

The CARDIFF ORATORY

ORATORY CHURCH of SAINT ALBAN-on-the-MOORS



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ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING LENT

Monday, Tues, Thurs & Friday (9.00- 9.30)

Wednesday 6:00pm (Confessions during these times)

<p>SUNDAY 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Maria Ellis, RIP 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls/Halina Budnik, B' day 10:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i>/ Andrew Thomas, Int. 11:15 Mass: Camilla Way, Int. 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>	<p>THURSDAY 27th March 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Kevin O'Donnell, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 24th March 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/E., RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Robert Carr, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 28th March - <i>Day of Abstinence</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Linda Howlett, Int. **10:00 & 19:00 - Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>TUESDAY 25th March Annunciation of Our Lady "Lady Day" 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Jim Fury, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 29th March <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): John Cullen, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 26th March 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Gerald & Faye Simpson, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: McConkey Family 11:15 Mass: Greg O'Connor, RIP 16:00 Second Vespers & Benediction</p>

PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

The Fathers and Brothers remember the sick and those who have care for them in their prayers and at Mass.

Sylvia Hole, Nick Hamilton, Ian Williams, Neil B. Anne, Joseph Hurley, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, Julian, William, John O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Williams, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Teresa Jonker, Elizabeth Conway, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Brooke, Mike, Hayden, Dave, Patrick Mongan, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen, Anne Marie Bell, Karen, Jenny, Kingsley, Gareth Vaughan, Hannah Bird, Bernadette Horan, Mark, Joseph Heron, Yvonne Murray, Patrick M., McGinley Family, Anna Maria & Carmella Tannorella, Rose Christina, Mark, Martin, Geoff, Billy Page, Alison, Kit Lewis, Phoebe, Paul, Ruth Pinder, Christian Babu, Olive Bowen, Paul Burns, Julie Cale, John Cowhey, Elle Fine, Jim & Doris Painter, Sharon Bradley, Nell Horan, James Hogg, Jennifer King, Shirley & Michael Kingston, E. Connors, Shelagh O'Donoghue, J. Pratt, J. Price, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Nia P-Jones, Elizabeth Sitole, Pamela, Daniel, Ellen Smith, Joseph Smith, Benjamin & Abigail Smith, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Shirley O'Leary, Jim Price, Bernard Mahoney, Margaret Tyler, Margaret O'Brien, Brenda Brooks.



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CARDIFF ORATORY CONFESSION TIMES

Sundays: before & during all Masses / Weekdays: 9 am to 9:30 am

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass, as well as during Sunday Masses. Outside of these set times, there is a **CONFESSIONAL BELL** positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Father. If available he will respond.

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VIGIL LAMPS

The ancient Catholic tradition of lighting vigil lamps in our churches and chapels is deeply significant and retains its importance for us today. If you would like to have one of the lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please write the name on an

envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. There are vacancies in the lamps for February 2025

- **Blessed Sacrament:** Judge Patrick Curran QC, RIP
- **Sacred Heart:** Geraldine, Paul Martin O'Hara
- **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
- **The Lady Chapel:** Flur Maureen & Con Driscoll
- Chantry of Our Lady:** ++John A Ward, OFM Cap., RIP
- **Our Lady of Pieta Chapel:** Canon William Isaac. RIP
- **Our Lady of Walsingham** David Woolf, Int
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Patrick & Eveleen Eccles, RIP
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Geraldine Rose Rees, RIP

There are spaces in the diary for Candle Intentions. Reserving a vigil lamp is a beautiful way to remember your loved ones, living or deceased. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.

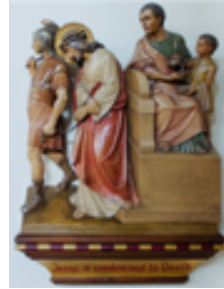


A JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION: A TIME FOR HEALING.

Every Jubilee Holy Year has works of charity, repentance, confession, penance and

absolution of sin at its very heart. Pope Francis reasserted this fundamental Catholic doctrine when he opined: Forgiveness makes possible a brighter future, which enables us to look at the past with different eyes, now more serene, albeit still bearing the trace of past tears. In this Jubilee Year, may no one be deprived of the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and consolation. (*Spes non confundit n.23*)

LENT '2025



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday in Lent immediately after the 9:30am Mass and at 7:00pm in the evening. Every parishioner should try to make the Stations at least once during Lent.



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

MRS. GERALDINE ROSE REES, RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 2nd April at 11.00am
Please pray for her family.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

MR. MICHAEL COFFEY, RIP

Details to follow.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

MRS. MARY LILIAN IRENE THOMAS, RIP

Requiem Mass: Monday 31st March at 11.00am

Please remember her family in your prayers

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Of your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of

MRS. JANET THOMAS, RIP

Please remember her family in your prayers
Requiem Mass Friday 2nd May 2025 at 12 noon.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

to step back from the world and enjoy the wondrous beauty of God's creation. I have tried to use this time of Lent to get into shape and so I have been playing basketball with the other students and going for walks down by the lake now that the temperature is now above zero degrees. The food menu has also helped as there have been some dishes I have avoided such as escargot and tripe soup. Time seems to be going by so fast as I only have three weeks left of classes before Easter and final examinations.



