

ST. MARY'S THE GROTTO I have had one quote for the refurbishment of the Pieta but I am also waiting for a quote on the cleaning of the stone work. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Suggestions are also very welcome on how best to make our Grotto more beautiful and prayerful.

St Mary's Christmas Raffle

St Mary's Grand Christmas Prize Draw will take place during the Parish Bazaar on Saturday 3rd December. Tickets £1 per book are on sale at all Sunday Masses. Please buy some and sell them to your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. Anyone wishing to donate a prize can contact Fr John and Fr Andy or one of the Finance Group. Thank you.



FAITH IN ACTION: THE CARDIFF NIGHTSHELTER PROGRAMME

There was a fantastic turn out of people who were keen to know more about the night shelter. The organisers, Neil and Helen Phillips gave a very informative talk on how the shelters work. There are seven shelters in Cardiff; they are manned by volunteers who have had some training. If you are interested please complete the Volunteer Personal Details Form and return it to St. Mary's Priory

THE ART OF DYING WELL

It might seem strange to think of death as something that you can 'do well'. If you are dying, it is likely that you will want to be at peace, as comfortable as possible and surrounded by those closest to you. A circle of support is important including carers, medics and a priest. This is relevant not just at the moment of death but throughout the dying process. This can help to bring consolation and spiritual peace.

A good death may involve reconciliation with God or family members. "It's about tidying up loose ends in their lives. For other people it's about time with family, friends and those who are significant to them. It is about spending quality time together and creating memories" The journey towards death is as much about getting to know yourself as any part of life. Learning to recognise your needs—be they medical, emotional or spiritual—is something that may become more acute when you are closer to death. Being able to identify these needs is another central part of what it means to die well.

In the Catholic Faith it is believed that life is a precious gift from God and death simply opens the way to new life. Planning ahead can help to overcome fear and anxiety. Death is different for each person it is part of what makes us unique. When you have a terminal illness there will come a time when you start thinking more about the actual process of dying and the moments of

Parish Piety Stall

I'm very pleased to announce the opening of the piety stall today. It is a new venture which will take time to manage and to have items appropriate to people's needs. I am thankful to Dot Howells for volunteering to manage the stall but we need more help. Things available are Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Miniature Nativity Sets, Hand Crafted Cards etc. All at reasonable prices.

APF/Red Boxes We would be grateful if St Mary's holders of APF/Red Boxes could please bring them to the Sacristy for collection and counting. Please do not leave boxes at the back of church. Thank you to those who have already brought them in.

Kevin Sinnott Exhibition

Kevin Sinnott Exhibition at St. David's Cathedral from 27th November –4th December Kevin will give a talk about his religious art at noon on 27th November and 3rd December

death and what they will be like. These are things which you may have been putting at the back of your mind, finding time to talk with a family member or someone can reassure you and take away some of the fears or worries you may have.

Acceptance of death is not simply a matter of facing the truth that you will die but comes from finding some positive meaning in it. For Christians, this is seen as the hope found in Christ's cross and resurrection. Finding some good for yourself and others can help to accept it. From a Christian perspective, "acceptance is about seeing your death not as your destruction but as a return to the One who made you" There is a traditional Catholic prayer that appeals to God to be spared "from a sudden and unprovided death". The person praying asks for time to seek forgiveness for their sins before they die. But a diagnosis of terminal illness may also give you time to put your earthly affairs in order, making a will etc. Death is personal ultimately, you have to prepare for your own death but you don't have to make these plans alone. We do a lot of planning for the arrival of new life but we don't often like to think about death. We'd never plan a wedding or a birth like this so why should it be different for funerals. It can be very comforting planning your funeral so we will talk about this next week.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20)

The name Malachi, the last of the 12 minor prophets in the O.T means (appropriately) 'messenger'. He lived during the rebuilding of the Temple after the Babylonian captivity in the 5th century BC. It seems strange to be talking about sun and healing rays and 'blazing like an oven' in the middle of November. As we approach the end of the liturgical year, there is the anticipation of the end times.

Second Reading (2 Thess 3:7-12)

This reading seems to indicate a particular complaint brought to Paul's attention. He is clear on the importance of each person's contribution regarding work, and is emphatic about reminding the listeners that he pulled his weight when he was with them. The suggestion that some are not working and minding the business of others suggests that some things never change.

