

# All Saints

Parishes of St Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Porthcawl & St Joseph's of Arimathea, Kenfig Hill

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**AS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT OUR CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH. THE MASSES LISTED BELOW WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM ST MARY'S.**

*The links for this are available on the home page of both websites.*

Why not request to join the Facebook group "Catholics Together -Bridgend, Porthcawl & Pyle". Over the coming weeks and especially in the run up to Christmas there will be new posts and links added to enable us all to stay in touch, help one another and to grow in faith during these extraordinary times.

Thank you to all for your continued support. Stay safe. God Bless. Fr Tim

Date	Live Streamed Mass Times	Intention
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Mass 4.30pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	Jim McGowan (D& M Kiernan) Bernard Bolger (D & T Morgan)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> November <i>All Saints</i>	Mass 10.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm	<i>Deceased Friends &amp; Relatives</i> <i>Deceased Friends &amp; Relatives</i> November List & Neville Readman (CR)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Mass 10.00am	November List & Bill Chatterton RIP (CE)
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Mass 10.00am	November List & O'Mahoney family (G O'Mahoney)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass 10.00am	November List & Gina Rossi
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass 10.00am	November List & Anne & Len Mathias (K O'Driscoll)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass 10.00am	November List & Wiseman family (CM Stephens)
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass 4.30pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	<i>Deceased Friends &amp; Relatives</i> <i>Golden Book &amp; Deceased Friends &amp; Relatives</i>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> November <i>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i>	Mass 10.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm	November List & Rena Morrison RIP (Sylvia Lambe) November List & Mary Cousins (K&P Jones) <i>Deceased Friends &amp; Relatives</i>



**Please continue to remember all those who are sick and housebound in your prayers:**

Mary Bryan, Anne Colson, Eileen Coyne, Ryan Dixon, Angela Ellis, Barbara Fentham, Elsie Freeth, Catherine Grills, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Robert Morrison, Maureen Pritchard, Marcus Rossini and David Watkins

**We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers:** Anna, Conall & Siobhan, Eddie, Emma, Erica, Garry, Helle, Jamie, Keith, Margaret, Maria, Martin

Ginnelly, Mike, Peter, Sean Connick, Vince Chapman.

(please email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) if you would like to add a name to the list)

Bookings for Masses at St Mary's for the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November will resume on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings for Porthcawl for Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> November will resume on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. As Sarah is mainly working from home, if you are unable to email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) to book please ring 07534 095766. All bookings to be made before 4pm on a Friday please.

Many thanks

*Some of you may already have heard that due to his ailing health Cannon Isaac is likely to retire from active ministry in the next few months. We here in Bridgend, and in the Deanery as a whole, have much to thank him for. I'm sure you like myself give thanks to God for the gift of his ministry. Please join with me in wishing him a long, happy and well-deserved rest.*

*On a personal note, I give thanks every day for having been sent to Bridgend to work with Fr. Isaac. Under him I was able to become the Priest I am today, so if you don't like me or the way I am, blame him! May God bless him and keep him safe. Amen. Fr Tim.*

## **Feast of All Saints, Year A, 1st November 2020**

***Think of the love that the Father has lavished upon us!***

The feast of All Saints celebrates the true life in Christ that we are all called to live. The **First Reading** is a vision of the heavenly realm. It reminds us of the community of Saints who have gone before us, those inspirational people who embodied their love of Christ through their words and deeds. The **Psalms** celebrates a vision of the world vibrant with the reality of God's presence in creation and his people. We are blessed when we are able to see the Lord throughout the whole of creation. In St John's letter, we are encouraged to think of the love that has been lavished upon us by being called God's children. This is a truth that we need to pause and ponder upon to let it truly transform how we see ourselves and each other. (**Second Reading**) Today's **Gospel** is Jesus's teaching on the Beatitudes: a teaching that finds holiness both in the depths of human experience of loss, poverty and persecution, and in the expressions of compassion in response towards these sufferings. The lives of the Saints and of countless others have been transformed by their deep truth.

**These teachings speak to the difficult realities of our times too. Many live in poverty, or are innocent victims of war; many mourn lives cut short by the Covid virus; others are persecuted for their beliefs. Let us hold all of these members of our human family in our prayer this coming week and pray for each other, that we may awaken to our true selves as lavishly loved children of God.**

### *Act of Spiritual Communion*

St Alphonsus Liguori.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

*Amen.*

### **SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS**

The school admissions process for September 2021 intake is now open and proof of baptism is often required alongside applications. To comply with GDPR (data protection laws) requests for proof of Baptism **MUST** be made by the parents or legal guardian and may be emailed to [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) Please include the Child's full name, Date of Birth, Place of Baptism and an approximate Date of Baptism.

Many thanks.

## **Ken Taylor RIP**

Please remember Jean Martin and her family in your prayers following the death of Jean's father Ken.

*May he rest in peace. Amen*

## **Online Giving**

You can now donate directly to your parish by clicking the "DONATE" button your parish website. It remains the case that the most effective way for parishioners to donate to the parish is via standing orders. By providing an online donation mechanism, however there is now an alternative way to donate to your parish whilst we continue to remain in lockdown. Thank you to everyone for your support in these most difficult of times. Take care. Stay safe. God Bless.

## **Prayer for the Year of the God Who Speaks**

O God, who gave the priest  
St. Jerome  
a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture,  
grant that Your people,  
may be ever more fruitfully  
nourished by Your Word  
and find in it the fount of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **Parish Mobile no. 07534 095766**

As Sarah is mainly working from home please make a note of this number for bookings and enquiries during office hours. Office hours are 9.00am until 4.00 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday. Please make bookings before 4.00pm on a Friday.  
Many thanks.



## **Tree of Light**

In spite of the lockdown St Mary's will still be hosting a "Tree of Light" this year in conjunction with the Lions. There will be an online service and blessing on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Forms will be available on the website to download and return shortly.

Having been unable to see our family and friends for so long, or pay our respects to those who have died, the lighting of the tree will be even more poignant this year; a way of remembering all we hold dear whilst at the same time helping those in need.

Many thanks for your support.



.....Your Word is our path and your truth is our light. This day and every day.'  
(taken from the Official prayer, the God Who Speaks)