



## Parish Newsletter

### Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter are on page 268 of the Parish Mass Book.

#### First Holy Communion

The children of the parish will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend at the 10am Mass. Please pray especially this weekend for Clara, Finn, Luca, Mafalda, Max, Oliver and Rodrigo. Please also pray for Rudy, from our parish, who will be making his First Communion with his class at Christ the King.

#### Refreshments after Mass – Today



Refreshments will be served in the Hall at St. Teilo's after the 10am First Holy Communion Mass today. All those attending are welcome to come along and celebrate with the young people and their families.

#### 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 June when we will have another collection – *Thank you from the parish SVP.*

#### Baptism Preparation Course

The next Baptism Preparation Course takes place in St. Teilo's Parish Hall on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and completes on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. 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 Cathy and Mel on [catherinehopkins45@gmail.com](mailto:catherinehopkins45@gmail.com)

#### 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.

#### 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 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.

#### At a Loss Café

Our Parish Loss and Bereavement Café is open to 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 Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3pm in St. Teilo's Parish Hall. Weekly attendance is not required. Come as and when you are able.

## **Heart Speaks to Heart – Final Session**

During Lent we were only able to meet for five of the six sessions in Archbishop Mark's programme 'Heart speaks to Heart' as part of our Lenten programme. For the sake of completeness the final session, talk 6, will take place on Wednesday at 7pm in St. Teilo's Hall. The theme of the final session is the Method being used to embed the Four Pillars of the Archdiocesan Vision in the Archdiocese.

## **Walk and Talk**

The Walk and Talk group continues its weekly walks on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. This week the walkers will meet, weather permitting, at the car park of the Lisvane and Llanishen Reservoirs. All are welcome to come along, both regulars and any new walkers, to join the group as it begins its walks again.

## **Ascension Thursday – Holyday of Obligation**

Thursday is the great solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. It is a Holyday of Obligation on which all Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

Ascension Day Masses will be at 10am at St. Teilo's and at 6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday. The Mass readings and prayers for the Solemnity of the Ascension are on page 272 of the Parish Mass Book.

## **Knit and Natter**

The Parish Knit and Natter group will meet in St. Teilo's Hall on Thursday of this week after 10am Mass.

## **Adoration and Exposition – Friday**

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

## **Parish Physical Activity Programme**

The indoor physical activity takes place this Friday in the Hall at St. Teilo's from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

## **World Communications Day - Second Collection next weekend**

Next weekend the Church celebrates World Communications Day. This year, the theme is: "Preserving Human Voices and Faces". To mark World Communications Day, there will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend to support the communications work of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

## **St. Teilo's Centenary Celebrations**

As many of you will know, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 we celebrated 100 years of worship as St. Teilo's Parish Whitchurch. The Parish Pastoral Council set up a sub-committee to organise events to celebrate this momentous year, and I should like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of this hard working group, whose skills complemented each other to put together some thoroughly enjoyable and memorable experiences. Many members of the Parish helped out, but it would be remiss of me not to mention the organisers by name. Canon John for his wise counsel and support, Gill Kane, who inspired us with her usual enthusiasm and ideas, Jill Gildersleve and John Steele for their musical contributions and behind the scenes organisation, and Rhiannon Jenkins, co-opted for her skills in events management.

The celebrations began on April 4<sup>th</sup> with a Mass concelebrated by Canon John and His Grace Archbishop Mark O'Toole, with Dave Roblin at the organ. Other members of the Diocesan Clergy with connections at St. Teilo's also in attendance were Mgr Reardon, Canon Barry English and Fr Allan Davies-Hale. Later, Anne O'Brien and her team provided us with a fine display of tea, cake, sandwiches and wine and we were able to get together with old friends and chat to Archbishop Mark in relaxed surroundings.

The Tea Dance on the June 8<sup>th</sup> was a real success, well attended and catered for by several members of the Parish. Feedback was excellent and the event was deemed by many to be the highlight of the year.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> a group of parishioners took part in a Pilgrimage to Llandaff. The weather was kind to us and we walked to the Cathedral where we were greeted by the Very Rev Jason Bray, Dean of Llandaff, who very kindly gave of his time to show us the tomb of St. Teilo and explain some of the history and activities of our Patron Saint and his peers. The afternoon was concluded at the Maltsters Arms where new friends were made and good fellowship shared.

