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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 17th May 2026 7th Sunday of Eastertide	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Edna & Frank Kent, RIP Anniversary (A R & J M) Parish Community Loretto Hunt & Seamus Walsh, RIP (H B)
Monday 18 th <i>St John 1, Pope & Martyr</i>	9.30am	Vergie Cresci, Birthday RIP (A LI)
Tuesday 19 th <i>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Jackie Singleton, RIP (N E)
Wednesday 20 th <i>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Private Intention of a Donor COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 21 st <i>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</i>	7.00pm	Martin Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D)
Friday 22 nd <i>Weekday, 7th Week of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Mphoko Moeko, RIP (B GM)
Saturday 23 rd	10.00am	Ernst Martellock & Ursula Matterlock, RIP
Sunday 24th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Fiona Judd, RIP (S & M O'B) Parish Community Geraldine Blake, RIP Anniversary (M & N Thomas Family)

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: Tony Morgan, Hannah Kieft, Brian Hughes, Maddie Rees, Nino Cacace, Maura O'Brien, Rick Vanderhorst.

AWAY NOTICE: Fr Jude will be going away on his annual holiday on **Wednesday, 20th May** for a month. Please keep him in prayer.

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.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Please be mindful of the new restrictions for the parking spaces in front of the church and on Promenade Terrace. **8am – 8pm, 3 hours only; No return within 3 hours.**

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend for World Communications Sunday. Thank you

MISSION APPEAL: Please support the missionary work of the **Comboni Missionaries**, a.k.a. **Verona Fathers**, whose efforts span thirty-five (35) countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Their Gospel-spreading work also includes providing healthcare, clean water and formal and vocational education for young boys and girls, the cause of which has seen twenty-five (25) of their missionaries killed in various parts of Africa and South America. There will be a second collection on the weekend of 30/31 May for this cause. 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).

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 19th 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 18th 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 28th 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. Next session will be on **Wednesday, 24th June**.

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: £ 862

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

Papal Reflection on the Family on the 7th Sunday of Easter **Pope Leo XIV**

Dear friends, we received life before we ever desired it. As Pope Francis said: "all of us are sons and daughters, but none of us chose to be born" (*Angelus*, 1 January 2025). Not only that. As soon as we were born, we needed others in order to live; left to ourselves, we would not have survived. Someone else saved us by caring for us in body and spirit. All of us are alive today thanks to a relationship, a free and freeing relationship of human kindness and mutual care.

That human kindness is sometimes betrayed. As for example, whenever freedom is invoked not to give life, but to take it away, not to help, but to hurt. Yet even in the face of the evil that opposes and takes life, Jesus continues to pray to the Father for us. His prayer acts as a balm for our wounds; it speaks to us of forgiveness and reconciliation. That prayer makes fully meaningful our experience of love for one another as parents, grandparents, sons and daughters. That is what we want to proclaim to the world: we are here in order to be "one" as the Lord wants us to be "one," in our families and in those places where we live, work and study. Different, yet one; many, yet one; always, in every situation and at every stage of life.

Dear friends, if we love one another in this way, grounded in Christ, who is "the Alpha and the Omega," "the beginning and the end" (cf. *Rev* 22:13), we will be a sign of peace for everyone, in society and the world. Let us not forget: families are the cradle of the future of humanity.

From: Pope Leo XIV's *Homily on the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly*, Saint Peter's Square, 1st June 2025.



Archbishop Mark reads his Pastoral Letter: QR CODE