"A 2025 INITIATIVE"

LATEST NEWS: Restoration Work
"Parish Stewardship: *Our Task*"

This week I paid the invoice for £3,859.78 for the upgrading of the new choirs' room adjacent to the bar in the Parish Hall. This was necessary in consideration of the H&S risks associated with the choirs' continued use of the old music room, originally built as a tribune for priests of the house. The stone steps in the tower to access the tribune are a concern. The new arrangement is superior being ground floor accessible, next to the hall where the choirs practise and covered by CCTV to be compliant with the requirements of Safeguarding.

The second bill was for £12,549.06 for the repairs to the parapet, re-dress the lead, remove and repair, replace perished slate roof tiles over the tribune and the sanctuary, insulate, place new battens over the tribune and sanctuary. It also included the hiring of the cherry picker to replace the solitary broken roof slate on the highest elevation of the church roof and to avail of the opportunity to clean out all high level guttering and snow boxes.

It's simple. Whatever your present Stewardship Giving is to the Oratory Parish week in and week out, the Parish needs your support. In order to increase *your own* individual weekly giving to the Parish without having to give a penny more, I ask every adult Parishioner to sign up to the Weekly Giving Envelopes or Online Planned Giving. The Oratory as a registered charity can claim 20%+ on all such planned giving, and there are no administration costs to eat into that sum. Planned Giving is confidential and governed by the laws on data protection. All that is required is that the person whose name is on the box is a tax payer. St John Henry Newman said: "Give back some of God's gifts to God, that you may safely enjoy the rest." In signing up, you will greatly assist your Parish Priest and remove from him the burden and anxiety of being confronted with increasing expenditure and static giving. God bless you.



RACE NIGHT



FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

7:00 PM START

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH HALL

This event is only for persons 18+

Entry £3

Organised in aid of the Parish Restoration Fund

Bro Illtyd's writes...

My studies have been going well and I have been kept busy with essays on Penance and the Holy Eucharist due next week. Since I last gave an update, I organised an Eisteddfod for the seminary in which we read some poems and I tried to teach the others some Welsh songs, with some butchering of the pronunciations. Last week I gave a talk at a retreat for the Chaldean Cathedral youth group reflecting on joy through suffering. The retreat took place at the Carmelite monastery above Niagara Falls which offered amazing views and a place



Books **W**oof **I** **H**ave **R**ead

by Pippo

This week, I finally got around to reading 'Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind', by Tom Holland. As a keen listener to the *Rest is History* podcast – and, indeed, a proud member of the Rest is History

Club – I have wanted to read this book for quite some time. Those who are familiar with Tom Holland's work will know that he is keenly interested in the role which Christianity has had in shaping Western values. As Holland himself put it, this book is not a history of Christianity. Rather, it is a history of what has been revolutionary and transformative about Christianity. It is not just how Christianity has transformed the West, but the entire world.

The central thesis of this book is that the way we in the West view life and the world (that is, our morality, values, and social norms) are all products of Christianity. In fact, we are so deep-rooted in Christianity that most people do not know to what extent we have been shaped by it. Many Christian concepts have become so universal that, as Holland puts it, their origins have come to be hidden from view.

Far from being confined to the last 2,000 years (as one might expect), this book goes back much further. Holland looks at many ancient, pre-Christian civilizations, such as those of Greece, Persia and Old Testament Judaism, in order to illustrate just how revolutionary Christianity was, and how it altered the course of humanity thereafter.

One of the things I liked most about this book was that it does not attempt to paint Christianity in a positive or a negative light. It just sticks to the facts. Since the author has no obvious agenda, the book is all the more interesting (and compelling). I very much enjoyed this book and would not hesitate to recommend it.



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The Cardiff Deanery Lenten Station Mass will take place at St Helen's Church, Barry at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th April 2025



The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary: **A**nd she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **B**e it done unto me according to Thy word. **Hail Mary**...

And the Word was made Flesh: **A**nd dwelt among us. **Hail Mary**...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord



LENTEN ALMS: EASTER FOOD PARCELS FOR PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

The Oratory Parish will once again be assembling Easter Hampers for Families in need within the Parish and the local community.

Parcels will be assembled on Wednesday 16th April to be distributed on Maundy Thursday 17th April.

PLEASE BRING TINNED / DRY FOOD ITEMS FOR THE PARCELS AS YOUR LENTEN ALMS

Thank you for donations, so far.



CALLING ALL OLD COPPERS

Thank you to those who faithfully return their boxes monthly. Your coppers and silver coins are making a difference to the Restoration Fund. Boxes are in the porch of the church.

Last weekend £43.10

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Tuesday 25 March at 7pm in the lower sacristy. Six 45 minute sessions of catechetical instruction for those baptised persons wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, given by Fr Sebastian M on the following Tuesdays: **MARCH 25, APRIL 1, 8**. The sessions may be attended in person at the Oratory or virtually via zoom. A copy of the Catechism will be provided. To register to join in these sessions please email: frsebastian@cardifforatory.co.uk