

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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Masses are open to the public unless otherwise stated. There is no need to book, although other measures still apply. Masses from St Mary's will continue to be live streamed.

St Mary's is now open for Silent Prayer 10am until 5pm Tuesday – Friday

Call in, sanitise hands, sign in and use the back 3 benches only.

There are materials to sanitise your seat before and after use at the rear of the church.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Sat 11 th September	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only St Mary's - Vigil 6.00pm	Holy Souls People of the Parish, our frontline workers
Sun 12 th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am St Mary's - Mass 11.00am St Mary's - Mass 6.00pm	People of the Parish, our frontline workers Sean Connick (Connick family) Remegia Soriano (Richard De Los Reyes)
Mon 13 th September	No Mass today	
Tues 14 th September	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 15 th September	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am St Mary's - Mass 7.00pm	Thanksgiving Marek Juraszek RIP Zuarez-Inclan Family (JVC)
Thurs 16 th September	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am St Mary's - Mass 10.00am	Holy Souls Eileen Field (Sue Ryan) Margaret Pulko (Tuesday Club)
Fri 17 th September	Requiem Mass 11.00am <i>Meri Angela Ricci</i>	
Sat 18 th September	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only St Mary's - Vigil 6.00pm	People of the Parish, our frontline workers Mary Youssef birthday wishes (Wyn & Ida)
Sun 19 th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Our Lady Star of the Sea - Mass 10.00am St Mary's - Mass 11.00am St Mary's - Mass 6.00pm	Meirion Burke RIP (G Drew) Marek Juraszek RIP People of the Parish, our frontline workers

Mass Intentions (St Mary's) there is currently a very, very long wait.

Please book 2 or even 3 months in advance. Many thanks.

Prayers for the Sick - 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 on 07534 095766 or via emailing bridgend@rcadc.org

If you wish for a name to remain on the list for Nov/Dec then please contact us.

We pray for the sick and housebound of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Joseph's of Arimathea & St Mary's.
We pray for our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers.

For SEPT/OCT: Noah Cleary, Elsie Freeth, Martin Ginnelly, Helle, Sam & Betty Henn Margaret Jarvis, Keith John, Julia Margaret Lewis, Jack Michael Ley, Sam & Betty Henn, Brinley Morgan, & Maureen Pritchard.



“Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Th 2:14)





Eternal Rest

Please keep the family of Meri Angela Ricci (nee Cavalli) in your prayers.
Requiem Mass at 11.00am on Friday 17th September at St Mary's
Please keep all the families of all those recently deceased in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time. May they rest in peace. Amen

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'You are the Christ!'

This Sunday we contemplate Jesus, who is, as Peter declares, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Our readings help us to understand the journey Jesus takes to show his love for us. The **First Reading** from Isaiah is part of the song of the Suffering Servant. He is to suffer much but he retains his complete confidence and trust in God. The section of the **Psalms** given today complements this reading. The psalmist suffers greatly but gives thanks because the Lord has heard his cry and saved him. James, in the **Second Reading**, underlines the practical consequences of our faith: the loving response the faithful follower must give. In the **Gospel**, Jesus questions his disciples about what people are saying of him. When Peter declares that he is the Christ, Jesus reveals the suffering ahead of him and also, that we his disciples, are to follow the same path. In our prayer this week, perhaps we can be conscious that we are disciples of Jesus, living out our lives in his name.

First Holy Communion

For children who started year 3 or above in SEPTEMBER 2020 the First Holy Communion course has started. The next session will take place at 10.30am on Saturday 18th September in St Mary's Church and any children still wishing to enrol can do so then.

Those children from the 2019 intake who have almost completed the course will be required to attend 2 revision sessions on 16th October and 23rd October with a view to taking the Sacrament on the weekend of the 30th/31st October (timings to be confirmed).

Those children starting year 3 in SEPTEMBER 2021 will be invited to enrol after October half term on the next First Holy Communion Course which will then begin after Christmas.