Another highlight of the year was 'A Pie, A Pint and a Song', an evening of music and entertainment held on 10th October, with our very own John Steele as MC, supported by musician Adrian Bold and BBC sports journalist, musician and raconteur Phil Steele, brother of John. John and Adrian entertained us with music and comedy and Phil kept us all laughing and singing with his anecdotes and songs. Clark's pies were served at half time, fitting for a proper Cardiff night out. Our thanks must go to Cara and the staff of Rhiwbina Recreation Club, who provided the venue free of charge and pulled the pints.

Our centenary year will conclude with a Mass at St. Teilo's at 10am next Sunday, May 17th. The Mass intention will be 'Thanksgiving for 100 Years of Worship at St. Teilo's.' Light refreshments will be served in the Hall after Mass. Once again, thanks to everyone who helped with the events, and to all parishioners and friends who took part.

*Leigh Jenkins - Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Council*

### **Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan**

The annual Welsh National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan, led by Rt. Rev. Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham, takes place on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm to 5.45pm. The event begins at 1.30pm with confessions, at 2.30pm the Rosary Procession takes place. At 3.00pm The Celebration of Mass and at 5.15pm there will be Benediction and the Blessing of the Sick. For further information, please contact Canon Pius Augustine by email at [cardigan@cardiffmenevia.org](mailto:cardigan@cardiffmenevia.org) or by phone on 01239 612615

### **Parish Rosary Prayer Group**

The Parish Rosary Prayer Group normally 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. **(Please note, that due to half-term the group will meet a week early this month)** 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome to attend.

### **Youth Pilgrimage to the Welsh National Shrine of Our Lady**

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a Pilgrimage for young people in Years 8 to 13 to Our Lady of the Taper, Cardigan - the Welsh National Shrine of Our Lady. There will be transport available. If you are interested in attending and want to book a place, please email: [youth@cardiffmenevia.org](mailto:youth@cardiffmenevia.org) or ring 029 2037 9490.

### **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, John Costley, David Cuddihy, Charlotte Daley, Philip Daly, Barbara Day, Rafael Diaz, Violet Fonseca, Maureen Fry, Roger Goode, Mary Goodman, Paul Gough, David Griffiths, Kath Griffiths, Martin Griffiths, Rita Harris, Linda Horrocks, Lola Jones, Olivia Jones, Mary Joseph, M'oiwe Kite, Eileen Lawrence, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Bernie Monaghan, Robert Morgan, Pat Stenson, Bethan Thompson, Hilary Tracey, Keith and Gwen Waddams, Madeleine Walters, Josie Wellington and Eileen Yaxley. If you would like to add someone to the list, please email [whitchurch@rcadc.org](mailto:whitchurch@rcadc.org).

### **Rest in Peace**



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Patrick O'Connell, Canon David Lewis, Father Geoffrey Beach, Father James Mitchell, Jane Mead, Catherine Davies, George Holland, Honora Parker, Louis Page, May Whiting, Irene Ropke, David Goddard, Ellie Leigh, John Mears, Eugene Aherne, Anne Driscoll, John Gardiazabal, Brian Donovan, Agnes Lush, Hannah Gosnall, James McLean, Helen Sutherland, Frederick Botwood, Alice Harrison, Josephine Bohlin, Andrea Franchi, Catherine Storm, Bernard Edwards, Catherine Hudson, Winifred O'Grady, Mary Cooper, Edward Morteo, Monica Ceaton, Cecil McDonald, John Glavin, Peter Driscoll, Constantine Pedrazini, Glenys Popple, Thomas Pearce, Doris Sexton, Joseph Peters,

William Cross, Eileen Roberts, Eileen Forde, Albert Partridge, Stephen Thomas, Josefa Suarez and Carl Fry.

<b>Mass Times and Intentions: 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Geraldine Fitzgerald – RIP – Anniversary (MF)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – The wellbeing of Mary Legge (L&CJ)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter	No Mass today		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Jenkins Family Intentions (L&CJ)
	St. Teilo's	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Adoration for Vocations</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of the Lord	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – John Glavin – Anniversary (SG)
	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – Kathleen Griffiths – RIP (JE)
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -12.00pm	<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Weekday of Easter	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b> <b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter	St. Teilo's	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> – Thanksgiving for 100 Years of Worship in the Parish of St. Teilo's
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> – Norman, Carrie and Charles Falzon – RIP (MH)

### 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 £669.02. 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](mailto:gildersleve@ntlworld.com)  
Thank you.

### Mass Attendance

Mass attendance for the last weekend was as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm	46
	10am	132
	6pm	62