

Pentecost Sunday

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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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 22 nd May	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil 6.00pm live stream & bookings	Tom Mulligan (P & M McCormack) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers
Sunday 23 rd May <i>Pentecost Sunday</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 Bernie Vista healing (Mr & Mrs Vista) Richard Gridstone (P & J Maher)
Monday 24 th May	No Mass today	
Tuesday 25 th May	Our Lady Star of the Sea Mass 10.00am (bookings only)	John Dunne (P & M McCormack)
Wednesday 26 th May	Mass 7.00pm live stream & bookings	Derek Ford RIP (I Ford) Kevin Stephens (A Quinn)
Thursday 27 th May <i>Lord Jesus Christ, Our Eternal High Priest</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Eileen Field (Manghan family) BJ Shellard (Margaret Thomas)
Friday 28 th May	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Mary Cousins (SVP) John & Mary O'Neill (C Readman)
Saturday 29 th May	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil 6.00pm live stream & bookings	People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Nelly Castro anniversary
Sunday 30 th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only Mass 11.00am live stream & bookings Mass 6.00pm live stream & bookings	Thanksgiving Harold Jenkins (St Mary's primary school) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers

Mass Intentions (St Mary's) please be aware that there is currently a long wait. For specific dates please book 2 or even 3 months in advance. Many thanks.

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, Sam & Betty Henn, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Jean Martin, 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, Conall & Siobhan, Eddie, Emma, Erica, Garry, Helle, Jamie, Julia Margaret Lewis, Marion Long, Keith, Kevin Thomas, Lloyd Woodroff, Margaret, Maria, Martin Ginnelly, Mary Thornton, Mike, Peter, Stewart and Vince Chapman. Please email bridgend@rcadc.org if you would like to add a name to the list.



Please note that the office will be closed for half term - week commencing 31st May. Bookings for weekend Masses on 29th/30th May and 5th/6th June will be taken from 9.00am on Monday 24th May. Bookings for 1st June in Porthcawl will close on Friday 28th May and bookings for the 8th June can be made on Monday 7th June. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Many thanks.



The Bible speaks about God's love for all people; his special love for the Jewish people; the coming of the Saviour, Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection; the gift of the Holy Spirit; and the beginnings of the Christian Church. It finishes with an extraordinary vision of heaven." (Fr Stephen Wang)



Prayers for the Sick

There has been a long tradition in the Church of requesting prayers for the sick and their names being published in the weekly newsletter. If you wish to have a person's name included on the list, then please ensure you have their permission and then contact the office via email or telephone. The names currently on the list will remain until the end of June when they will be reviewed. If you wish for a name to remain on the list for July, then please contact us.

Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May 2021

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Today we celebrate the great day of Pentecost, when Christ filled the Church with the power of his Spirit and sent his followers out into the world to bring his peace, joy and mercy to all.

The **First Reading** tells the story of what happened on the first Pentecost. With the advent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are filled with its power and the Church is born. The barrier of language between peoples is removed as the whole community hears the wonders of God's message.

The atmosphere is one of an exuberant and joyful new beginning.

The **Psalmist** is a person of deep faith who sees that nature bears the fingerprints of the Creator.

God's Spirit is also the Spirit of renewal of life.

Paul compares the imprisoning consequences of self-centeredness and self-indulgence with the life-giving fruits of the Spirit. He reminds the Galatians that it was the presence of the Spirit dwelling within them, who would guarantee that they live the true Christian life (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus promises that the Spirit – the Advocate – will come and continue to be with them. He also invites his followers to begin to witness to the fullness of the Father's message of love, with the guidance and companionship of the Advocate.

This week, let us pray for ourselves and for the Christian Church.

We ask for a sense of rediscovery of what it means to be the people of God, and that our hearts and minds might be open to the Spirit of truth.

Employment Opportunities

There are a number of vacancies within the Diocese's Catholic schools:

- Deputy Head Teacher – Christ the King Primary
Closing Date: 12.00 noon Friday 28th May
- Classroom Teacher – St John Lloyd Primary
Closing Date: 3pm Thursday 27th May
- Teaching Assistant – St Cuthbert's Primary
Closing Date: 12.00 noon Monday 25th May

Thank you to those parishioners who have come forward offering to help steward in Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Unfortunately, there are still not enough stewards available to allow Our Lady Star of the Sea to open on another weekday.

Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and an easing of the restrictions as to allow us to meet easily in our churches once more.

Governors at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a Learning Support Officer for 16 ¼ hours per week to begin in September. This is a permanent position, and it will be based in the school's new Early Years' Atelier. Details can be found on the school's website:

(www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk) in the 'vacancies' tab.

The post is also advertised via 'e-teach'. Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the school for further details. The closing date is June 11th (at noon).

Archdiocese of Cardiff “The God Who Speaks”: Scripture Study Days

Saturday, May 29th from 11am-12.30pm.

Deacon Rob Coyne will be giving a talk on
“Celebrating, Living and Sharing “The God Who Speaks”.

This will be a very enlightening talk as the title is the theme of the Year of the God Who Speaks. Further details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/> events.

How to Access the Online Talks

You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409256453?pwd=YktlYnQvWjNzQjl5L0xnZkFsaHNYUT09>

Meeting ID 824 0925 6453

Passcode: 633303

The talks will also appear on YouTube. Please go to the [ACES YouTube channel](#)

Contacts for enquiries: Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org
or Kate Duffin at kate.duffin@hotmail.co.uk

The Archdiocese wants to hear from each of us about Archdiocesan Communications

The communications team of the Archdiocese of Cardiff is keen to use the opinions and experience of parishioners to shape the Archdiocese’s internal and external communications platforms. Covid-19 has presented many challenges and has highlighted the need for the Archdiocese to streamline and re-assess its many communications channels. We value frank feedback and look forward to putting your thoughts to use.

Please take the survey before Tuesday, June 15th by clicking [here](#).

A hard copy version of the survey is available on request. Please contact Owen Collins on Owen.Collins@rcadc.org or 029 2037 4148 for further information.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving/ Standing Orders/ Gift Aid

You can continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations however if you wish to make regular monthly donations to the life of the parish, please consider setting up a Standing Order. You can make your giving to the parish go even further by completing a gift aid declaration form (taxpayers only) meaning that for every £1 donated an extra 25p goes to the parish at no extra cost to you. If you would like to set up a standing order or require a gift aid form, then call the office or e-mail bridgend@rcadc.org Many thanks.

CAFOD Appeal for India

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD’s Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give.

Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

PLEASE BOOK FOR WEEKEND MASSES BY 4.00PM ON FRIDAY
IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.MANY THANKS.

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. 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 below. Many thanks for your support.

- 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 **toilet facilities available** only for emergencies.
- 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.