

Parish of St Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia



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Newsletter

Weekend 20th – 21st June
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life – Message from the Bishops of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland

Every year, the Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief. The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon if you would like to know more about this. Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. We have the Lord's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5). The Word of God reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child and perhaps helps us understand why we feel such profound grief at the loss of a baby. Parents instinctively grasp how precious and unique the child is whom they have lost and whom they may already have called by name. They know how no other child can ever replace the one they have lost. Science is clear that life begins at fertilisation when a new and unique living human being comes into existence. Every technological development in recent decades has given us insight into how life in the womb unfolds for each of us. At conception, our gender, genetic makeup, and eye and hair colour are already determined. As early as five weeks, our heart begins to beat. By ten weeks, we can move and respond to touch and, beginning two weeks later, we have the capacity to feel pain. By eighteen weeks, our mother can sense our movement in the womb. By twenty-seven weeks, we can recognise the voices of our parents. For some decades, parents have been able to observe some of these stages through ultrasound scans during pregnancy. The more we learn about the science, the more we understand the teaching of the Church on the unique value of the unborn baby. This understanding, however, is not complete without the recognition that, from the beginning, every human being is not just a body but also an immortal soul, with a unique and eternal connection with God, our Creator. It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion. This Day for Life 2026, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of fertilisation. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. We, in our turn, commit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child. *Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool, England and Wales; Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin, Ireland; Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, Scotland.*

Today's Mass

The Mass readings and prayers for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time are on page 93 of the Parish Mass Book.

Day for Life – Collection this weekend

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, the Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on this weekend. A retiring collection will take place to support the Bishops of England and Wales' Day for Life Fund. More details here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life-fund/>. You are also able to donate using a debit or credit card at the Electronic Donation Station at the back of St. Teilo's or at this address – <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teilo-our-lady-of-lourdes>

Tuesday Mass and Adoration

Due to a meeting of the South West and Wales Clergy Welfare Board in Bradford on Avon, which Canon must attend as the Chair of the Cardiff-Menevia Clergy Welfare Board. Canon will not be able to say a public Mass in the Parish or be available for Adoration on Tuesday.

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

On Wednesday, we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Wednesday's feast honours St. John as the forerunner of Christ. John's birth, announced by the angel and greeted with acclaim and promise, parallels that of Jesus. An angelic annunciation prepares the way, as the Angel Gabriel visits Zechariah to tell him that his wife Elizabeth is with child. The doubting father finds himself unable to speak, until the scene described in today's Gospel. There, Zechariah confirms in writing that the new-born child will be called John. Zechariah's tongue is loosed and he begins to praise God, causing fear and marvelling among all who hear the story. On this feast, six months before the birth of Jesus, we prepare ourselves to welcome the Lord anew in our life, as Zechariah and Elizabeth welcomed their son John.

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 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.

Catholic Christian Outreach Mission to the Archdiocese – Behold the Lamb of God

Wednesday, June 24th – Behold the Lamb of God - A Day of Prayer and Adoration/Holy Hours across all parishes and schools of the Diocese, offered for the intention of the Mission. Details for local celebrations will be announced shortly.

Walk and Talk

The Walk and Talk group continues its weekly walks on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, weather permitting, at the car park of the Lisvane and Llanishen Reservoirs.

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 this week, June 25th. All are welcome to attend.

Adoration and Exposition – Friday

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 11.30am 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.

Catholic Christian Outreach Mission to the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia – Learning to Pray at Belmont Abbey

The next event in the CCO Mission is *Learning to Pray* which takes place at Belmont Abbey on Saturday, June 27th. This day of teaching on prayer is led by CCO founder Andre Regnier. The day is open to all who wish to deepen their prayer life.

Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

Next weekend is the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. It is a Holyday of Obligation, but as it falls on Monday, it will be celebrated in Sunday with the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday or the evening before.

Peter's Pence Collection – Next weekend

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend in support of Peter's Pence. This traditional collection is taken on the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul or the nearest Sunday thereto. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Contributions to Peter's Pence for the exercise of the Pope's universal mission, are directed in two ways: in financing the many activities of service carried out by the Curia (e.g. formation of the clergy, communication, promotion of integral human development, education, justice, etc.) and in contributing to numerous works of material assistance for the most in need. To find out more please see –

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

Local Vocals Concert at St. Teilo's – June 30th

Mary Chichester's Local Vocals Community Choir warmly invites you to their Summer Concert at St Teilo's Church on Tuesday, June 30th at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5.00, available at the door and everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of music and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there.

