

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 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): John Cullen, RIP 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>	<p>THURSDAY 3rd April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Janet Thomas, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>
<p>MONDAY 31st March 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Bribrega, RIP **11:00 Requiem Mass: Mary Lilian Irene Thomas, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>FRIDAY 4th April - <i>Day of Abstinence</i> <i>St. Isidore</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Dc'd Paclawski family, RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Eric Thomas, RIP **10:00 & 19:00 - Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>TUESDAY 1st April 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls/Janet Thomas, RIP 09:00 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 09:30 Mass: Eileen Jones, RIP 17:30 Rosary & Oratory Evening Spiritual Exercises</p>	<p>SATURDAY 5th April <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i> 08:00 Mass: Holy Souls 16:30 First Vespers 17:00 Mass (<i>Vigil</i>): Terry & Hazel O'Brien, RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 2nd April <i>St. Francis of Paola</i> 07:30 Mass: Holy Souls **11:00 Requiem Mass: Geraldine Rose Rees, RIP 18:00 Rosary ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Confessions 19:00 Mass: Fr. Bill Curran IC, RIP</p>	<p>SUNDAY 6th April 5th Sunday of Lent 08:00 Mass: <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP 11:15 Mass: Judge Patrick Curran QC, 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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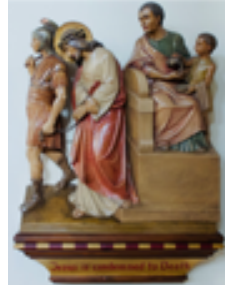
VIGIL LAMPS

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:** Eileen Christine Jones, RIP (2nd Anniv)
 - **Sacred Heart:** Geraldine, Paul Martin O'Hara
 - **Divine Mercy Chapel:** Glowacki & Szczech Fam.
 - **The Lady Chapel:** Flur Maureen & Con Driscoll
- **Chantry of Our Lady:** Tumulty family
- **Our Lady of Pieta** Maria & Tom Marshall, RIP
 - **Our Lady of Walsingham** Graham, RIP
- **Shrine of St Joseph:** Sebastian Woolf, OSB., RIP
- **Shrine of St Alban:** Patrick Curran, QC., 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.



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.



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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



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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE EASTER HAMPERS



It is proper in this Holy Year that the Oratory Parish assemble 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. Thank you to those parishioner who for donations, so far.

Those unable to attend Fr. Bill Curran's Funeral may view it here: <https://www.funeral-stream.com/william-curran>



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. GERALDINE ROSE REES, RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 2nd April at 11.00am

Please pray for her family.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



(Angela in St Alban's School, 1960's)

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

MRS. ANGELA BOIS (nee Thomas) RIP

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 22nd April at 11.00am

Please pray for her family.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help



Jason who collected a Race Sponsor's Prize.



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

RACE NIGHT WINNER

Sincere thanks to Paul, Phil and Jon who organised the Race Night, to the Social Committee and to those who bought tickets. Thank you to those who provided raffle prizes, and prizes for the individuals who sponsored each race. It raised £592.409



"A 2025 INITIATIVE"

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

£1,200.00

I wish to acknowledge receipt of four most generous donations received in recent days for the Oratory Parish Restoration Fund. There were two donations of £500.00 and another of £100.00. These were all given as part of the Planned Giving, Gift Aid Scheme and so generated £275.00, which is a very welcome addition to our Fundraising efforts. Please remember, very £1, makes a difference.

On Friday 28th March I received the invoice for Phase 3 of the Restoration works for the excavation of the collapsed drains and the replacement and the putting down of the stone pathway. The invoice was £59,861.47

Stewardship Planned Giving

**To date nearly 60 completed forms have been returned to the Oratory Parish. It's still not too late. Every parishioner who is a tax payer is asked to sign up.*

Increase *your own* individual weekly giving to the Parish by signing 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. God bless you.



Books **W**oof I **H**ave Read

by Pippo

This week, I read ‘*Apologia Pro Vita Sua*’, by Saint John Henry Newman. I have been aware of this book for many years, of course, but I regret to say that it is the first time that I have set aside the time to read it. Newman published this work after he had been received into the Catholic Church, and did so in response to a series of attacks upon his honesty, the culmination of which came in the form of an article published by the Anglican cleric, Charles Kingsley, in 1864. Perhaps it is not surprising that there are passages within this work which seem to be little more than the manifestations of a squabble between two learned and public figures who lived in an age where the more educated sections of society cared about such matters; but there are other sections of this work which have much to offer the modern believer. Personally, I was greatly interested by Newman’s account of his journey from Anglicanism to Catholicism, which took him many years to complete. True, the language used (which is very much that of a highly-intelligent, Victorian gentleman), is not always the most accessible to the modern reader; but I thought it well worth the effort.

At the time he wrote this work, of course, Newman’s purpose was to defend his integrity (and, by extension, that of the Catholic Church), and to justify his actions. In that respect, he enjoyed a high measure of success, and gained a written apology from Kingsley. However, over a century and a half later, we read it for a very different reason. Few remember Charles Kingsley now, much less the allegations he made. Newman, on the other hand, is venerated around the world as a saint. This book helps us to gain some insight into what it was that made Newman special, and that makes it a rewarding read.



The Superior and Community of the Cardiff Oratory

Request the pleasure of your company at the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of

Reverend Brother Illtyd M Williams

by the Most Reverend Mark O’Toole, Metropolitan Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia

in the Parish Church of St Alban on the Moors, Swinton Street, Splott, CF24 2NX

on Friday 27th June, 2025 at 7:00pm

and afterwards to light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday is called this as the first words of the Introit at Mass are "Laetare Jerusalem" – "Rejoice, O Jerusalem". During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days' fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon manuscript of 714. Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following.

They consist of (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-coloured vestments also allowed instead of purple. The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called "Dominica de Rosa". Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from a miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, *mi-carême*, or *mediana*; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England and Wales, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Tuesday 1 April 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: 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