

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

Thursday 3rd May: Registration meeting at St Mary's Bridgend at 6.30pm for all Deanery parishes. Candidates must be year 8 or above and MUST attend with a Parent/Guardian. Baptismal Certificates will be checked at this meeting so please bring these with you.

Preparation Days **Saturday 12th May 2018 and Saturday 9th June 2017 from 10am - 2pm**

If candidates want to be confirmed they MUST attend both preparation days.

Celebration of the Sacrament with Archbishop George Stack:

We have two dates for Confirmation this year Sunday 10th June for Maesteg/Aberkenfig & Monday 11th June for Bridgend/Porthcawl & Llantwit candidates. Whether we celebrate the sacrament on both these dates will depend on the numbers who wish to be confirmed.

"There but not there." The cut out of the soldier that is travelling around the church is part of the "there but not there" campaign. As the 100 years since the end of the First World War draws near (11th November 1918) these have been produced, to help us remember those who gave their lives. All proceeds from these figures go to Help the Hero campaign and other charities that take care of our service men and women.

Would you like to take time out to reflect on your life today? Wales - Celebrate Conference - "See: I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19 NIV) is a conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike. We hope that the weekend will help you find fresh inspiration and renewal in your faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. In this time of upheaval our faith needs nurturing. We aim to make a space in which God can be powerfully present. Experience and feedback teaches us that these weekends are a time of great blessing through:- Inspired Teaching; theatre productions from RISE; Praise & Worship; Creative liturgy and Celebration of the Holy Mass; insightful seminars and workshops on both days including Catholic Bible School; Time and space to encounter Christ's healing touch in Adoration, Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry; Excellent Children's & Youth Ministry

When: Sat 21st April 2018, 09.00 - 21.00 Sun 22nd April 2018, 09.00 - 16.00 Mary Immaculate High School, Caerau Ln, Wenvoe, Cardiff, CF5 5QZ Check out the website. Wales - Celebrate Conference <https://www.celebrateconference.org/wales/> Forms available online.

Advance notice of Amoris Laetitia talks APRIL/MAY 2018 –Book these dates now!

The Archbishop encouraged us in his latest pastoral letter to read and discuss the implications of Pope Francis' document '**Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love**'. We would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to explore this document on Thursday evenings starting on 26th April and running through May. We want to encourage as many people as possible to attend these sessions as the topics are very close to all of our hearts. Pope Francis in his introduction said... "*It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for "families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity"*". NB - This series of talks is for ALL people in the parish = All are invited.

Our Lady's Invitation to You.

The parish of Our Lady & St Illtyd with St Cadoc (Llantwit and Cowbridge), is organising a pilgrimage to **MEDJUGORJE** from **Thurs 30th Aug – Sunday 9th Sept.** Approx. cost £550. This will include return flights from Bristol to Split, transport to and from Medjugore to Split airport, ensuite single and double accommodation with a superb breakfast and evening meal, plus the services of the most experienced spiritual guide in Medjugorje.

For further details, do please ring either Ewa Thomas (01446 771728) or Mike Snow (01446 793420).

Catholic Bible School - Our Lady in the Bible.

What role does Our Lady play in our salvation? Why does she have such a special and unique place in the Catholic Church? And how do we explain to our non-Catholic friends and family why we revere Mary?

Saturday 28th April 10am – 3pm [St David's Catholic Priory, Swansea](#)
