

**ST. MARY'S THE GROTTTO** 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.

**Mary Immaculate High School Christmas Fayre**

Tuesday 29th November 6-8pm  
Handmade gifts, raffle, refreshments and lots more!  
Entrance £1 per adult which includes mulled wine or coffee/tea and a cake.  
Children free!  
Tickets available from school or on the night.  
Contact Nicola on 07425603980



**Parish Piety Stall**

I'm very pleased to announce the opening of the piety stall. 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. Items available are Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Miniature Nativity Sets, Hand Crafted Cards etc. All at reasonable prices.

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE**

The Funeral Service is one of the ways in which you can offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life that has now been returned to him. This celebration also brings hope and consolation to the living.

In its fullest form a Catholic funeral has **three stages**:

- ♦ the prayer vigil, usually the evening before the funeral
- ♦ the funeral, which may be a Mass or a funeral service
- ♦ the committal at the cemetery or crematorium with the burial of ashes.

Some people will want all three stages, others may choose a single funeral service at the cemetery or crematorium.

The prayer vigil is usually held on the eve of the funeral and is a prayerful and peaceful way to begin the funeral celebrations of a loved one.

**The funeral** may have two forms:- Requiem Mass or a funeral service, here the community gather together with family and friends to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion and to strengthen one another in the faith especially the grieving family.

**The Requiem Mass or Service** include (1) the reception of the body, (*if it has not already occurred*), (2) the celebration of the Word and in the case of the Mass the celebration of the Eucharist, (3) the final commendation and farewell.

If you are planning your own funeral, or that of a loved one, it is crucial to talk with others including the priest who will be affected. Planning the funeral together may also help to bring about a sense of acceptance and hope to all concerned.

**Symbols**

**Holy Water:** is a reminder of the saving waters of baptism, it calls to mind the deceased's baptism and initiation into the community of faith and at the end of the funeral service signifies the hope of rising to new life.

**The Pall:** (a large white cloth) is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased and a sign that all are equal in the eyes of God.

**Book of the Gospel:** is a sign that Christians live by the God's word and fidelity to that word leads to eternal life.

**Cross:** is a reminder that the Christian is marked by the

sign of the cross in baptism and through Christ's suffering on the cross is brought to the victory of the resurrection.

**Readings:** The word of God is of great importance in the funeral rites. The readings proclaim the meaning that Christ gave to death, teach us to remember the dead, nourish our hope of being gathered together in God's Kingdom and encourage us to live the Christian life. Above all the readings tell of God's plan for the world in which suffering and death will be destroyed. In the readings all present have the opportunity to hear God speak to them in their needs, sorrows, fears and hopes. Scripture reading may not be replaced by non-scripture readings but a poem or non-bible reading may be included elsewhere. Useful internet reference [rdow/funeral\\_readings](http://rdow/funeral_readings) all these readings are from the Jerusalem Bible.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Having heard the word of God, the gathered people respond with prayers of intercession for the deceased, the dead, the family and all who mourn and for those present.

**Hymns:** For Requiem Mass you can choose up to four hymns. For Funeral Service up to three hymns. *Secular music is not appropriate within any Catholic Church Mass or Service and diminishes its sacredness.* Non-religious music if included must be in harmony with our faith and help to create a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory.

**Incense:** is a sign of honour to the body of the deceased and the hope of rising to the throne of God.

**Prayers of Commendation and Farewell**

The final commendation is the final farewell by the family and community to their departed loved one whom they entrust to the tender and merciful embrace of God. This act also acknowledges the reality of separation and affirms that the community and the deceased baptised into the one Body of Christ share the same destiny, resurrection on the last day. On that day the one Shepherd will call each by name and gather the faithful together in the new and eternal Jerusalem. The final prayer calls upon God's mercy and commends the deceased into God's loving care and affirms its belief that those who have died in Christ will share in his victory over death.

**Next week** the Rite of Committal

**Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels**

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP

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**20th-27th November 2016 - The Feast of Christ the King Year C**

**Feast of Christ the King**

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**First Reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3)**

This reading comes from the golden age of the Jewish monarchy with the anointing of David and subsequently his son, Solomon. What is the nature of leadership? How can the will of God be best expressed in the one who leads? Two points of interest: Firstly, the qualities of a king; to be a shepherd *and* a commander. The second point of interest is the manner in which he is chosen; the mandate from God, affirmed firstly by the tribes and then in agreement with the elders.