A gentle reminder that if your child is wishing to take their First Holy Communion then they should be attending Mass with you regularly. Please see website for further details:
<https://catholicchurchbridgend.org.uk/sacraments-and-formation/first-holy-communion/>

SECOND RUN OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELISATION PROGRAMME

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce a second run of the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme - **Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish.**

Open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese, this is a seven-week programme, delivered by members of the Evangelisation Commission and running for one and half hours via Zoom on each of the following Tuesdays - September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th and November 2nd and 9th.

The Programme will remind participants of the Great Commission and the basic Gospel message. It will cover a rudimentary history of the early church and will consider important messages from recent papal papers, how to give witness testimonies, evangelise non-church going Catholics with practical approaches and tools for building a parish team to evangelise. The Genesis Mission will be an important follow-on activity offered to participants, providing the necessary skills for successful encounters. For more information and to register for the Programme, please email Madeleine Walters at madeleine.walters@rcadc.org

Paid Help

A parishioner is looking for a driver to help out for a couple of days per month. If you are interested, please contact the office on 01656 652034 (option2) or 07534 095766 to find out more details.

Covid-19 Measures – Update

Please only attend church if you are symptom free!

On Saturday 7th August Wales moved to alert level zero meaning that most restrictions have now been lifted. However, we are being urged to “continue to be cautious and retain some transmission controls to varying degrees at varying times”. Regular risk assessments are required to monitor local transmission rates and adjust measures accordingly meaning things could be subject to changes over the next weeks and months ahead. Consequently, the following guidelines from the Welsh Government and Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will apply until further notice:

1. **Opening of Churches** - St Mary's will be left open and unsupervised for individual prayer during times when there are no public acts of worship. Our Lady Star of the Sea will remain closed for now apart from the published Mass times. Group prayer sessions will hopefully be reintroduced in Our Lady Star of the Sea in the autumn.
2. **Face masks** – these remain mandatory, even whilst seated, for those over the age of 11 (unless medically exempt).
3. **Hand sanitiser** – please use this on the way in and out of the church.
4. **Test, Track and Trace** – please sign in using the NHS app and QR barcode or on the form available.
5. **One-way systems and movement of people** – though this is no longer necessary, people should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other. Please use the main entrance to enter the church as you will need to sign in.
6. **Social Distancing** – though no longer a legal requirement some may wish to remain cautious please be respectful of other parishioners, for example in St Mary's those wishing to keep a social distance may use the chairs by the radiators. ***Please respect those who may wish to maintain a social distance.***
7. **Stewards** – our stewards will still very much be needed to provide a welcoming presence at the church door, to guide people as necessary to an appropriate seat and assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church buildings. Want to join the team? Please contact us.
8. **Cleaning** – this will remain a high priority. Along with the post Mass sanitising by stewards and parishioners of the benches and touch points, regular deep cleaning will be maintained throughout the week.
9. **Holy Water stoups** will remain empty for now.
10. **Ventilation** – windows and doors will be kept open where possible to maintain a good supply of fresh air.
11. **Ministers** for the celebration of Holy Mass such as servers, cantors, readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-introduced slowly over the coming weeks/ months.
12. **Offertory collection** – although this may be resumed parishioners are encouraged to continue giving direct to the parish accounts where possible. There will be a basket available at the rear of each church for donations. Those St Mary's parishioners requiring gift aid envelopes will be able to collect these from the rear of the church. ***Please consider setting up a standing order and gift aiding your offertory.***
13. **Sign of Peace** remains suspended.
14. **Holy Communion** will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. It is recommended that Communion is received in the hand.
15. **Singing will be re- introduced gradually.**
16. **Confessions** – please see a steward to see if a Priest is available prior to Mass to hear your confession.
17. **Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriages and Funerals** – restrictions for these have been eased. Please see the clergy or contact the office with any questions.
18. **Children's liturgy** – to be re-introduced in the autumn.
19. **Tea and Coffee after Mass** – to be re-introduced sometime in the autumn.
20. **Hall** – the hall will be reopened for our own parish needs pending the necessary risk assessments. Hiring to third parties/ general public will remain suspended for now.