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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 6th July 2025 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Joe Battershell, Private Intention (H P B) Holy Souls Our Lady's Lamp: Ann Lane (C S)
Monday 7 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Keith Morgan, RIP Anniversary (J R)
Tuesday 8 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Fr Jude Akpobasa, OP, Ordination Anniversary Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Special Intention of Donor (E T) Coffee Morning
Thursday 10 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Sr Jerome, RIP (A L)
Friday 11 th St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)	9.30am	Christopher Clee, RIP (G C)
Saturday 12 th <i>St John Jones, Priest, Martyr</i>	10.00am	Dilwyn Lloyd, RIP Birthday (A Ll)
Sunday 13th July 2025 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Michael Phillips, Successful Operation (P P) Private Intention (L O' C P) O/L Lamp Sheila Ward (C S)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Vianney Wilson, Katie Percy, Maureen Dooley, Maureen Jensen.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for Sea Sunday.

IN MEMORY OF NORMAN AND CHRISTINA THOMAS, RIP

Our Parish has acquired new sets of priests' liturgical vestments (six chasubles and two humeral veils) through the kindness of a bequest from Norman and Christina Thomas, RIP. We are grateful to the family of Norman and Christina for arranging this act of kindness in memory of their parents. Norman and Christina were devoted members of our parish. May the Lord grant them eternal rewards and rest.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2025 - SUNDAY JULY 6TH

Archbishop Mark invites clergy and fellow pilgrims for the 2025 Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of Cardiff. The procession begins at 3pm from the University Chaplaincy on Park Place. It continues along Gorsedd Gardens Road, past the Museum and City Hall, then cross Greyfriars Road to the Friary. The route further continues along Queen Street, turning into Charles Street, and finishes at the Cathedral. There will be Benediction at the Cathedral, followed by refreshments at The Cornerstone. All are welcome! For social media, please feel free to use any of the images from this page: <https://rcadc.org/corpus-christi-procession-draws-crowds-in-cardiff/>

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER: March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join together, united in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and standing up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. If you are interested in taking part, two coaches will be travelling up to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; for information about the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff and picking up from Newport, contact Clare on 07983 522 851

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 8th July at 7pm**. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Monday 4th August at 7pm. Text: John chapter 14. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 16th July at 6pm.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 17th July** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Anna Dutkova, Roger Eddy.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For formation in discernment.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £903

PETER'S PENCE: £223.95

Thanks for your generosity

**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2025)**

Friday 29 August 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
Sunday 31 August 1pm	PARISH GARDEN PARTY	More information later.

ON THE ETERNAL DIMENSION OF THE APOSTOLIC ENTERPRISE

(Taken from Opus Dei, Meditations: Sunday of the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time (Year C))

Like the 72 appointed by Christ in today's Gospel (cf. Lk 10:1-2), He counts on each of us to help many people welcome the Gospel message. Faced with this mission, we can react in two ways. On the one hand, we may be enthusiastic about the possibility of sharing with those around us the key to our own happiness. For it is not simply a matter of transmitting a series of ideas or practices that need to be carried out, but above all of communicating a joy that "fills our heart and whole life" (Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 1).

On the other hand, the prospect of taking the Gospel throughout the world can provoke a certain discouragement, since Christ's disciples have to confront many difficulties: misunderstandings, great efforts that seem fruitless, a lack of resources... At such moments, we should realize that we are only instruments: the most important thing is not what we can do, but what Jesus does, who works through each one of us. For we are not acting in our own name, but in Christ's.

The apostolic adventure entails risks. Sometimes we can be wounded; branded! But that shouldn't surprise us, for, as Saint Paul writes in the second reading, "I bear on my body the marks of Jesus" (Gal 6:17); indicative of whose he is. Other times we may experience joy. "The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name'" (Lk 10:17). They forget all their hardships, and their hearts are filled with astonishing memories. We too, in the joy of evangelizing, can treasure these memories: the discovery of our vocation, the help we gave someone to encounter Jesus, the riches of Christian fraternity, God's closeness in a difficult situation... "We mustn't forget these moments; we need to go back and revisit them because they are moments of inspiration..." (Francis, *Homily*, 7 June 2018).

Such memories must point us forward or upward, to eternity. "Do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you," our Lord tells them, "but rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20). Realizing that our mission is aimed at eternity helps us to put into perspective the successes or failures that may arise along our path. "With a supernatural outlook, with serenity and peace," Saint Josemaría insisted. "That is the way to see things, people and events – from the viewpoint of eternity. And then, whatever barrier blocks your way (even if it is, humanly speaking, enormous), when you really raise your eyes to Heaven, how tiny it becomes!" (St. Josemaría, *The Forge*, no. 996).