**Second Reading (2 Colossians 1:12-20)**

It seems appropriate at the end of the year to give thanks to God. This letter was sent to this small city in Asia Minor around the year AD80, while Paul was in prison. The affirmation of the power of God seems as much for Paul's benefit as for ours. God rescues us from darkness; redeems us and forgives our sins. The second part of the reading is a hymn of praise to Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Reading (Luke 23:35-43)**

The gospel finds us at Calvary. Despite everything that Jesus has endured, he now has to cope with the taunts of the bystanders, the soldiers and one of the criminals. To borrow the image from the first reading, they think they are executing a commander; but Jesus is a shepherd. From his first appearance at the Jordan and in the Synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus has spoken of a different type of kingdom. Every time he has used the phrase, 'the kingdom of heaven might be compared to,' there is the anticipation of this kingdom. When he speaks finally to the thief, this anticipation comes to its completion in the promise of paradise.

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**Holy Family Masses**

**Feast of Christ the King**

*Vigil Mass*  
6pm Rona & Joe Donovan  
11.00 Mabel Evans

**First Sunday of Advent**

*Vigil Mass*  
6pm Daniel Fitzmaurice  
11.00 Eileen Geary

**Confessions** available before each Mass.

**St Mary's Masses**

**Feast of Christ the King**

10.00 Frances & Stan Trigg  
12.00 Lil & Bill Wake  
6.00 Deceased members of St Columcille GAA

**Monday (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

10.45 Bernard Free (*Requiem Mass*)

**Tuesday (St Cecilia)**

9.30 Fr Chris Dooley  
12.15 Thanksgiving

**Wednesday (St Clement, Pope & Martyr)**

9.30 Michael Maher

**Thursday (St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions)**

12.15 Mike Cox

**Friday (St Catherine of Alexandria)**

9.30 O'Sullivan & Jermyn families  
(*St Mary's School Class Mass*)

12.15 Thomas Dwyer

**Saturday (Votive Memorial of Our Lady)**

12.15 Owen Daley

**First Sunday of Advent**

10.00 Tim Kehoe  
12.00 William McCarthy  
6.00 Christine Stanton

**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:

**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.

**Beatrice Shackson** Funeral service at Stone & Ham on Friday 25th November at 10.30am.

**Alf Hayward**, Requiem Mass in St. Mary's on Tuesday 6th December at 12.15.

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'Keeffe, Joan Corcoran, Jessie Mullett, Anne Murray, Henry & Tony Fernandez and Valentine.

**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:	£293.60	Gift Aid:	£280.21
Loose:	£756.54	Loose:	£307.86
Retired Priests:	£575.89		£470.15

### News and activities from Holy Family Parish



**International Mass** at 11am on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

**Church cleaning** Group C w/b 21st Nov.



### Holy Family Scouts

Scout Post Stamps are on sale 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 - this Sunday . 20th November**

**Holy Family - Weekend of 3rd/4th**



### 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.



### 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*

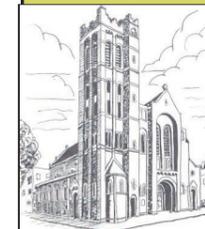
Please put your donations into the Bazaar Box at the back of the Church.

Thank you

### Welsh Camerata Concert

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

### News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



**International Mass** at 11am on Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

**Parish Visit to National Museum of Wales** 2.30pm Sunday 11th December. If you wish to attend please put your contact details on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

**CAFOD/Fairtrade Christmas Stall.** Thank you for your support. The total sales were £554.

### Provost

Fr John Maguire has been nominated and elected **Provost** (Chair) of the Cathedral Chapter and College of Consultors. He succeeds Canon Patrick Daly.

### 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.

### 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** who wish to celebrate their reconciliation in St. Mary's Church are required to attend the following meetings

**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

### Diary of Events

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
<b>10th December</b>	<b>1st Reconciliation Celebration</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Marys</b>
18th December	Carol Service	4pm	St Mary's
18th December	Carol Service	4pm	Holy Family
<b>Christmas Masses</b>	St Mary's Christmas Eve <b>9pm</b>	Christmas Day	10am and 12noon.
	Holy Family Christmas Eve <b>6pm</b>	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
9th April	Palm Sunday	16th April	Easter Sunday.

### First Holy Communion Preparations



The 6th Alpha meeting for 1st Communion Parents on the bible was inspiring. The parents present got a tremendous insight on how to read and pray the bible. It was an excellent talk. The meetings have become a real sharing and it is helping each individual to grow in their faith. The Theme next week is **How does God Guide us?** May I encourage those parents who have not attended to make a special effort **Wednesday 23rd November** at 7pm in Holy Family Hall, Keyston Rd, Fairwater, Cardiff CF5 3NP.