

The Big Clean up

Tuesday 20th December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church. Please come and help to make the Church look beautiful for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to help, over 18's, men and women.

Parish Piety Stall

I'm very pleased to announce the opening of the piety stall. This new venture 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.

Mary Immaculate High School

Mary Immaculate High School's Annual Christmas Buffet Lunch

for the Senior Citizens of our Parish will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday 14th December. If you would like to attend please contact Michelle Jeffrey at the school on (029) 2059 3465.



St Mary's Music Group will celebrate Advent with a Carol Service on Sunday next 18th December at 4:00pm

Please come and prepare for Christmas in the peaceful atmosphere of carols and readings in the midst of shopping chaos! There will also be teas, coffees and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Programme of Christmas carols
The Bute Chorus (RWCMD's Community Choir)
St Mary's Church
Saturday, 17th December at 7:30pm

singing a programme of Christmas carols through the ages, and hoping that you will join in!

This is a free event, but there will be a retiring collection for St Mary's defibrillator appeal. The bar will also be open after the event.

Defibrillator Appeal

The Music Group are aiming to raise £1,000 to purchase a defibrillator for the church. If you can donate to this cause, please use this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmarys-musicgroup-1> You will also see this link on the church Facebook page and the Music Group Facebook page. Watch this space for further news.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation The Sacrament will be celebrated next Saturday from 11 to 12noon. There will be another priest from outside the parish present to help with confessions. Why not use this opportunity to get ready for the Christmas celebrations.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

Keyston Rd, Fairwater CF5 3NP

Kings Rd, Canton CF11 9BX

11th - 18th December 2016 - Third Sunday of Advent Year A

3rd Sunday of Advent

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First Reading (Isaiah 35:1-6. 10)

The vision of Isaiah changes from declaring the certainty of God's judgement on his people to rejoicing in the hope of God's salvation, looking beyond the period of chastisement to the time when God would fulfil his gracious purposes to his people in their own land.

Second Reading (James 5:7-10)

At the time of James' writing the church was expectant of the imminent coming of Jesus, and James encourages his people to be patient as they wait for Christ to return in glory, not to be blaming and judging one another.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 11:2-11)

John had proclaimed the coming of the Messiah as one who would judge the people, but the reports of Jesus' ministry he was hearing had little to do with judgement. He sought reassurance that he had not been mistaken in his understanding of who Jesus was.



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

Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass

6pm Walker family
11.00 Mary Keeley (birthday) & Irene Matthews

Thursday

9.30 Cliff Jones

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Mass

6pm Thanksgiving - Debbie Radford
11.00 Hughes family

Confessions available before each Mass.

St Mary's Masses

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

10.00 Ruby, Peter & Michael Walsh
12.00 Deceased Walsh & Donovan families
6.00 Thomas family

Monday (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

9.30 Reg & Peg Palfrey

Tuesday (St Lucy, Martyr)

9.30 Patrick O'Malley
12.15 William John Davies

Wednesday (St John of the Cross, Priest)

9.30 Susan, Gwen & Fred Baker
12.15 John Dwyer

Thursday (3rd week of Advent)

9.00 Valerie June Thomas (Funeral Service)
12.15 Bernard Free

Friday (3rd week of Advent)

9.30 Holy Souls
12.15 Salvo & family Grima

Saturday (3rd week of Advent)

12.15 Owen Daley

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00 DWA & DR Utley
12.00 Peter O'Rourke
6.00 People of the Parish

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:

Valerie June Thomas Funeral Service in St. Mary's on Thursday 15th December at 9am.

Gail Marie Cliff, Funeral Service in St. Mary's on Monday 19th December at 11.15am.

Liam Fry details to follow

We offer their families 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, Henry & Tony Fernandez, Valentine and Martin.

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

**Holy Family Carol Service
Sunday 18th December at 4pm**

There will be tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies available in the hall afterwards.



Please join us and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas

News and activities from Holy Family Parish



Tea and coffee in the hall after 6pm Mass this Saturday to welcome the many newcomers to our parish. Please join us, you are all most welcome.

HELP NEEDED 1) If you are able to help put up Christmas decorations in the church, this will be taking place after 9.30 am Mass on Thursday 15th December. **2)** If you can help serve up mulled wine and mince pies or do some washing up after the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December please ring Perviz Clifford on 029 20553660

Bad weather procedures We are looking for volunteers to create safe paths into the church in the event of ice or snow. We will have two small teams who can arrive 30 minutes before the service to ensure salt is spread or snow cleared. Please sign up by adding your name to the list on the Health and Safety section of the noticeboard in the foyer. Many thanks for your help.

Red Mill Hill Mission Boxes Would you please count and bag the contents (with name and amount) and return to Phil Smith or Chris Davey at the end of Mass.

Church cleaning Group D w/b 12th Dec.

Christingle Carol Service



This will take place on the last day of term **Friday December 16th at 9.30am** at Holy Family School. Parishioners are very welcome.

Bazaar and Raffle

I wish to thank all who helped in last Saturday's fundraising events.

There was a real atmosphere of co-operation and community spirit.

Thanks to all for making the events a great success.

May I ask prize winners to collect their winnings today.

The majority of prizes left over will be on display at the back of the Church.

Be sure to collect yours.

The Bazaar takings £1990

The Raffle £1582.

A grand total £3572

Foodbank Collection

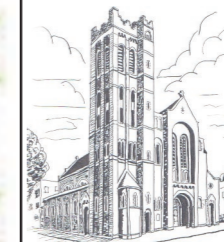
Collections of food are as follows:-

St Mary's - Sunday 18th December
Holy Family - weekend 7/8 January

Baptism Preparations

Baptism Preparation - for parents requesting Baptism for their children. First session on Wednesday 11th January, second session on Wednesday 18th January both at 7pm in the Priory. Both sessions must be attended. Please see one of St Mary's clergy if you wish to attend. **Parents who have not undergone the preparation course must do so if they wish to have their child baptised. If you have already done the course but wish to have another child baptised you must make an appointment with one of the priests.**

News and activities from St. Mary's Parish



Volunteers needed for the Ministries at the Christmas Masses. We need Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and people for the Offertory and Collection. Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Many thanks.

CAFOD World Gifts are a way to give fun and meaningful gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a beautiful gift card, and you can choose to send trees, a goat, or even a camel. There are catalogues available at the back of church, so please take one home or see the gift range on-line at: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Journey of Faith

For those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church. The journey of faith resumes on January 12th at 7.30pm in the Priory, 67 Talbot St, CF11 9BX.

Yearbook and Directory

The Diocesan Yearbook and Directory are on sale at £3 each. Spiral bound ones are £4 each.

Parish Collections

Many thanks for your generosity.

St Marys	Holy Family
Gift Aid: £256.35	Gift Aid: £387.50
Loose: £796.26	Loose: £394.53
SVP £905.59	

First Reconciliation Celebration

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation in the Holy Family last Saturday and St. Mary's yesterday. Please remember these Children in your prayers they are the future adults of our parishes. The sacrament of reconciliation is one of God's greatest gifts of forgiveness and mercy.

First Holy Communion Preparations

Repentant Reconciled Renewed The Alpha course resumes on January 11th at 7pm in Holy Family Hall. The theme will be "Does God heal today" Keyston Rd, Fairwater, Cardiff CF5 3NP.

Diary of Events

18th December	Carol Service	4pm	St Mary's
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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

