

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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7th March 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 3 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 6th March	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u> Terrence Lord (PL); Ted & Catherine Forrest (MJ)
Sunday 7th March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Eileen McClenchy (PL); Charlie Stitt (MP)
Tuesday 9th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Therese Powell-Hill (L); Joan Crompton (AB) Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 10th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints of the SVP; Joseph & Meirion Davies (M & AC) Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 11th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Michael Spiteri (SVP) Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 12th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 10.40 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church John Broadribb (K&KB) Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 13th March	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B (LAETARE SUNDAY)</u> Jennifer Woods (P&WO)
Sunday 14th March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish: Margaret Gale & Lillian Roberts (L&SR); Nigel Pring

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.**

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Nigel Pring, Paul Davey, and Gilbert Prosser** who died recently and we extend our condolences to their families.

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, Sybil Worsfold, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Peter and Isabelle Nash, Tommy Harris, Rosemary Jenkins, Richard Pattimore, 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: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev John Phillips (Diocese of Clifton) and parishioners of Saint Thomas, Abercynon.



'I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.' Jn 11:25,26



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

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

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

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

Belmont Abbey – Wednesdays in Lent from 10 am to 1 pm. See the Abbey website for further details – www.belmontabbey.org.uk

The National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th- 18th March 2021 at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

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 17th 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:

19th March for Joseph the Husband of Mary.

1st May for Joseph the Worker.

19th 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 1st 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 17th 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, and I will ensure that they get included.

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio

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.

Lent Online Youth Retreat at Trev Catholics Wales

An online retreat day for Youth has been arranged at Rhymney, Tredegar, Ebbw Vale, and is available to all our young people. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am and then there are zoom sessions, finishing at 1.30pm on Saturday, March 20th. You will need to register using this link and fill in the form:

Link: <https://forms.gle/HysoPjx63oRfau2t5>

Links for Mass and Zoom

<http://www.trevcatholics.co.uk/>

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77029043107?pwd=NXlQbXVFZUlrbmpqbjUrS3BkOGJadz09>

Meeting ID: 770 2904 3107

Passcode: TREVYouth)

Headteacher - Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School

Salary Range L31-L37 + Relocation Assistance Package of up to £8,000 for the right candidate

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School in Bridgend are looking for a Headteacher with the energy, and vision to build on their significant achievements, continuing to raise standards within their caring, inclusive Catholic ethos.

They are seeking an experienced and inspiring leader to provide an environment where every single individual matters and where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. They have a strong commitment to ensuring that the learner is at the heart of everything they do. They are looking for a Headteacher who has the vision, skills, and partnership approach to allow all staff to realise their full potential.

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School is a popular school located on a purpose-built site in Bridgend since 2011. There are 879 learners on roll, including a strong 6th form, with around 50% of learners from Catholic families. The school has positive relationships with the Archdiocese, the local authority, and the regional consortium.

They require a committed and practising Catholic to lead their inclusive school community, with a strong personal faith that will encourage others to live the school's mission and a positive attitude towards supporting the Welsh language, culture and history, and a distinctly Welsh curriculum and assessment strategy in Wales.

For more information about this exciting opportunity please contact our recruitment partner Emma Colvill whose details you will find on the last page of the candidate pack.

In addition, you will need to submit a supporting statement, detailing your track record, relevant experience, skills and competencies.

Please email your application to Emma Colvill

To apply for the position, please follow this link.

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/headteacher-bridgend-1405528>

Closing date: Monday, 15th March 2021

Shortlisting: Tuesday, 16th March 2021

Interviews: Thursday, 25th & Friday, 26th March 2021.

Start Date: September 2021

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>

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forced abortions and wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23 February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website, which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>

" Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up. "

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.