

2nd Sunday of Lent

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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Some Masses are now open to the public. Please do not attend unless you have booked. Many thanks.

Date	Mass Times	Mass Intention
Sat 27 th Feb	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil Mass 6.00 pm live stream & bookings	People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Ursula James (Elsie Burrows)
Sun 28 th Feb <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only Mass 11.00am live stream & bookings Mass 6.00pm live stream & bookings	Jim McGowan Repose of the Soul (K&E Strange) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers John Brett (June Brett & family)
Mon 1 st March St David's Day	Mass 10.00am	The people of our three parishes.
Tues 2 nd March	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am (Bookings only)	Cristina Bisagni (Gill Drew)
Wed 3 rd March	Mass 7.00pm live stream & bookings	Annie Burns (TJ & A Marsh) Anne & Len Mathias (K O'Driscoll)
Thurs 4 th March	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Carmine & Giovanna Goldoni (A Goldoni) Gina Rossi (Roberto Hodges)
Fri 5 th March	Mass 7.30am live stream only	Mark Leighfield (Manghan family) Rita Foley RIP (D & P Lloyd) Albina Cavalli (Wyn & Ida Brereton) Dewi Williams (L Davies)
	Mass 10.00am live stream only	
	Requiem Mass 12.00 noon Sally Mackey	SERVICE HELD IN OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA. ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION ONLY
Sat 6 th March	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil Mass 6.00 pm live stream & bookings	Kath Hammond RIP (AC) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers
Sun 7 th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only Mass 11.00am live stream & bookings Mass 6.00pm live stream & bookings	People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Anna Ochab (Rick, Maria & family) Sean Connick RIP (M McAweney)

Mass Intentions – these are booking well into the year. If you do have any queries please contact the office.

Please continue to remember all those who are sick and housebound in your prayers:

Mary Bryan, Anne Colson, Ryan Dixon, Angela Ellis, Barbara Fentham, Elsie Freeth, Catherine Grills, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Jean Martin, Robert Morrison, Maureen Pritchard and Marcus Rossini.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers: Anna, Anthony George, Baby Elijah, Benji Vista, Canon Isaac, Conall & Siobhan, Derek, Eddie, Emma, Erica, Garry, Harold Jenkins, Helle, Jamie, Julia Margaret Lewis, Keith, Kevin Thomas, Lloyd Woodroff, Margaret, Maria, Martin Ginnelly, Mary Farndale, Mary Thornton, Mike, Pat Dohoney, Peter, Stewart, Terry and Vince Chapman. Please email bridgend@rcadc.org if you would like to add a name to the list.



'O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.'
(Collect Second Sunday of Lent)



Eternal Rest

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of
Bridget 'Bridie' Merrick, Mair Morris, Sally Mackey, Dariusz Potoczny, Kenneth Newman,
Pat Doheny and Domenico Sassano recently deceased.

Funeral for Bridie Merrick 2.15pm on Monday 1st March 2021 at Coychurch Crematorium.
Funeral for Mair Morris 2.45 pm on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at Coychurch Crematorium.
Funeral for Dariusz Potoczny 11.30am on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at Coychurch Crematorium
Requiem Mass for Sally Mackey 12.00 noon Friday 5th March at Our Lady Star of the Sea.
Funeral for Kenneth Newman 11.30am on Monday 8th March 2021 at Coychurch Crematorium
Funeral for Domenico Sassano 12.00 noon on Friday 12th March at 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*

How are you getting on with your Lenten promise?

This Lent try to do something more NOT just give something up!

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 7th March

Putting something Fairtrade in our shopping baskets is another
good way of fulfilling our Lenten alms giving obligation.

Visit the link for more information:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight/>

Kath & Ben Wooding would be more than willing to place an order with
Tradecraft – as usual all profits to CAFOD. Contact the office for more information.

Finding Hope in Scripture Online Lenten Retreat

Each Monday during Lent led by Sr Hyacinthe,
Portsmouth Diocese.

A look at the virtue of hope from different
Scripture passages, so that we may grow in hope
with others. Followed by live-streamed adoration
and Compline with the Dominican Sisters of St.

Joseph. Register here to participate:

godwhospeaks.uk/finding-hope-in-scripture

Belmont Abbey – Wednesdays in Lent
10 am to 1pm.

See the Abbey website for further details:
www.belmontabbey.org.uk

LENTEN TALK ON THE LIVE STREAM 3.00pm SUNDAY

As part of our Lenten Journey Deacon Anthony, Deacon
Rob, Deacon Phillip and Fr. Tim will be giving short talks
and reflections on the Priesthood. These talks will last
approximately 30 minutes and will be live streamed
every Sunday at 3:00pm, beginning on Sunday 21st
February. It is hoped through these talks we may gain a
deeper understanding of our own share in the
priesthood, and the Sacramental Priesthood of the
Church. These talks will expand on the recent book by
John Bergsma "**JESUS and the Old Testament roots of
the Priesthood**"
(well worth a look at).

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 26th February.

Last year your donations helped families in Ethiopia survive devastating droughts.

This Fast Day our parish can help alleviate water poverty again in Ethiopia .

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a
day to collect water. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and
to provide other vital support.

There are many ways we, as a parish community, can make a difference to people.

Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

**Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising
via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to
70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice*

CAFOD works not only to alleviate poverty around the world but to combat injustice and climate
change which impact the most vulnerable.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion for the most devastated communities in our world.

2nd Sunday of Lent, 28th February

'This is my Son, the Beloved.'

Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him. In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son.

Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined. The **Psalmist** gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted.

Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading**, echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the enormity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son.

With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him. In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him and not speak of the wonder of what they have witnessed on the mountain top. This week we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we too might walk in his presence.

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.

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.

Re-opening our churches – YOU MUST BOOK

Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea 10.00am on Tuesdays.

St Mary's will be open for Masses at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6.00pm on Saturday,
11.00am on Sunday and 6.00pm on Sunday.

Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended and it may be wise to wait until you have had both doses of your vaccine administered. Even if you have had your vaccine to keep us all safe it is really important to abide by the social distancing rules that are still in force.

You must wear a mask. For bookings please call 07534 095766 during office hours
9am-4pm (CLOSED WEDNESDAY) or email bridgend@rcadc.org

Please read the reminder of the rules at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks for your support.



One Year On: Remembering Our Loved-Ones

On 23rd March 2021 we will reach a significant milestone in the country's fight against Coronavirus: for it was on this day that we entered the first of the lockdowns. With these words of the Prime Minister, our lives radically changed, and the era of a 'new normal' was ushered in:

"From this evening I must give the British people a very simple instruction - you just stay home".

Since then, we as a nation have lost over 121,000 lives, with the total here in Wales exceeding 5,000. These are no mere statistics: each number is a life, each life is a memory, each life is a family trying to grieve in such exceptional circumstances.

On Monday, 23rd March, I will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. David's Cathedral for all the faithful departed who have died as a consequence of the pandemic. I have opened a Book of Remembrance at the Cathedral, and I invite you to send in the names of your loved-ones who have died over the last year as a result of the pandemic. The Book of Remembrance will be given place of honour at the Requiem Mass before the pascal candle at the Requiem Mass. If you would like the name of your loved one included in the Book of Remembrance, please email Fr. Daniel at cathedral@rcadc.org.

The Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral 12:45pm on Monday, 23rd March. Due to limited numbers able to safely be present at the Cathedral, those who may wish to attend will need to reserve a seat by telephoning Fr. Daniel Stanton at Clergy House on 029 20 23 14 07. There are thirty-four spaces available in the Cathedral for yourself or your bubble. These seats will be reserved on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The Requiem Mass will also be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

With every blessing,

Archbishop George Stack

- Bookings for Masses can be made during office hours (9am-4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) by **telephoning 07534 095766**.
Alternatively you may email bridgend@rcadc.org
- You **MUST** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door. If you have not booked and had your place confirmed in advance – **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND**.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
 - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
 - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will **NOT** attend.
 - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- Please note that **Face Coverings MUST be worn in Church**.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- You should arrive between 15 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion. If you do not wish to take communion please come for a blessing to avoid others having to brush past you on returning to the pew.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in the basket at the back of the Church or in one of the wall boxes around the Church.
- Once Mass has ended please leave the Church promptly and disperse.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are a requirement to enable public worship to take place.

Who should steward?

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable to severe symptoms of COVID-19, you should NOT help with stewarding during COVID-19.

If you are 60+, pregnant or BAME you should be aware that you are also vulnerable to serious illness from COVID and consider if there are alternative ways you could help your church.

If you live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, you should also consider whether stewarding is safe for your household circumstances.

Stewarding during COVID

Stewarding during COVID-19 is likely to involve:

- Opening and closing the church.
- Checking that temporary signs, notices and barriers are clear, legible, secure and in the right place.
- Encouraging people to use the check in facilities.
- Reminding people to use the hand sanitising facilities.
- Encouraging visitors to use a face covering.
- Helping people to observe social distancing guidelines e.g. by highlighting one way routes, directing people to seating and helping to manage queues and congestion.
- Checking for obvious hazards that could cause an accident e.g. slip and trip hazards, fire hazards.
- Being vigilant to potential dangers such as slip and trip or fire hazards, unusual or antisocial behaviour.
- Keeping consumables such as hand washing materials, spare disposable gloves and face coverings well stocked
- Monitoring votive candle stations where these are in use.
- Helping with cleaning of hard surfaces that are touched frequently by multiple people.
- Implementing emergency procedures in the event of a fire or accident.
- Being a point of contact for visitors.

Dear all, many thanks to all those who have responded and embraced giving via standing order, particularly as our counting teams are presently out of action. If setting up a standing order is something you do not feel comfortable with, by all means hold onto your offerings until you are next able to attend Church or forward a cheque to the Presbytery.

Equally, it is understandable that in these uncertain times people may not be in a position to give.

Many thanks also to those who are making donations via the Virgin Money site on the websites. Please be advised that there are transaction fees due when donating in this way, as such the preferred option is always to give via the appropriate parish account. If you would like standing order forms and gift aid declaration forms sent out to you or if you do have queries about any of these issues **please contact the office bridgend@rcadc.org**

or 07534 095766.

Many thanks for your support.

January Giving	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Virgin Money	Total
Bridgend	£2809.00	£307.00	£150.00	£3266.00
Porthcawl	£1521.00	£311.00	£60.00	£1892.00