

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN**

**Archdiocese of Cardiff**

**(Registered Charity Number 117727)**

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*21<sup>st</sup> March 2021*

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*Psalter Week 1 Year B*

**All Masses at Our Lady's are Live Streamed**

**Live Stream Camera** To view the live streams, you will need to use the link below. All live streams will be live and will not be available to be viewed at a later time. <http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/>

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am  5.00 pm	Our Lady's	First Holy Communion <b><u>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u></b> Paddy & Una Tracey (MJ)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Renato Basini Gazzi (AG)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Edith Newbold (MC); Terrence Lord (OLA Sch) Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Denis O'Brien (Fam); Jennifer Woods (RJ) Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.40 am 10.00 am  5.30 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Rose & Herbert Williams (JK); Joyce Henderson <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.40 am 10.00 am  10.40 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Charlotte & Christopher Mahedy (A&MC); the Wellbeing of Sean Gilgun (Fam) Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am  5.00 pm	Our Lady's	First Holy Communion <b><u>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B</u></b> The People of the Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	Kathleen Crowley (PL); Mary Brennan (FB-D)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place by appointment on Saturday mornings between 11.00am -11.30am in St Anne's Room. **Please contact Canon John to arrange a time.**

### *Parish Sick*

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially **Rose James, Angela Davies, Sybil Worsfold, Ivor Dando, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, Peter and Isabelle Nash, Tommy Harris, Rosemary Jenkins, Iverna Ward, Michael and Pauline Loughlin, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Sr Denise, Brenda Bold, Margaret Kane, Fr Kevin, Canon William Isaacs, Bob French, Amelia Smith, Wendy Fleming and Malcolm Williams.**

### CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Canon John Kelly, VF  
and parishioners of Saint Peter, Bargoed and Aberbargoed and District Hospital.



**'It is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I shall be their God and they shall be my people.'**  
**Jeremiah 31:33**



### The Pope's Intention – March 2021

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### The God Who Speaks Team

The God who speaks has sent this link to several **Stations of the Cross and prayer resources** to aid personal devotions. [godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home/personal-devotions](https://godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home/personal-devotions)

### *Cafod Walk for Water challenge*

You may have heard about the *Walk for Water* challenge, where people are walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days during Lent. In these difficult times, it's a great way to raise money for the most vulnerable people around the world. If you are currently "walking for water" or sponsoring someone else on their journey, then thank you. **Maria Owen** from St David's has signed up for this challenge, and donations can be made online [walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water739](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water739)

**Finding Hope in Scripture Online Lenten Retreat** led by Sr Hyacinthe, Portsmouth Diocese – **starting Monday, February 22nd at 7.30pm for 6 weeks**, 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](https://godwhospeaks.uk/finding-hope-in-scripture)

### Request for Readers

**If you would like to be a Reader (remotely) at any of the Masses (weekdays or weekends), please contact Peter Olearczyk on Mobile 07885 835 866 e-mail: [peter@olearczyk.co.uk](mailto:peter@olearczyk.co.uk)**

**Belmont Abbey – Wednesdays in Lent from 10 am to 1 pm.** See the Abbey website for further details – <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk>

**Lent at Home:**

Our dedicated space with lots of great online resources for this Lent: [godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home](https://godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home)

***Sacred Paschal Triduum***

**Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are Live Streamed Only.**

**Holy Thursday:**

Our Lady's: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday:**

Our Lady's: 10.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday:**

Our Lady's: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Our Lady's: 6.30pm EASTER VIGIL

**On Easter Sunday both Churches will be open to attend Mass. You will need to book a place.**

**Easter Sunday:**

Our Lady's: 9.30am

St David's: 11.15am

**Paddy Landers** for Our Lady's Church. Mobile (TEXT) 07740543645 email: [patricia.landiers@sky.com](mailto:patricia.landiers@sky.com) Paddy will confirm you have been added to the list.

