



Parish Newsletter

Weekend 10th and 11th January 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Baptism of the Lord are on page 118 of the Parish Mass Book.

The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. The Feast is important for each of us as many of the incidents, which accompanied Christ's Baptism, are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism, we become the Sons and Daughters of God. At Christ's Baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

SPUC White Flower Collection – This Weekend

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual White Flower Collection this weekend. Please be as generous as you can to help the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, to defend unborn babies and their mothers. The success of the White Flower Collection is founded on the compassion and generosity of faithful churchgoers in parishes across the United Kingdom. SPUC is grateful for the unapologetic defence of unborn babies and vulnerable people that the teaching of the Catholic Church provides. At St. Teilo's you are able to make a donation using your credit/debit card at the Electronic Donation Station at St. Teilo's or online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teilo-our-lady-of-lourdes>.

Refreshments after Mass – This Sunday



Refreshments will be served in St. Teilo's Hall after the 10am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome.

Why not come along and meet your fellow parishioners after Mass this weekend?

Clothes donations for the SVP – This Weekend

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 very welcome. Donations may be left outside the confessionals at the rear of St. Teilo's this weekend. The clothes will be removed early on Monday morning, so please ensure that donations are brought to the Church by the end of the evening Mass this weekend or kept at home until the Second Sunday of February when we will have another collection. *Thank you from the parish SVP.*

Weekday Mass Readings – Cycle 2

The First Week of Ordinary Time begins on Monday. Next Sunday is called the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time as it starts the Second Week of the Period. This year we use the weekday readings from Cycle 2 of the two-year cycle.

First Communion – Parents' Meeting

The Parents' Meeting for those children making their First Communion this year will take place at 7pm in St. Teilo's Hall on Tuesday Evening. The Preparation for First Holy Communion Commences on Sunday, January 18th.

Tuesday Evening Adoration

Each Tuesday evening, the parish has an hour of silent Adoration at St. Teilo's from 7pm to 8pm. The primary intention for the period of Adoration is vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Feel free to come for all or part of the hour to pray for the Church in its need for faithful ministers to continue the Mission of Jesus.

Funeral Mass – Beryl Donovan

The Funeral Mass for Beryl Donovan will take place at St. Teilo's on Wednesday at 10am. Please note that there will be no Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes this Wednesday due to the Funeral Mass.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme resumes this Wednesday. The sessions run in the Parish Hall at St. Teilo's on Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

Adoration and Exposition – St. Teilo's

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 11.30am at St. Teilo's this Friday. Why not come along to spend time in silent prayer and adoration before the Lord?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year (18th to the 25th of January) is: "One Body; One Spirit".

- Churches Together in Whitchurch have three services arranged to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
- Sunday, January 18th at 4.30pm, we will gather for the opening service at St. Teilo's at 4.30pm
- Wednesday, January 21st at 11.30am, we will gather for prayer at Whitchurch Methodist Church
- Sunday January 25th at 4.30pm, the concluding service of the week will take place at Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch.

Please make every effort to support the community of Churches Together by attending as many of the services as you are able.

At a Loss Café

The Parish Loss and Bereavement Café will recommence on Wednesday, January 21st for six weeks. The Café is for anyone dealing with loss and you will find a cuppa and warm welcome waiting for you. Remember your loss does not have to mean bereavement. It can be any kind of loss you are feeling and perhaps with which you are struggling. The Café takes place on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. Weekly attendance is not required. Come as and when you are able.

The Great Awakening - Catholic healing and evangelisation service – January 24th

The Great Awakening celebration takes place on Saturday, January 24th at Bethal Convention Centre, West Bromwich. Speakers will include Fr. Xavier Vattayil, a priest who is well known worldwide for the charism of healing with thousands of testimonies of healing, physical incl cancer, mental, emotional and spiritual, Abbot Hugh Allan, Director of Mission for the Bishops Conference of England and Wales and Bishop Timothy Menezes, the auxillary bishop of Birmingham. There will be dynamic music, House of the Open Door youth activities, Holy Mass, Adoration, prayer ministry, children and teenage streams. A coach is being arranged for any one from Cardiff or the environs who wish to attend. Further details are available from Madeleine Jeremy - 07791503857.

Craft Group – Recycling Christmas Cards

If anyone has used religious Christmas cards that would otherwise be disposed of, the Craft group would very much appreciate them to recycle for next year's annual craft fair, a box will be left at the back of St Teilo's to collect them.

Unclaimed Christmas Raffle Prizes

Many thanks to everyone who picked up their raffle prizes there are still three unclaimed prizes. The winners are Marie Jones, Christine D'Souza and Mary Hourihan. Please see any of the welcomers after each Mass this weekend to receive your prize.

Toiletries Appeal for the Reaching Out Project

Did you receive any unwanted toiletries this Christmas? If so, we'd be grateful for your donations to support those in need. Items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothpaste and deodorant are always in demand. Please drop off your donations in the usual place at the back of both churches. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping those in our community.

Knit and Natter - Can you help?

