for a winning line, as well as raffle prizes. More details in next week's newsletter.

Quiz Night - Thanks

A very big thank you to all who supported the Parish Quiz night. The enjoyable evening raised £109 for Parish Funds. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion

The children of the parish are continuing their preparation for First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 12th. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. The children's names are Bernardo, Elisha, Elliot, Felicity, Hanna, Katie, Luca, Marcus, Matilda, Osian, Raffaella, Rhys and Ruby-Rose.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Archbishop Mark will be visiting St. Teilo's to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 7 of our parishioners on Sunday, July 7th at the 10am Mass. Confirmation preparation will begin with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday, April 7th at 10am and the sessions for the young people will take place on Thursday evenings at 6pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. If any young person who has not yet indicated that they wish to be confirmed this year, would like to take part, please email the parish – whitchurch@rcadc.org as soon as possible.

Adults who have not been confirmed

In preparation for Confirmation in July, three adults have come forward who have been baptised but due to various circumstances have not been confirmed. Canon John is running a preparation programme for these three adults which will run in parallel to the preparation for the young people. If there are any other adult parishioners who have not been confirmed for whatever reason, please let Canon know by email – whitchurch@rcadc.org or by giving him your name after Mass.

Donations to the Parish

Last weekend's parish collection amounted to £1,888.14. The second collection for CAFOD amounted to £799.80. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish and the wider work of the Church.

Rest in Peace



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget (known as Bridie) Gordon, Marina Mawn, Terry O'Shea and Ron Card, who have died recently. Mrs. Gordon's Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday, March 5th at 10am followed by interment at Pantmawr Cemetery. Mrs. Mawn's Requiem Mass will take place at St.

Teilo's Church on Thursday, March 7th at 10am followed by cremation at Thornhill. Mr. O'Shea's Requiem Mass is taking place at St. Joseph's Church at 2pm on Thursday, March 7th. Mr. Card's Requiem Mass will be at St. Teilo's on Monday, March 11th at 10am followed by cremation at Thornhill.

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

Archbishop Peter Smith, Canon Thomas Nulty, Father William Lloyd, Mabel Borland, James Kinsey, Mary Aviles, John Hallett, Susan O'Keefe, Pdraig Bradley, Sheila Thomas, Dina Fantini, Margaret Bruton, Sara Davies, Margaret Cross, Helena Evans, Lilian Morgan, Philip Walsh, Carole Bricknell, Augustus Purnell, Eleonard Pesticcio, Gertrude Bond and Mary Gullidge.

Mass Times and Intentions: 2 nd to 10 th March 2024			
Saturday 2 nd March Third Sunday of Lent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd March Third Sunday of Lent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Barbara Scorza (AS)
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm	The Road to Calvary: A Passion Play
Monday 4 th March Weekday in Lent	No Mass today		
Tuesday 5 th March Weekday in Lent	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Bridie Gordon
Wednesday 6 th March Weekday in Lent	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Wellbeing of Canon John (Jean)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 7 th March Weekday in Lent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Requiem Mass – Marina Mawn
Friday 8 th March Weekday of Lent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – George Allen – RIP (HT)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
	St. Teilo's	11.00am -12.00pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9 th March Weekday of Lent	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Wellbeing of Kathleen Bamber
Saturday 9 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – Fr. Christopher Greaney – RIP
Sunday 10 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – David and Helen Purnell – Anniversary (JP)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish

Confessions

Canon 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.

Praying for the Sick of the Parish

Please remember those who are sick in your daily prayers: Sue Adams, Eileen Allen, Margaret Brown, Brian Bryant, Diane Cornelius, David Cuddihy, Philip Daly, Barbara Day, Rafael Diaz, Bernadette Evans, Helga Evans, Ivor Evenden, Violet Fonseca, Paul Gough, Martin Griffiths, Rita Harris, Lola Jones, Mary Jones, Mary Joseph, Mark Kozik, Eileen Lawrence, John McLaughlin, Mike McNabb, John Mintram, Gwyneth Page, Derek Phillips, Martin Shorthouse, Bethan Thompson, Hilary Tracey, Paolo Trisolini and Bridget Wynne-Farrell. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Mass Attendance

The Mass attendance at each of the Masses last weekend was as follows:

25 th February	6pm	51
	10am	166
	6pm	80