**Clare Jones** for St David's Church. Text: 07748687123 e-mail: [jonesc36@sky.com](mailto:jonesc36@sky.com) If you wish to telephone, please do so after 6pm and leave a message. Clare will confirm that you have been added to the list.

**IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL PRIOR TO ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE STAY AT HOME AND DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH. PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON THAT YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE WITH SO THAT YOUR PLACE CAN BE RELEASED AND REALLOCATED.**

***The Easter Story in plain English***

Our Easter Story in plain English is designed for children who prefer the Bible in plain English words and pictures; with a character code to help bring the stories to life:

[The-Easter-Story-in-Plain-English](#)



## **St. Joseph in Art: The Ultimate Multi-Tasker**

*Fleur Dorrell takes a look at some of the less well-known texts and images that have influenced how St Joseph has been portrayed in art. For a man of biblical times, he is refreshingly modern.*



### **Prayer to St Joseph by Pope Francis in this special year of St Joseph.**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*

Today, St Joseph is venerated as the patron saint of workers, pilgrims, fathers, and carpenters. Yet we know very little about him since the Bible has so few references to his character and life. This seems remarkable given his role in Jesus' birth and early years. If Joseph is Jesus' human father, why is he not mentioned in the gospels of Mark and John? Luke mentions him by name only in the genealogy of Jesus and once in the narrative of Jesus' birth. Therefore, most of our ideas about Joseph come from Matthew's Gospel, the 2nd-century *Protoevangelium of James* and the *Golden Legend* by Jacobus de Voragine.

How Joseph and Mary came to be betrothed in the first place is described in the Proto-evangelium. An angel tells the priests to call all the widowers to come to the Temple with their rods; God will provide a sign to show which widower should be betrothed to Mary. Joseph is chosen because a dove flies out of his rod. In the *Golden Legend*, a flower grows out of the rod before the dove alights upon it. This symbol recalls the imagery of the flowering staff of Aaron showing he had been chosen by God in Numbers 17:23, and the Jesse rod in Isaiah 11:1-2. The episode of the rods and the marriage are painted by Giotto in his Scrovegni Chapel frescoes below.

Since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the most enduring image of St Joseph has been as a carpenter, perhaps in some ways, influenced and associated with the rise of the Industrial Revolution and Catholic Social teaching documents on the dignity and rights of workers. So we now celebrate two feast days for Joseph:

**19<sup>th</sup> March for Joseph the Husband of Mary.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May for Joseph the Worker.**

19<sup>th</sup> March has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for St Joseph instituted by Pope Sixtus IV in 1479 but it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of 'St Joseph the Worker' on 1<sup>st</sup> May. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron saint of workers.

What is interesting from the 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards, is that Joseph is no longer portrayed as an old man with a beard, asleep, dreaming or in the background only as guardian or protector, but is now painted as youthful, vigorous and very practical. Joseph is called a *tekton* in the gospels, which is usually translated from the Greek as *carpenter* but more likely was a general craftsman. What a wonderful father and multi-tasker.

Joseph is painted on his own, centre stage at last, combining humility and honour with highly skilled credentials that speak loudly to the modern age. Around him are a selection of tools and work in progress. Sometime the boy Jesus is with him, being shown the ropes; sometimes, Joseph is with fellow workers, but very often he is on his own, busy working in the service of God.

Here we see a series of wonderful linocuts illustrating this new interpretation of Joseph by Ade Bethune (1914 – 2002) who was an American Catholic liturgical artist. She was associated with the Catholic Worker Movement, and was a designer and iconographer.



### **Book of Remembrance - A message from Fr Daniel Stanton**

On **Monday, 23rd March** we reach a significant milestone in the country's fight against Coronavirus. Archbishop George has asked me to send out the following message regarding celebrating a Requiem Mass for those of our families and communities who have died as a consequence of the pandemic.

