

Welcome to St Mary's

There is a long history of Catholicism around the Bridgend area. Since 1855 Mass has been celebrated on this very sight. When the original Church became in need of significant repair and too small for the still growing Catholic community, the new St. Mary's Catholic Church was commissioned. March 12th 2019 will mark 20 years since the consecration of the new church and our community continues to thrive and grow.

We hope you enjoy your visit here today.
St Mary's is open all day so please feel free to call in and find a moment to offer a prayer or light a candle.

You are most welcome here today and every time.



Inclusion at St Mary's

If you are new to the idea of going to church, or haven't been for a long while, it can be difficult or daunting to walk through the door.

You may worry about what happens once you are inside. Where can you sit? What if you don't know the words? What if you do something at the wrong time? Once you are in, will you be able to get out? How can you escape being overwhelmed by helpful people? What about that business where people shake hands, in the 'peace'? Will people talk about you? Will they judge what you are wearing, whether or not you sing or be critical of how your children behaved?

At St Mary's we are inclusive. God equally loves everybody and we try to reflect that in our welcome and in our worship.

Nobody will care what you wear, how you speak, how often you attend, whether you can sing or know all the words to the creed. Nobody will judge the behaviour of your children.

If they do then that is their problem, not the church's and certainly not yours.

Whatever you have done, or think you have done, you are forgiven.

All are equal and forgiven in God's eyes.

God is Love!

Services at St Mary's

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 11.00 a.m. Mass with children's liturgy and Music Group

Sunday 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please join us after Sunday 11.00am Mass for tea or coffee in the parish hall.

For week day Mass times please consult the newsletter and website:
www.CatholicChurchBridgend.org

If you would like to make contact with someone at St Mary's, or if there is something that we can help you with, please ring **01656 652034 option 2** and leave a message, or email the office on smsb@rcadc.org

The Priest in charge is Father Tim McGrath who can be contacted on 01656 652034 or via the parish office which is open from 9am until 4.00pm each weekday apart from Wednesday.

Please visit the website for more information about

what goes on in St Mary's
www.CatholicChurchBridgend.org

Your Contact Details

**If you are new to our parish,
you are very welcome.
Please introduce yourself to
one of the clergy.**

Name:

Address:

Contact number:

Email:

Please return form to:

The Parish Office
St Mary's Catholic Church
39, Ewenny Road
Bridgend
CF31 3HS or email:

smsb@rcadc.org with your details

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Becoming Part of the Community

These days we all lead very busy lives;
however, we know that, just as our
ancestors built and maintained the old
church for us, we must do the same
for next generation. This is not just
about raising money but about
giving time and commitment to keep
our parish a vibrant one.

What talents can you offer to God, the community and the Church?

Many of our groups, such as the,
Knights of St. Columba, the SVP and
the 'Friends of St Mary's, who assist
with the social and fundraising events
of the parish, are in need of new
members. Could you join? Could you
help the liturgical & spiritual life of
the parish, for example as a sacristan,
flower arranger, member of the
church cleaning group or piety shop
rota? Could you be a musician,
chorister, reader, Eucharistic minister,
or an altar server, or maybe a collector
or counter of the offertory?

**Please see Father Tim or Deacon
Philip to find out more.**

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