The number of knitted and crocheted blankets we hold has been vastly reduced as these items were donated to families/schools who are part of the Parish Reaching Out Initiative. The group are looking for knitted or crocheted squares, measuring 6" by 6", to make up blankets. If any parishioner can help, it would be really appreciated. Should there be any adventurous crafter that can produce completed blankets these would also be really welcome. Wool, hooks and needles can be provided by the group. Please leave any blankets or squares at the back of the Church after any of the Sunday Masses.

Night Shelter at St. Mary of the Angels, Canton and St. Peter's, Roath

Many thanks for your ongoing support for the homeless at the Night Shelter at St. Mary of the Angels, Canton. The St. Peter's night shelter has also reopened recently. The team still needs a lot of boxer shorts (around 32"), plus hats, gloves, socks and jackets for the people who use the night shelters. They are also in need of jeans or trousers (also 32" waists). Please note that the young people are medium size at most. Please do not donate large clothes items. Sleeping bags and haversacks are also very welcome. The team also needs fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, crisps, sweets and cakes. If you are able to help by donating any of these items, please drop them at the back of either Church.

Praying for the Sick of the Parish

Please remember those who are sick in your daily prayers: Eileen Allen, Haydn Ashcroft, Margaret Bowdery, Margaret Brown, Brian Bryant, Keith Burleton, John Costley, David Cuddihy, Philip Daly, Barbara Day, Rafael Diaz, Maureen Dineen, Violet Fonseca, Maureen Fry, John Gallagher, Mary Goodman, Paul Gough, David Griffiths, Martin Griffiths, Rita Harris, Linda Horrocks, Hannah John, Lola Jones, Mary Joseph, M'oive Kite, Eileen Lawrence, Christina Lucas, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Bernie Monaghan, Robert Morgan, Gwyneth Page, Derek Phillips, Fr. John Phillips, Bethan Thompson, Hilary Tracey, Keith and Gwen Waddams, Madeleine Walters and Eileen Yaxley. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Rest in Peace



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Beryl Donovan, whose daughter Diane Beer is a regular attendee at St. Teilo's, Mary Smith, who lived in Rhiwbina and was a long-time attendee at St. Teilo's until moving to a nursing home in Christ the King Parish and Sean Daughton, brother of Rita and Paul Curtis, brother to Jill – all of whom have died recently.

Mrs. Donovan's Funeral Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Wednesday, January 14th at 10am, Mary Smith's Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the King Church on Monday, January 19th at 1.30pm. Mr. Daughton's Funeral will take place at the Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill on Thursday, January 22nd at 4.30pm and Mr. Curtis' funeral details will be announced when available.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Andrew Maggs, John Burke, Manuel Delgado, Kathleen Brockway, Martha Harper, Moira Williams, Patricia Lake, Donald Parry, Nina Fietta, Andrew Davidson, Helen Moore, Antoni Staniewicz, Kathleen Forbes, Moira Conlan, Albert 'Max' Davies, Nancy Browne, Eugene Wade, Ena O'Connor, Ambrose O'Farrell, George Hutchings, Arthur Coughlan, Patrick Owens, Courtney Spencer, Margaret (Peggy) Eklund, Bridget Gordon, Kathleen Evans, Alice Rees, James Driscoll, Barbara O'Meara, Sydney Howitt, John Norris, Gordon Hughes, Janet Wooding, John Freeta, Anna Jonker, Michael O'Shea, Terry Cuddihy, Joseph Moruzzi, Kathleen Hume, Minnie Williams, Reginald Lloyd, Fernand Montserin, John O'Leary, John Callaghan, Valentine Rascon, Michael Gauci, Alice Pearce, Norah Candergain, Melvyn Webb and Patrick Cooney.

Mass Times and Intentions: 10 th – 18 th January 2026			
Saturday 10 th January The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th January The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Annie Morgan (A&BO'B)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Bridget Wynne-Farrell – RIP (GG)
Monday 12 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass today		
Tuesday 13 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Winnie Blackey – Anniversary
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Adoration for Vocations
Wednesday 14 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Funeral Mass – Beryl Donovan
Thursday 15 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – John Evans – RIP
Friday 16 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Robert Manson – RIP (JM)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -11.30pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 17 th January St. Anthony, Abbot	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Intentions of Anne Tanner (SS)
Saturday 17 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – The Deceased Members of the Bergonzi Family (AS)
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	Christian Unity Service – Churches Together in Whitchurch – Opening of the Week for Christian Unity
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Brian Whiting – Anniversary (PW)

Confessions

Canon John will be available for Confessions from 10.30am to 11am after the Saturday morning Mass. Canon will also hear confessions at Our Lady of Lourdes before Mass on Saturday evening – 5.30pm to 5.55pm.

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish for the last weekend amounted to £786.87. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish.

Safeguarding

If anyone has concerns over the welfare of any children or vulnerable adults within our community, please contact Jill Gildersleve, in confidence, on 07813 322179 or at gildersleve@ntlworld.com. Thank you.

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

4 th January	6pm	49
	10am	117
	6pm	70