**Parishioners, who would like the names of their loved ones to be included in the Book of Remembrance, please send the names to me at [cathedral@rcadc.org](mailto:cathedral@rcadc.org), and I will ensure that they get included.**

### **Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio**

[www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com) is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com).

## NEW ARCHDIOCESAN PROGRAMME

The Diocesan Evangelisation Commission is pleased to announce its new programme:

### **Spread the Gospel: Developing a Missionary Parish.**

The Commission has spent the year of lockdown creating the programme and then piloting, reviewing, and amending it. The Programme has been approved by His Grace, Archbishop George Stack. It is a seven-week programme, running for one and half hours via Zoom on one evening a week. **The dates will be Wednesday, April 21st and 28th, May 5th, May 12th and May 19th, June 9th and June 16th, 2021.**

The Programme is open to all parishioners and clergy across the Archdiocese.

The new 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](mailto:madeleine.walters@rcadc.org)

### **CAFOD South Wales**

We have **some excellent resources for teachers, parents and children to use for home learning during school closures and lockdown**

Just to highlight a few:

**Cross curricular topics and RE project ideas and activities (Primary):**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primaryteaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

**Secondary:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people> (also includes archived resources from 2020)

**Family activities and prayers:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families>

**Children's liturgy continues every Sunday at 10.00 am:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>  
(Recording available if the time is not convenient)

**Prayer resources:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

**RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME - CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world**, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

### **Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Gift Aid S.O.</b>	<b>1681.50</b>
<b>Gift Aid Cash/chqs</b>	<b>174.50</b>
<b>Non G.A. S.O.</b>	<b>514.50</b>
<b>Non G.A. cash/chqs</b>	<b>760.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3130.50</b>

## **Ask your MP to attend a parliamentary event on the dangers of DIY abortion**

Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland.

To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting)

## **The Cardiff Archdiocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2021 will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, during National Marriage week.**

The Mass is being hosted and celebrated by Fr Michael Doyle of [All Saints parish](#), and you can join the Mass livestream via the [All Saints YouTube channel](#)

**If you (or your parents or grandparents or anyone else) celebrated or are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2020-21 (Archdiocese of Cardiff) [please email](#) your full names and the anniversary you are marking so you can be listed in the Mass booklet.**

This Mass is being co-ordinated by the [Archdiocesan Family Life Commission](#) and, pandemic restrictions permitting, it is hoped that couples can be invited to represent their deaneries but this will be confirmed after Easter. All are welcome to join the Celebration on line and, during the Mass, all couples will be encouraged to make the Renewal of Commitment together at home.

**The Commission would like to produce a reflective presentation for the Mass and so we would encourage you send a wedding photo**, ideally taken inside or outside the church in which you were married, that you are happy to be included in a promotional slideshow that will be shared during the Mass and also on Archdiocesan social media platforms (please include the name of your parish including area/town). In addition, the Archdiocesan Building Resilience Team would also be particularly interested in photos of weddings that took place in one of our heritage Church's: namely St Mary's, Stow Hill, Newport; St Michael's, Pil, Newport; Our Lady of Peace, Newbridge & St Dyfrig's, Trefforest.

**[Please email](#) all photos and anniversary details by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 for inclusion in the Mass booklet and/or presentation.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION – NEXT WEEKEND SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 2am CLOCKS GO FORWARD**



## **Headteacher - St. Mary and St Patrick's Primary School, Maesteg**

**'We are a Catholic Family, Learning Together'**

Monica Street, Maesteg CF34 9AY

Ages: 3-11 years Number On Roll: 224

### **Headteacher**

**Required from September 2021**

**Leadership scale L12 – L18**

Are you a committed practising Catholic who has Gospel values at the heart of everything you do?  
Are you highly motivated, with proven leadership skills and successful experiences of school improvement and change? Are you ready to confidently embrace the challenges and opportunities facing the education sector, with special focus for the new curriculum for Wales 2022?