Gospel Reading (Luke 21:5-19)

The people listening to Luke's gospel written 80-100 AD, were well aware of what the Romans had done to the Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish revolt in AD70. Nothing was left. Jesus is speaking of the end times and advises people to be circumspect about the signs that might lead them into thinking that the end was near. Whatever about the signs and portents, the reality of persecution would have been something known to those listening to Luke's Gospel. Jesus' words of encouragement to them are as real today as they were then, as we attempt to defend the message of the gospel in a climate of aggressive secularism.

Collection for Retired Priests today

Retiring Collection for retired Priests of the Archdiocese after each Mass today, Please give generously. Thank you.

Parish Team: Mgr Canon John Maguire, Fr. Andy Bord & Deacon Professor Maurice Scanlon.
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Holy Family Masses

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass 6pm Mary Fitzmaurice
11.00 Kathleen Hosgood

Thursday

10.30 Raymond McCarthy (*Requiem Mass*)

Feast of Christ the King

Vigil Mass 6pm Rona & Joe Donovan
11.00 Mabel Evans

Confessions available before each Mass.

St Mary's Masses

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*Remembrance Sunday*)

10.00 Holy Souls
12.00 Johanna Foley
6.00 People of the Parish

Monday (*St Dyfrig, Bishop*)

9.30 Andrew O'Neil

Tuesday (*St Albert the Great, Bishop*)

9.30 Fr Thomas and Joseph

Wednesday (*St Gertrude*)

9.30 Sue Davies
12.15 Declan McNamara

Thursday (*St Elizabeth of Hungary*)

12.15 Carmela Coutruffo

Friday (*Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul*)

9.15 Anastasia Crean (*Requiem Mass*)
12.15 DWA & DR Utley

Saturday (*Votive Memorial of Our Lady*)

12.15 Special intention (Mrs Joseph)

Feast of Christ the King

10.00 Frances & Stan Trigg
12.00 Lil & Bill Wake
6.00 Deceased members of St Columcille GAA
Confessions: Saturdays 9.30-10am & 11.30am-12.00



All parishioners, newcomers and visitors are very welcome to visit St Mary's Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee after 10am Mass today.

Recently died

Your prayers are asked for the following who died recently:

Raymond McCarthy, Requiem Mass in Holy Family Church on Thursday 17th November at 10.30am.

Anastasia Crean, Requiem Mass in St. Mary's on Friday 18th November at 9.15am.

Bernard Edward Free, Requiem Mass in St. Mary's on Monday 21st November at 10.45am.

Fr Ted Cody, a Rosminian Priest who served in St. Joseph's Parish, Cardiff. Requiem Mass at St. Peter's on 23rd November at 11.30am.

We offer their families and the Rosminian community our sincerest sympathy. May they rest in peace.

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Vivian Miller, Peggie O'Rourke, Marjorie O'Gorman, Mary Bodman, Elizabeth Magee, Brian Webster, John Gallagher, Kay & Paul Parris, Maria O'Keefe, Joan Corcoran, Jessie Mullett, Anne Murray, Valentine, Henry & Tony Fernandez and Debbie Radford.

St. Mary's: Con Sullivan, Veronica McCarthy, Teresa Francis, Tom Hopkins, John & Marian Lamb, Dave Burns, Catherine Kemp, Paul Williams, James Church, Liam Fry, Kevin Barry, Peggy Dooley, Betty Smith, Ivan Sadka, John Goode, Gwyn Thomas, Margaret Griffiths, Jonathan Gomez, Anthony Jackson, Freda Burns, Joanne Coakley, Gareth Browning, Karan Donovan, Sheila Summers, Bets Sullivan, Maria Gomez and Joseph Corsi Miles.

Parish Collections

Many thanks for your generosity.

St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid: £262.80	Gift Aid: £265.50
Loose: £837.23	Loose: £329.60

Diary of Events

13th November	CAFOD Christmas Card sale	after all Masses	St Mary's
20th November	International Mass	10am	St Mary's
20th November	International Mass	11am	Holy Family
3rd December	1st Reconciliation Celebration	10.30am	Holy Family
3rd December	Christmas Bazaar	1pm	St. Mary's Hall
4th December	Presentation of the Bible	10am	St Mary's
4th December	Presentation of the Bible	11am	Holy Family
10th December	1st Reconciliation Celebration	10.30am	St Marys
18th December	Carol Service	4pm	St Mary's
18th December	Carol Service	4pm	Holy Family
Christmas Masses	St Mary's Christmas Eve 9pm.	Christmas Day 10am and 12noon.	
	Holy Family Christmas Eve 6pm	Christmas Day 11am.	
22nd January	Church Unity Service		St. Mary's
1st March	Ash Wednesday 2nd March	The Feast of St. David, Patron of Wales	

News and activities from Holy Family Parish



International Mass will be held **next Sunday** at 11am. Children from the school will be taking part, and it will be a wonderful occasion, as always. Feel free to wear national dress to celebrate this major parish event.



