

The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 5 th June	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil 6.00pm live stream & bookings	David Watkins (Gill Drew) Benjamin (P&K Jones) Teresa Williams (D Morgan)
Sunday 6 th June <i>The Body & Blood of Christ</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only Mass 11.00am live stream & bookings Mass 6.00pm live stream & bookings	People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Nelly Castro anniversary Cian Mofidi anniversary (D Buckley) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers
Monday 7 th June	No Mass today	
Tuesday 8 th June	Our Lady Star of the Sea Mass 10.00am (bookings only)	Alice & Jim Watkins RIP
Wednesday 9 th June	Mass 7.00pm live stream & bookings	Katie (M McAweney) Ben Binns RIP (Manghan family)
Thursday 10 th June	Mass 10.00am live stream only	Tony Quinn (Jo Bowen) Patricia Haddock RIP (CE)
Friday 11 th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart</i>	11.30am Requiem Mass Margaret Tweedale	INVITATION ONLY
Saturday 12 th June	Mass 4.30 pm live stream only Vigil 6.00pm live stream & bookings	People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Kathleen Hammond (S Hammond)
Sunday 13 th June <i>11th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 10.00am live stream only Mass 11.00am live stream & bookings Mass 6.00pm live stream & bookings	Maria Sidoli (Pietro) People of the Parish, our frontline & NHS workers Elsie Stephens & Kevin Stephens (Annie Stephens)

*Mass Intentions (St Mary's) there is currently a very long wait.
Please book 2 or even 3 months in advance. Many thanks.*

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

Anne Colson, Ryan Dixon, Angela Ellis, Barbara Fentham, Elsie Freeth, Catherine Grills, Sam & Betty Henn, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Jean Martin, Maureen Pritchard and Marcus Rossini.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers:

Anna, Anthony George, Baby Elijah, Conall & Siobhan, Eddie, Emma, Erica, Garry, Helle, Jamie, Julia Margaret Lewis, Marion Long, Keith, Kevin Thomas, Lloyd Woodroff, Margaret, Maria, Martin Ginnelly, Mary Thornton, Mike, Peter, Stewart and Vince Chapman. Please email bridgend@rcadc.org if you would like to add a name to the list.

Prayers for the Sick - there has been a long tradition in the Church of requesting prayers for the sick and their names being published in the weekly newsletter. If you wish to have a person's name included on the list, then please ensure you have their permission and then contact the office via email or telephone. The names currently on the list will remain until the end of June when they will be reviewed. If you wish for a name to remain on the list for July, then please contact us.



I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' (Jn 6:51)



Eternal Rest

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the souls of
Margaret Tweedale, Mary Bryan, Margaret Pulko and Patrice 'Pat' Long recently deceased.

Requiem Mass for Margaret Tweedale 11.30am Friday 11th June at St Mary's
*Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, 6th June 2021

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him'

On this feast of Corpus Christi we give thanks for who we are, and all that God has done for us.

Today's readings show how God's plan moves towards a new covenant of love through Christ.

In the **First Reading** we see Moses mediate between God and the people, instructing them about God's rules and commands. For the Israelites, blood is the symbol of life, and Moses sprinkles blood from sacrificed bulls on both the altar and the people to signify their desire to enter into a covenant with God. St Paul (**Second Reading**) explains that Jesus himself has now become the mediator of a new covenant. Jesus is both the priest offering the sacrifice and the victim being offered; his own blood replacing that of animals. In doing this, Jesus brings 'the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit', which takes away our sins.

In the **Gospel** account of the Last Supper, Jesus shares a meal with his dearest friends, giving himself in the bread and wine, a gift of love and friendship. On the following day, Good Friday, Jesus will freely give his own life, a sacrifice made out of his great love for the world.

Here begins a new relationship between God and his people.

Today's **Psalm** is one of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for his goodness and gift.

The psalmist asks, 'How can I repay the Lord?'

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us offer to God a promise of undivided love, and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Governors at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a Learning Support Officer for 16 ¼ hours per week to begin in September. This is a permanent position, and it will be based in the school's new Early Years' Atelier. Details can be found on the school's website: (www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk) in the 'vacancies' tab.

The post is also advertised via 'e-teach'. Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the school for further details. The closing date is June 11th (at noon).

CAFOD Appeal for India

You can donate online here: cafod.org/give.

Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving/ Standing Orders/ Gift Aid

You can continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations however if you wish to make regular monthly donations to the life of the parish, please consider setting up a Standing Order. You can make your giving to the parish go even further by completing a gift aid declaration form (taxpayers only) meaning that for every £1 donated an extra 25p goes to the parish at no extra cost to you. If you would like to set up a standing order or require a gift aid form, then call the office or e-mail bridgend@rcadc.org Many thanks.

