

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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14th March 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 4 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 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
Monday 15th March	<u>10.00 am</u>	<u>Our Lady's</u>	<u>Private funeral Service for Nigel Pring</u>
Tuesday 16th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Pat Griffiths; John Paul Davies Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 17th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Fr Jim McKnight; Pat Emmanuelle <i>St Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i> Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 18th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 5.30 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Agnes Pattimore (SM&LR); Catherine Wright (FK) Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 19th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 10.40 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints Sr Veronica and Sr Miriam (LA) <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM, Solemnity</i> Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 20th March	10.00am 5.00 pm	Our Lady's	First Holy Communion <u>5th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u> Paddy & Una Tracey (MJ)
Sunday 21st March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Renato Basini Gazzi (AG)

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 Evellyn McCool, Ivor Dando, Rose James, Angela Davies, Sybil Worsfold, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, 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: 4th Sunday of Lent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Canon Edward O'Connell and parishioners of Saint Joseph, Aberdare and Saint Margaret Primary School.



'O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.'
Collect Fourth Sunday of Lent



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

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

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK – 12th - 19th MARCH 2021

The national Dementia Prayer Week takes place from 12th March to 19th March. Please pray for the people suffering with dementia and those who care for them.

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

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

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

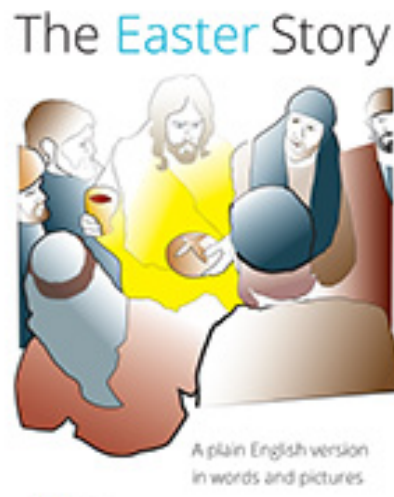
Lent at Home:

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

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](#)



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=NXlQbXVFZUlrbmpqbiUrS3BkOGJadz09>

Meeting ID: 770 2904 3107

Passcode: TREVYouth)

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/>

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

The Cardiff Archdiocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2021 will take place on Saturday 15th 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 18th April 2021 for inclusion in the Mass booklet and/or presentation.

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

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

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

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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

"God sent his Son, so that through him the world might be saved"

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.