

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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>
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b>	Martin Ginnelly (K O'Driscoll)
	<b>Vigil 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Cornelio Gomez (Melva) <i>Golden Book</i>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> August <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am (bookings only)</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b> Edward Smith
	<b>Mass 11.00am live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Mary Cousins (S Ryan)
	<b>Mass 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea</b> <b>Mass 10.00am (bookings only)</b>	Remo Salvatore (Addie Ellis)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> <b>live stream &amp; open to parishioners</b>	Sean Connick (M McAweney) David Drew RIP (Gill Drew)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b>	Katherine Williams RIP (Des Williams) Kaitlyn Hughes (Morgan family)
	<i>Requiem Mass 11.30am</i> <i>Kevin Conneely</i> <b>Our Lady Star of the Sea</b>	<b>INVITATION ONLY</b> <b>(subject to change pending the announcement on the 7<sup>th</sup> August).</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> <b>live stream &amp; open to parishioners</b>	Derek Ford (JVC) Rita McDonagh RIP (HD)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b>
	<b>Vigil 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Marguerite & Edward Ghanem (M Ghanem)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Assumption of Our Lady</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am (bookings only)</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b>
	<b>Mass 11.00am live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Soul of Cornelio Gomez (Bautista family)
	<b>Mass 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Mary Lindley (James Lindley)

*First Holy Communion Update. Please see website*

<https://catholicchurchbridgend.org.uk/sacraments-and-formation/first-holy-communion/>

*Mass Intentions (St Mary's) there is currently a very, very long wait.*

*Please book 2 or even 3 months in advance. Many thanks.*

Prayers for the Sick - 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 on 07534 095766 or via emailing [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org)  
If you wish for a name to remain on the list after the end of August then please contact us.

**We pray for the sick and housebound of Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Joseph's of Arimathea & St Mary's.**

**We pray for our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers.**

**For July/ August:** Chris Hall, Martin Ginnelly, Andrew Kerslake, Julia Margaret Lewis, Jack Michael Ley,  
Brinley Morgan, Kevin Thomas & Helle

Elsie Freeth, Margaret Jarvis, Sam & Betty Henn & Maureen Pritchard.



"Something which has existed since the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our own eyes, which we have watched and touched with our own hands, the Word of life, this is our subject. That life was made visible; we saw it and are giving our testimony, declaring to you the eternal life, which was present to the Father and has been revealed to us." (1John 1:1-2)





## Eternal Rest

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Conneely recently deceased.  
Requiem Mass for Kevin will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea  
on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30 am  
Please keep his family and all the families of those recently deceased in your  
thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 'I am the bread of life'

Today's readings demonstrate how our Father draws us closer to himself, and – through Jesus Christ – nourishes and sustains us with the living bread of the Eucharist.

The prophet Elijah is convinced he's a failure and is fleeing for his life into the wilderness. However, an angel of God rouses him from his depression, and comforts and nourishes him for his long journey to the 'mountain of God'. **(First Reading)**

In the **Gospel**, those hostile to Jesus are complaining against him, confused by and misunderstanding his teachings. But Jesus challenges their criticism directly: he is the one who has come to reveal the Father to them. Jesus teaches that he himself is the true, living bread from heaven; bread that gives life for ever.

The **Psalmist** thanks God for deliverance from trouble, inviting us to 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'.

St Paul begs the Ephesian community not to sadden the Holy Spirit by their anti-social behaviour towards each other. Instead, they are to follow the path shown by Christ, loving each other as Christ loves them. **(Second Reading)**

Let us pray this week for an openness to the Lord's tender, nourishing care, especially when we experience times of alienation, self-doubt, or despair. We pray to deepen our acknowledgment of our human vulnerability, and our utter dependence on God's grace and love.

### Please note that the office is closed this week.

If you haven't already booked ahead please note the temporary booking procedure below.

- **St Mary's** ring 01656 652034 **ON A FRIDAY ONLY BEFORE 4pm**
- **Our Lady Star of the Sea** ring 07516 615978 **ON A FRIDAY ONLY BETWEEN 9am and 1pm.**

Please be considerate in your Mass bookings. Spaces particularly in Our Lady Star of the Sea are limited. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended so please consider coming to a weekday Mass, on alternate weeks or to one of the 6pm evening Masses.

***If you have booked unless it is because you are ill, you have to isolate or have Covid symptoms then please make every effort to attend, often Masses are fully booked meaning not all those who request to come to a Mass can be given a place. Many thanks for your understanding.***



### Family Prayer Resources for Summer

We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

### **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](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) Many thanks.

### **IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT A CONFIRMED BOOKING FOR MASS ON THE WEEKEND OR AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND**

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, 10.00am on a Friday (there is now no need to book to attend these two weekday Masses, however you must sign the sheet at the front of the church).

St Mary's will be open for Masses at 6.00pm on Saturday, 11.00am on Sunday and 6.00pm on Sunday, please continue to book for these.

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.

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

### **THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FIRST 2 WEEKS IN AUGUST SO PLEASE *Please be considerate to your fellow parishioners in your bookings.***

- Please see temporary booking procedure above.
- 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.***