The next Scripture Study Day will be given on Saturday, June 12th from 11am-12.30pm.

Rev. Bernard Sixtus will be giving a talk on "The Vision of St. John's Gospel".

Fr. Bernard Sixtus PhD, MA, BA(Hons) is Director of Education (Schools) for the Archdiocese and is well known as a very engaging speaker, well versed in theology.

Details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/> events.

Access the Online Talks on the day via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409256453?pwd=YktlYnQvWjNzQjl5L0xnZkFsaHNYUT09>

Meeting ID 824 0925 6453

Passcode: 633303

The talks will also appear on YouTube.

Please go to the [ACES YouTube channel](#)

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‘When will things go back to normal?.... ’

I've always struggled with the word 'normal'!.... what is normal? A 'Normal' Family, 'Normal' Behaviour, 'Normal' Circumstances..... what does normal mean??

We all have a different version of normal - my normal working week and family routine, is not the same as my neighbour's, my family situations are normal to us but not the same as others, life remains normal in terms of the sun rising and setting, but life as we knew it is far from normal.... and we hear much of the 'New Normal'... so who knows what that means!

I guess it's best to see normal as the now.... and live in the moment... in the now, making of it the best we can. As the late great man, Captain Sir Tom Moore, put it, 'Tomorrow will be better.', or at least if that's our focus it generally will be.

Whilst many remain immune to or have thankfully avoided the virus itself, there can't be many who don't feel the impact of the pandemic on their lives. Whatever their circumstances families have constantly had to adjust to changes, restrictions and guidelines, and as a result, increasingly, many are feeling somewhat overwhelmed by their work, or lack of it, situations (not everyone can easily adjust to working from home overnight), adhoc home schooling, reassuring scared children (& adult family members), keeping in touch with isolated relatives, looking out for neighbours and the strategic exercises of keeping the food cupboards stocked; remember **IT IS OK TO NOT BE OK** under such uncertain and unprecedented times and this is just as applicable several months on as it was in the early days of lockdown and restrictions.

What impact has the pandemic had on you and your family? Is this impact temporary? Or are the effects of it likely to last for months/years to come? How has your family life changed? Are there any areas of your life that you need advice about? Do you miss having people to share your experiences with? Would talking with others in similar situations help?

*The Family Life Team for the Archdiocese would like to invite **YOU** to a 'Drop in Zoom' if you would like a bit of advice, support or information **or just chat with likeminded parents/grandparents** about the joys and challenges they face within their families and maybe discover how the Church can support the families of our community, directly or through signposting to appropriate organisations. **Zoom Drop In Sessions will be held by Zoom on Tuesdays during June/July as follows;***

- **June 15th at 8pm,**
- **June 22nd at 8pm,**
- **June 29th at 11am**
- **and July 6th at 11am**

– Parents and grandparents can 'drop in' to the sessions as suits your availability and as one off or several as you wish.....but you will need to get a joining invitation, so, please email flc@rcadc.org and a joining invitation will be sent by reply. If you do find things getting too much, remember to talk to family and friends and share your feelings; if this isn't possible or appropriate remember there are organisations that can offer support or just a listening ear:

- [Family lives](#) - offer information and support on many aspects of family life and parenting. They offer an online chat and have a helpline **0808 800 2222**
- [Samaritans](#) – call them anytime **116 123**
- If you have domestic abuse concerns, [Refuge](#) have a 24 hour helpline **0808 2000 247**

IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED FOR MASS
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.MANY THANKS.

Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea 10.00am on Tuesdays.

St Mary's will be open for Masses at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6.00pm on Saturday,
11.00am on Sunday and 6.00pm on Sunday.

Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended. Even if you have had your vaccine to keep us all safe it is really important to abide by the social distancing rules that are still in force.

You must wear a mask. For bookings, please call 07534 095766 during office hours
9am-4pm (CLOSED WEDNESDAY) or email bridgend@rcadc.org

Please read the reminder of the rules below. Many thanks for your support.

- Bookings for Masses can be made during office hours (9am-4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) by **telephoning 07534 095766**. Alternatively you may email bridgend@rcadc.org
- You **MUST** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door. If you have not booked and had your place confirmed in advance – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
 - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
 - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will NOT attend.
 - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- Please note that **Face Coverings MUST be worn in Church**.
- It should be noted that **toilet facilities available** only for emergencies.
- You should arrive between 15 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion. If you do not wish to take communion please come for a blessing to avoid others having to brush past you on returning to the pew.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in the basket at the back of the Church or in one of the wall boxes around the Church.
- Once Mass has ended please leave the Church promptly and disperse.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are still a requirement to enable public worship to take place.