



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

St Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend

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## Coronavirus Guidelines

*In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change.*

*Following official advice and to keep each other safe, save lives and support our NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. Our church will remain open from 9am until 5pm should you wish to call in for private prayer. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Tim daily and shortly there will be measures put into place to allow the live streaming of each Mass. There are links on the website to help you and your families through this tricky time and there will be a bulletin available at the rear of the church for you to take home if you do call in.*

*Please observe the guidance on social distancing and be responsible in continuing to use universal good hygiene. Catch sneezes in a tissue, bin the tissue, wash your hands with soap and hot water, and try not to touch your face unless you have washed your hands. Keep safe. God Bless.*

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS:** Please continue to ring and inform me of any hospital admissions on 01656 652034. Due to hospital restrictions and observing guidelines, especially those relating to underlying health issues, no Priest will be able to visit the sick in hospital or at home at this time.

### Funerals

Please be advised that Priests and Deacons can only conduct a Funeral service in the Crematorium or at the graveside during this time. No Requiem Masses or services are allowed in church. A Memorial Service for the deceased may be held later once all returns to normal.

### Mass Intentions

*Please note that all Masses said will be for 'the People of the Parish' and for your own private intentions. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

**Volunteers required to help those in need.** Wendy and Eugene McCarthy are co-ordinating volunteers to help those who are struggling during this difficult time. Whilst it is more important than ever to observe social distancing there are those who may need help to get in some supplies or who would just appreciate a phone call to see that they are ok. If you are able to help please call or email the office and I will pass on your details to Wendy and Eugene. Many Thanks. Sarah Kearns

It is understandable that in these uncertain times people may not be in a position to give as generously as they normally do and thus the parish income is likely to fall as a result. Should parishioners feel able to donate, one of the ways we can ensure continuation of parish income over the coming weeks is by setting up a standing order to the parish account. Please contact the office if you require the information to set this up. Many thanks.

**Due to the current situation all rotas (including cleaning and counting) have been suspended immediately.**

Please check the website regularly for updates and remember you can also follow St Mary's via Instagram. If you do not have access to the internet please ask someone who does to keep you informed of any important messages.

**EU Settlement Scheme** – If you are not sure please ask a member of the clergy or call the office. You may still need to apply even if you moved to the UK before it joined the EU. See Church website for more details.



*'O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come'.  
Collect Fourth Sunday of Lent*

### **Ernest Anthony 'Tony' Bryant RIP**

Please keep 'Tony' and his family in your prayers.  
Please also keep Archbishop Peter Smith  
in your prayers.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



**On Mothers Day  
we give thanks for the  
blessings of family life and  
especially the contribution  
made to the parish by the  
women of the parish and  
community.**

### **A Prayer for us in this time of need.**

Heavenly Father, who sent the ten plagues to free his children, and protected them by the blood of the Lamb, bless all those affected by the Coronavirus. Encourage and strengthen those who seek a cure. Protect all who care or work in the NHS. Send your Holy Angels to guard us and bring us safely through this time of trial. May your Holy Mother care for us as she did for the sick child Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Follow this with one Our Father, three Hail Marys)*

Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for us.

St. Raphael Archangel. Pray for us.

St Luke, the Physician. Pray for us.

St. Bernadette. Pray for us.

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

'O Mary

You shine continuously along our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope  
"We entrust ourselves to you.  
Health of the Sick,  
who at the Cross were near to the pain of  
Jesus  
Keeping your faith firm.

"You, Salvation of the Roman people,  
Know what we need, and we trust that  
you will provide for those needs so that,  
as at Cana of Galilee  
joy and celebration may return after this  
moment of trial

"Help us.

Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the father  
and to do what Jesus tells us,  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself,  
and took up our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection.  
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas.  
We who are put to the test  
And deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### **A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER**

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.