



Parish Newsletter

Weekend 17th and 18th January 2026 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time are on page 125 of the Parish Mass Book.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year (this week, the 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:

- This weekend – 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.

Assisted Suicide Debate – A Joint Statement

On Tuesday, January 27th, the Senedd will vote on whether Wales should consent to Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalise assisted suicide. Archbishop Mark and Bishop Peter Brignall of Wrexham have issued a joint statement ahead of this vote. It will be read at all Masses this weekend.

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.

Coffee and Tea after Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

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

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.

At a Loss Café

The Parish Loss and Bereavement Café will recommence this Wednesday, January 21st, and continue 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.

Knit and Natter

The Parish Knit and Natter group will meet in St. Teilo's Hall on Thursday following the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome to come along and join in the knitting or the nattering or both!

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?

Baptism Preparation Course

The next Baptism Preparation Course takes place at Christ the King Church on Saturday, January 24th and completes on Saturday, January 31st at 4pm. Both sessions will last around an hour. All those who wish to have their child baptised need to attend the course before the Baptism. For further information and to book a place, please contact Brigid Lee on brigidlee63@icloud.com

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.

Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg

Dydd Sul nesaf bydd y gymuned Gymraeg yn dathlu Offeren yn Gymraeg am 4.30pm. Next Sunday, we welcome the Welsh language community who will be celebrating Mass in Welsh at 4.30pm. Croeso!

Parish Rosary Prayer Group

The Parish Rosary Prayer Group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 2.00pm in Ty Mair, 19 Heol y Waun CF14 1LB at the junction of Heol Gabriel and College Road. The group members have intercessory prayer, read and discuss the following Sunday's Gospel, pray the Rosary, pray the 3 o'clock prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and have a cuppa! The next meeting takes place on Thursday, January 29th. All are welcome to attend.

Raffle Prizes

There is only one unclaimed prize from the Christmas raffle. A Grinch toy which was won by Marie Jones. If anyone knows Marie Jones, can you tell her the prize can be collected from St. Teilo's after the Sunday Masses?

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 is 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.

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.

Safeguarding Officer

The Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia is seeking a Safeguarding Officer to support safe parishes across South, West & Mid Wales and Herefordshire. The role includes managing Offender & DBS plans, audits, and training.

Requirements: Safeguarding or multi-agency/investigative experience; flexibility for travel and some evenings/weekends.

Salary: £34,500 | **Hours:** 35/week | **Leave:** 30 days + public holidays

Apply/Info: HR@cardiffmenevia.org | Info: Chris Mullane, 029 2037 9480

More details: <https://rcadc.org/vacancy-safeguarding-officer/>

Open-ended closing; early applications encouraged.

Donations to the Parish

Donations to the parish for the last weekend amounted to £688.05. The collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child amounted to £594.54. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing generosity to the parish and the wider work of the Church.

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.

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, Violet Fonseca, Maureen Fry, John Gallagher, Mary Goodman, Paul Gough, David Griffiths, Martin Griffiths, Rita Harris, Linda Horrocks, Lola Jones, Olivia Jones, Mary Joseph, M'oive Kite, Eileen Lawrence, Christina Lucas, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Bernie Monaghan, Robert Morgan, Gwyneth Page, Derek 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 Fr. John Phillips, latterly priest in charge of St. Thomas' Parish, Abercynon; 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; Sean Daughton, brother of Rita; Paul Curtis, brother to Jill; John Price, a long time parishioner; Pauline Canning, from Llandaff North; Maureen Jenkins, mother of Leigh; and Maureen Dineen all of whom have died recently.

Mary Smith's Funeral Mass will take place at Christ the King Church on Monday this week 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 Mass will take place on Tuesday, January 27th at midday, Mrs Canning's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, January 29th at 10am and Mr Price's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, February 5th at 10am.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Thomas, Albert Muarry, Gertrude Burke, Patrick O'Leary, Helen Purnell, Gertrude Hill, Beatrice Martin, Angiolina Bacchetta, John Cashman, John McRae, Roland Bartlett, Melvyn Jones, Antonio Delgaudio, James Quigley, Alma Linnard, Anthony (Tony) Granville, Marjorie Adams, Mary Hougardy, William Pepper, Jane Elliot, Sheila Hallett, John McCabe, Terence Doolan, Jane Powell, Mona Hefferman, Honora Costello, Christopher Hutchinson, Thomas Lancey, Kieron Mahoney, Timothy Collins, Francis Allen, Kenneth Kear, Susan Thomas, Catherine O'Donnell, Dorothy Edmunds, John Lawson, Mary Sliney, Jonathan Cronin, David Edwards, Teresa Brown, Mary (Molly) Inch, Honora (Paddy) Mullins and Grace O'Donnell.

Mass Times and Intentions: 17 th – 25 th January 2026			
Saturday 17 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – Brian Whiting – Anniversary (PW)
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 – For the People of the Parish
Monday 19 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass today		
Tuesday 20 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – John Evans – RIP
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Adoration for Vocations
Wednesday 21 st January St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Fr. Ronald Cosslett – RIP
	Whitchurch Methodist Church	11.30am	Christian Unity Service – Churches Together in Whitchurch
Thursday 22 nd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Intentions of Patricia O'Keefe (SS)
Friday 23 rd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Stella Blakey – RIP (GM)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -11.30pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24 th January St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Grace O'Donnell – Anniversary (GM&CO'D)
Saturday 24 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – George Marshall – RIP (GM)
Sunday 25 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Josefa Suarez – RIP (JRS)
	Ararat Baptist Church	4.30pm	Christian Unity Service – Churches Together in Whitchurch – Closing of the Week for Christian Unity
	St. Teilo's	4.30pm	Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg – Mass in Welsh
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish

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.

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

4 th January	6pm	53
	10am	155
	6pm	78