

# The Baptism of the Lord

Catholic Parishes of St Mary's, Bridgend, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Porthcawl  
& St Joseph's of Arimathea, Kenfig Hill

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Please note that Masses are to remain live stream only until further notice. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for developments. Stay safe. Take care. God Bless.		
Date	Mass Times	Mass Intention
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm live stream only</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b> <b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b> <b>Mass 11.00am*</b> <b>Mass 6.00pm*</b>	Ray Mackey (Ladies Guild) Mary Cousins (Pauline & John Lockett) Celia Young anniversary (Denis Gaffney)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass Today	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Luigi Cavalli RIP
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Requiem Mass Patrick Maoloney 12.00 noon Our Lady Star of the Sea	INVITATION ONLY
	Mass 7.00pm live stream only	James Mitchell Wyatt-Williams (Wyatt-Williams family)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Requiem Mass Tom Sheridan 10.45 am Our Lady Star of the Sea	INVITATION ONLY
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Josef Bajzek RIP (R Bajzek)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b> <b>Vigil Mass 6.00 pm live stream only</b>	Patricia Whare RIP (D&T Morgan) Ursula James RIP(S Ryan)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> January <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b> <b>Mass 11.00am live stream only</b> <b>Mass 6.00pm live stream only</b>	Cristina Bisagni RIP (HCPT Group 55) Kevin Stephens & Efren Abulencia RIP (Filipino community) Sean Connick RIP (M McAweney)
<b>Mass Intentions</b> – these are now full well into next year. If you do have any queries please contact the office.		
<p><b>Please continue to remember all those who are sick and housebound in your prayers:</b> Mary Bryan, Anne Colson, Ryan Dixon, Angela Ellis, Barbara Fentham, Elsie Freeth, Catherine Grills, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Robert Morrison, Maureen Pritchard, Marcus Rossini and David Watkins.</p>		
<p><b>We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers:</b> Anna, Anthony George, Benji Vista, Conall &amp; Siobhan, Eddie, Elizabeth Williams, Emma, Erica, Garry, Helle, Jamie, Keith, Lloyd Woodroff, Margaret, Maria, Martin Ginnelly, Mary Farndale, Mary Thornton, Mike, Peter and Vince Chapman. (Please email <a href="mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org">bridgend@rcadc.org</a> if you would like to add a name to the list).</p>		
	<p><b>'The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour'</b> (Psalm 28:9-10)</p>	

## *Eternal Rest*

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of Joan Margaret Pearson,  
Anne-Marie Gywnne, Patrick Maoloney and Tom Sheridan,

Requiem Mass for Patrick Maoloney will be held at 12.00 noon on 13<sup>th</sup> January in Our Lady Star of the Sea.  
Requiem Mass for Tom Sheridan will be held at 10.45am on 14<sup>th</sup> January in Our Lady Star of the Sea.  
Funeral Service for Joan Pearson will be held at 11.30am on 20<sup>th</sup> January in Coychurch Crematorium.  
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family members and invited guests only.

*Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **Parish Prayer**

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.

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.

### **We Can Help**

Do you know of anyone who is struggling with food poverty?

If so we can help.

Ring 07534 095766

### **Act of Spiritual Communion St Alphonsus Liguori.**

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

*Amen.*

As part of Year of the Word 2021 Fr Tim will be giving a live streamed talk on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the list of talks at the end of the newsletter.

#### **How to Access the Online Talks**

The Talks are live-streamed on YouTube.

To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website [www.domsec.org.uk](http://www.domsec.org.uk) and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar.

### **The Baptism of the Lord, Year B, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

***I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.***

Today's feast of the Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas. Coming after the Epiphany of the Lord, it can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. Through Christ's baptism, in which the entire Trinity is present (**Gospel**), the world is made into a second creation. In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel *is* the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored. This is why we can join with the **Psalmist**:

'With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation'!

St John develops this theme (**Second Reading**) when he says that because Jesus overcame the world by water and blood, so we, with the Spirit living in us, can be saved.

This coming week, let's strive to deepen our trust in the Father, who is our salvation; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, who works in us to ensure we do not return empty-handed; and to strengthen our joy in the

Son, through whose incarnation and baptism

we are made into God's children.



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### Diocese of Menevia

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**Saturday, January 16**

**The Book of Revelation: Signs and Symbols for Understanding the Bible**

Fr. Timothy McGrath

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**Saturday, February 20**

**Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in  
Genesis Fr. Liam Bradley**

**Saturday, March 20**

**Mary, the New Eve**

Fr. Gabriel Avbenake, OP

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**Saturday, April 17**

**Scriptural Spirituality: Prayer in the Bible and the Bible in Prayer**

Canon John Udris

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**Saturday, May 15**

**The Psalms: The Church's Prayer Book and their place in her Liturgy**

Fr. Paul Brophy

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**Saturday, June 19**

**The Sacramental Economy in Sacred  
Scripture Fr. Robert Davies**

**Saturday, July 17**

**A Biblical Explanation of the Mass**

Fr. Michael Akpoghiran, OP

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**Saturday, August 21**

**Elijah for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Fr. Jerome Ituah, OCD

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**Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18**  
**Diocesan Scripture Day/Scripture Tour and Art Exhibition**

**Saturday, October 16**  
**The Role of Women in Salvation history**

Sr. Nora Ryan

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**Saturday, November 20**  
**Saul and Paul: A Story of Inner Conversion**

Fr. Matthew Roche-Saunders

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