**The Governing Body of St Mary' and St Patrick's are seeking to appoint a Headteacher who answers yes to each of these questions and who will strengthen our ambitious and committed leadership team.**

St Mary's and St Patrick's is a happy and successful school with a strong Catholic ethos. It is a place where children are developed spiritually, morally and academically. We offer a warm and welcoming family environment where everybody is valued and part of the team. The school successfully achieved the Wellbeing Award for Schools and was recognised for the excellent practice taking place.

### **Wellbeing Award for Schools February 2021**

'The school offers a supportive and caring environment to the children, staff, parents and the whole school community. It needs to be praised for the work it has done in embedding positive structures and developing strong relationships that support mental health and wellbeing and enables children to learn and flourish. '

The town of Maesteg is nestled in the heart of the Llynfi Valley, surrounded by mountains, Forest Parks, and the historic village of Llangynwyd. The town is rich in heritage, with something of interest for everyone, and lies within easy reach of both Cardiff, Swansea, and the Glamorgan Coastline.

The Governing Body and staff at St Mary's and St Patrick's ensure that Christ is at the centre of our learning and integrate the Gospel Values and Virtues into everything we do. Liturgical celebrations and daily prayers are at the heart of school life and we focus on the development of children's religious literacy and spirituality. We achieve high standards in all that we do and help children to understand how the Gospels relate to our lives today.

### **We are looking for a Headteacher who:**

- Is a committed, practising Catholic, who will continue to support the Catholic ethos of our school and maintain strong links with our parish
- Has the vision and drive to promote and inspire the highest standards of teaching and learning based on pedagogical research and evidence-based practice
- Will lead by example and provide inspiration and motivation to the school community
- Is a strategic thinker, with the vision to achieve excellence, and has the ability to both identify and sustain areas for improvement
- Is fully aware of the new Curriculum in Wales, developments in Welsh education and with a clear vision of Catholic Education
- Will continue to promote a strong sense of engagement with children, parents, parish and the wider community
- Has high expectations and aspirations and will promote and celebrate the achievements of all our children.



**Our children are looking for a headteacher who:**

- Is kind, caring and helpful
- Is a happy person who brings the sunshine
- Helps us be the best we can be
- Encourages us to use our ideas to plan our curriculum and love of learning
- Plans fun educational experiences
- Lets us be involved in making decisions for our school
- Celebrates the Catholic traditions and life of the school
- Celebrates Welsh culture and the Welsh language
- Supports extra-curricular activities, music and sports

**In return we can offer you:**

- A warm and welcoming school community
- Happy, enthusiastic and caring children
- A dedicated team of staff who are committed to supporting and developing the school
- An effective, supportive and active Governing Body willing to support your personal development
- An exciting opportunity to lead a Foundation Phase Hub School

**Please look at our website for more information about us <https://stmaryandstpatrick.co.uk/> or on twitter @stmarypatrick**

**Closing date:** 12th April 2021 at 12noon

**Shortlisting:** 14th April 2021

**Interviews to be held:** 22nd /23rd April 2021

Applicants must use the current CES application forms (Senior Leadership 2020) which is attached. Completed applications should be emailed to Miss Fear, Clerk to the Governing Body, [admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.stmpprimary@bridgend.gov.uk)

The successful candidate will be expected to sign the Catholic Education Service Contract of Employment.

St Mary's and St Patrick's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments to this post will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and satisfactory references, which will be taken up for all shortlisted candidates prior to interview. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

## **ST. MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SANTES FAIR**

Queens Hill, Newport NP20 5HJ

**4x Class teachers**

**MPS**

**Required for 1st September 2021**

**2 x Full time temporary 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022**

**2x Full time temporary (Maternity cover) 1st September 2021– 8th April 2022**

**Advert and full Job description can be found on ETEACH and Newport City Council Website  
Closing date April 12th 2021.**

*"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest"*

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.