Celebrations will continue in the hall afterwards! Please bring food with you to share with everyone and give a flavour of the many nationalities represented in our parish. Food can be left in the hall before Mass. Tea and coffee will be provided. We hope as many parishioners as possible will enjoy both the Mass and the parish get-together, including those who are new to Holy Family or who usually attend 6pm Mass.

Church cleaning Group D w/b 14th Nov.



Holy Family Scouts
Scout Post Stamps are available to buy at the back of church at the fantastic price of 25p each. Please give your support as this is a **vital source of revenue** for these young people.

Last posting date Monday 5th December

Foodbank Collection

Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - Sunday . 20th November
Holy Family - Weekend of 3rd/4th December

Journey of Faith for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church.

Continues every Thursday at 7.30 in the Priory (67 Talbot St, CF11 9BX).

Welsh Camerata Concert

St Mary's Church on Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm. Admission free.

The Christmas Bazaar and Raffle 3rd December at 1pm in St. Mary's Hall



Cakes
Jewellery
Fruit Baskets
Handicrafts
Toys **Bottle Stall**
Candles **Books**
Groceries **Raffles**
Meet Father Christmas
in the Grotto



Please bring in good quality items (no clothes or electrical goods). Thank you

Please put your donations into the Bazaar Box at the back of the Church.

Thank you

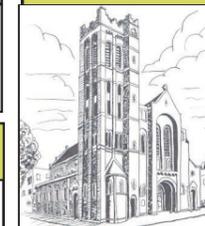
CAFOD Christmas Sale in St Mary's

CAFOD Charity Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, Fairtrade chocolates and small gifts will be on sale after all Masses today.

First Holy Communion Preparations

Repentant Reconciled Renewed The 5th Alpha meeting for 1st Communion Parents I found very moving. Parents told their story about how they prayed personally and with their children, a real spiritual uplift. The parents as they are getting to know one another interact well and are very comfortable in each other's company. Thank you. The Theme next week is **Prayer through the Bible**. May I encourage those parents who have not attended to make a special effort **Wednesday 16th November** at 7pm in Holy Family Hall, Keyston Rd, Fairwater, Cardiff CF5 3NP. I wish to see all Holy Family parents at the school on Friday 18th November at 4pm regarding preparation for First Reconciliation. Please bring your attendance card,

News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



International Mass next Sunday. Please dress up in your national colours or at least bring a national emblem to Mass. The children from St. Mary's School will sing the Mass and do the ministries.

Bereavement Mass yesterday. May I thank all those who helped in preparing the Mass and to those who attended. We are looking for volunteers to join the Bereavement Group so that good support can be given to grieving families.

Donations - My thanks for the following donations £4,000 and £2,000, also to a number of people who gave donations for the Grotto refurbishment £30, £20, and £10 (2) totalling £70.

Parish Visit to National Museum of Wales on Sunday 11th December, 2.30pm. Details to follow.

First Reconciliation Celebration

First Reconciliation (St. Mary's)

Due to unforeseen circumstances please note that the **First Reconciliation Celebration is transferred to 10th December at 10.30am** and will not be held on November 26th as previously arranged. **Children attending other schools** and wish to celebrate their reconciliation in St. Mary's Church are required to attend the following meetings

Friday 18th November 4-5pm at the School

Friday 25th November 4-5pm " " "

Friday 2nd December 4-5pm " " "

Friday 9th December 4-5pm at the Church

Holy Family dates are as previous arranged :- beginning next Friday at 3.45 at Holy Family School, continuing till December 2nd

Some parents have difficulty with Reconciliation on 10th December; please come to the Holy Family Celebration on 3rd Dec. at 10.30. Please inform Mrs Mills, the Headteacher at Holy Family School 02920565354 of your intention. Thanks