Car Parking around St. Teilo's

Canon has received a complaint from a neighbour in Glan y Nant Terrace alongside the church. It seems during Mass Times parishioners have been parking on double yellow lines; sometimes with wheels on the pavement and causing other obstructions. Please, when you come to Mass, be considerate to our neighbours on Old Church Road, Glan y Nant Terrace and elsewhere.

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'oiive Kite, Eileen Lawrence, Annette Massey, John McLaughlin, Robert Morgan, Pat Stenson, Bethan Thompson, 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.

Rest in Peace



Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Ray Mawn, a long standing parishioner of St. Teilo's who died last week, Andrzej Mariusz Mazurkiewicz, a member of the Polish Community in Gabalfa, Margeret White and Brian Hembury. Mr. Mazurkiewicz Funeral will take place at 11.30am on Wednesday, July 1st at the Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill; Miss White's Funeral Mass is at St. Teilo's at 10.30am on Thursday, July 9th, followed by Cremation at Thornhill at midday. Mr Hembury's funeral Mass will take place at St. Teilo's at 12.45pm on Friday, July 10th followed by cremation at Thornhill at 2pm.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Eammon Moran, Father John Brady, Father Bernard Egan, Henry Rogers, Thomas Fleming, Mary Hill, William Westerland, Cyril Fagan, Maria Morris, Melvyn Knight, Colin Crothers, John Inch, Sylvia Malarby, Helen Fraser, Margaret Lynch, Kassam Showdery, Rita Calderbank, Spiridion Gauci, Richard Carey, John Woodall, John Kenefick, Giovanna Salvaneli, Annie Powell, William Williams, Martin Board, Gwen Graham, Mary Hamlin, Michael Gorman, Bernard Thomas, Terry Withers, Olive Whitfield, David Thomas, Mary (Mo) Flynn, Joan Herrin, Mary Peterson, Lillian Cass, Mathew Callaghan, Margaret Hensch, John O'Brien, Michael Fagan, Bernard Bartlett, Thomas Adams, Cynthia Morris, Thomasina (Ina) Ritchie, Patrick McCann, Anna Harris, Royston Patmore, John Morgan, Eileen Driscoll, Margaret Marsh, Mary Fowler, Miguel Castillo, Helen Gauci, Elizabeth Williams, Joseph Schiano, David Glavin, Frederick White, Percy Walker, Margaret Fagan, Robert Woodall, Maurice Geary, Edward Noble, Brindley Thomas, Mary Patricia (Maureen) Norris, Dorothy Lovell, Thomas Tracey, Thomas Clooney, Hilda Williams, Arthur Hood, Eileen Parker, Walter Greenman, and Margaret Corless.

Mass Times and Intentions: 20th to 28th June			
Saturday 20 th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Mabel, Beatrice and Laura Hyde (RF)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Katheryn Slade – RIP
Monday 22 nd June St. John Fisher, Bishop, and St. Thomas More, Martyrs	No Mass today		
Tuesday 23 rd June Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass today		
Wednesday 24 th June The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Solemnity	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Bill and Joan Hall – RIP (CH)
Thursday 25 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Intentions of Margaret and Ken Bowdry (CH)
Friday 26 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – Pat Howell – Anniversary
	St. Teilo's	10.30am -11.30pm	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 27 th June Our Lady's Saturday	St. Teilo's	9.40am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Mass – For the People of the Parish
Saturday 27 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00pm	Mass – For the People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Teilo's	10.00am	Mass – Mairead Sutherland – RIP (FS-P)
	St. Teilo's	6.00pm	Mass – Martha Gwendoline Calderbank – RIP (M&RT)

Confessions

There will be no confessions after Mass next Saturday Morning. This is to enable Canon to attend the Deanery Meeting which is taking place straight after Mass next Saturday. Canon will 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 £679.83. 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:

14 th June	6pm	57
	10am	112
	6pm	68