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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 3rd May 2026 5th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm	Private Intentions of a Donor
	8.30am	Parish Community
	10.30am	Chloe Akujobi-Ibe, Birthday Thanksgiving (L A) O/L Lamp: John Large, RIP (Stott & Fouracre Family)
Monday 4 th <i>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Private Intentions of a Donor
Tuesday 5 th <i>St Asaph, Bishop</i>	9.30am	Jackie Singleton, Health & Wellbeing (N E)
Wednesday 6 th <i>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Breda Tennant, Health & Wellbeing (A LI) COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 7 th <i>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	7.00pm	Julius & Pam, Private Intention (K D)
Friday 8 th <i>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 9 th <i>Weekday, 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am	Private Intention (K D)
Sunday 10th May 2026 6th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm	Anna Dutkova, RIP Anniversary (K D)
	8.30am	Daniel Fouracre, RIP Anniversary (Fouracre Family)
	10.30am	Fiona Judd, RIP (B & D D)

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: Chris Law, Chloe Akujobi-Ibe, Andrea Lehane, Win O'Donohue, Theresa Joyce

ARCHBISHOP MARK O'TOOLE'S INVITATION FOR VOCATIONS: From his recent pastoral letter to the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia, the Archbishop is inviting all unmarried men who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood to take a first step in discernment. He invites every unmarried man who is open to this call to join him for **Evening Prayer at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, on Sunday 31st May at 3:30pm**, followed by an opportunity to meet with the Archbishop and others exploring the same vocation. To watch Archbishop Mark read the pastoral letter, scan the QR code below. To register your interest, please email vocations@cardiffmenevia.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Envelopes for use from Sunday 3rd May are now available for collection in the Porch. Please take yours. Thank you.

MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY: The month of May is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady. Please join us in saying a livestreamed Rosary after the 9.30am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and during the Saturday Adoration (after the 10am Mass).

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE TAPER, CARDIGAN: Led by Rt Rev Peter Brignall – Bishop of Wrexham. **Sunday, 17 May 1.30 – 5.45pm.** Event includes Confessions, Rosary Procession, Mass, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. For further information contact Canon Pius Augustine on 01239 612 615

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next meeting on **Wednesday 6th May at 12.30 pm.** at the Woodman for lunch, followed by a walk in Clyne Gardens.

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME: This year there will not be an NSG Open Day at 9 Willowbrook Gardens SA3 5EB, but the garden is looking its Spring best. You are welcome to visit between now and August and donations to OLSS Parish Funds may be made if you wish. For groups of 5 or more, teas can be available. Please contact Gislinde Gallagher Macpherson on 07762430714. Thank you.

RACE FOR LIFE: Jan Davies will be taking part again this year in the Swansea **Race for Life** on **Sunday 17th May**. If you wish to sponsor her, there will be forms in the porch for you to sign. Any contributions may be given to Jan or Maggie.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 5th May at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to join our Parish Bible Study on Zoom (recorded for a later review) on **Monday 11th May at 7pm**. Text: Acts of the Apostles. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513. Please contact Fr Michael for an audio recording.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Join us to discuss Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 14th May**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom 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, Hymns, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. The next session will be on **Wednesday 6th May 2026**. Theme: **The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**.

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

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Joshua Lane, Bernard O'Leary, Mark McGaw, Judith Adams, Aidan Byrne, Tina Law, Breda Tennant.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide, we are invited to pray for *Survivors of Abuse; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work*.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: That everyone might have food: that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £970

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND: £411.65

Thank you for your generosity

**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(April – June 2026)**

Friday 19 June 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later
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**Papal Reflection on the 5th Sunday of Easter YEAR A
Pope Benedict XVI**

Faith in Jesus entails following him daily, in the simple actions that make up our day. *"It is part of the mystery of God that he acts so gently, that he only gradually builds up his history within the great history of mankind; that he becomes man and so can be overlooked by his contemporaries and by the decisive forces within history; that he suffers and dies and that, having risen again, he chooses to come to mankind only through the faith of the disciples to whom he reveals himself; that he continues to knock gently at the doors of our hearts and slowly opens our eyes if we open our doors to him"* (Jesus of Nazareth II, 2011, p. 276).

St Augustine says that "it was necessary for Jesus to say: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (Jn 14:6) because once the way was known, the end remained to be known" (see *In Evangelium Iohannis Tractatus*, 69, 2: CCL 36, 500), and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by his word of truth, and to receive the gift of his life. Let us make St Bonaventure's invitation our own: *"Open, therefore, your eyes, lend your spiritual ear, open your lips and dispose your heart, so that you will be able to see, hear, praise, love, venerate, glorify, honour your God in all creatures"* (*Itinerarium mentis in Deum*, i, 15). Let us invoke the Virgin Mary that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may be spread and the number of disciples multiplied (see Acts 6:7).

Taken from: Pope Benedict XVI, *Regina Caeli Address* at Saint Peter's Square, 22nd May 2011.



Archbishop Mark reads his Pastoral Letter: QR CODE