



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (LAETARE)

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Blessed Sacrament (Sat) 18:30 - Holy Mass

9:30 - Holy Mass: The Sick of the Parish

Thursday 19th March - St. Joseph

9:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 20th March - Lenten Feria

7:00pm Holy Mass: Holy Souls

**Following Mass there will be
Stations of the Cross**

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Blessed Sacrament (Sat) 18:30 - Holy Mass

9:30 - Holy Mass: Antonella Morrone, RIP

Friday's in Lent are days of Abstinence

"You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart." (Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2043)

Abstinence from meat is that penitential practice which unites us to Christ's sacrifice and helps foster self-discipline and conversion of heart.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

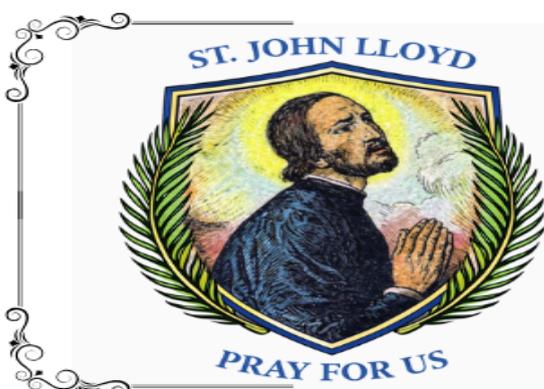
Please join the Cardiff Oratory Fathers and Brothers in praying daily for the sick and those who have care for them.

Mary O'Brien, Mary Hughes, Barbara Smith, Dorothy Griffiths, Jean North, Veronica Pugg, Margaret, Joan Brace, Irene Chang, Mary McCarrick, Sally Coleman, Sheila O'Brien, Bart O'Brien, Gloria Martin, Pat Richards, Pat Parker.

If you wish someone to be added, please contact admin@cardifforatory.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a special family anniversary you wish to have Mass offered or a particular intention and want a Mass said on the nearest Sunday or weekday, please fill out the brown Mass Intention envelopes.



Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst give to Thy servant John Lloyd the grace to witness to the faith, even unto death; grant that, by his intercession, we may be strengthened to hold fast to our faith in the face of all trials and temptations. May we, like him, be filled with love for Jesus and, in our own lives, be true witnesses to the Gospel.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. JOHN LLOYD PARISH,

CARDIFF

MONEY MATTERS

Our Bank Details:

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Registered Charity: 1177272

Parish Giving

Gift Aid: £102.00

Loose: £197.55

Total

£299.55

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or bank transfer God bless
your generosity”

“Give back some of God's gifts to God, that you may
safely enjoy the rest”

St. John Henry Newman



Of your charity
Please pray for the soul of

Mrs Christine McFadyen, RIP
Requiem Mass 31st March at 10am

Eternal Rest grant unto her
O lord and let perpetual light shine upon
them.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

Sunday's Gospel recalls Christ's miracle to remove the spiritual and physical blindness of the man who encountered Him. The temptation can be to make any such account so "spiritualised" as to be very much beyond the human experience of most of us, or similarly, to contort the encounter entirely in terms of humanitarian liberationism, a Marxist trope; to "pie in the sky". Both such excesses miss the point not only of the historical encounter between Christ and the blind man, but why this encounter enters the pages of The New Testament.

The Incarnation is always that extraordinary moment in human history when Almighty God taking human flesh from the immaculate womb of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, becomes man, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. It is in the person of Jesus Christ, Who having two natures, human and Divine, Redeems us (this fulfilment of the Old and New Testament prophecies can be overlooked in the simplicity of its perfection as it is no longer in anticipated symbol or ritual but the *Beloved Son* who is worthy of our attention and Worship as learnt by Peter, James and John on Mt. Tabor). The Incarnation is not "rocket science" and so beyond our immediate comprehension, nor theological wordplay, it is Salvation in "real Time".

The call of Christ, is always to challenge us to new horizons, newness of discipleship each day. To be a Catholic is never to succumb to the thralls of the dull, the beige or the common place, though we may be coarsened by surrendering to personal sin and living in a place that appears a long way from the Holy Family. Yet never forget *You, yourself are wonderful. God created and sustains you in that same love that is the Most Holy Trinity's mode of existence.* The Incarnation is not a "closed in" action of the Trinity but enthrals and embraces each one of us aspiring to live a holy life through prayer and virtue.

You as an individual Baptised and Confirmed member of this Catholic Parish would do well always to be conscious personally of the sublime moment of encounter with the passionate heart of Our Saviour in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass in which Jesus is offered to the Eternal Father and adored by angels and humanity. Your own personal challenges, apparent inconsistencies, sinful habits, excuses and weaknesses that make up the modern family cannot be absolved as societal. This excuse has suffocated the very life out of many parishes, religious houses, schools and families; the outcome of failure to turn to Christ and repent ends in a spiritual death all too evident in the grandstanding bitterness of those who when confronted with the beauty of holiness respond with snide cleverness or personal criticisms.

The call to holiness and the awareness of one's need of Repentance is not a contradiction or hypocrisy: the shepherds at Bethlehem; the adulterous woman's encounter at the well, Mary Magdalene, Peter's repeated betrayals; the good thief, the list could go on... all reminds us, *that my sins are not who I am, but who I am not.* Christ's invitation to follow, is a call in the knowledge "Your sins are forgiven you". It is this fundamental truth of the Gospel, "Repent and Believe" that is the Catholic Faith. Repentance comes about through encounter with Jesus Christ Our Lord. This encounter is Divine gift (Grace) and our response to this unceasing Trinitarian invitation is the Faith. I hope in these twelve months sharing our journey together will be reminiscent of the encounter of the Risen Jesus Christ at Emmaus, and when we come to bid each other farewell, that we too shall reflect how in the worthy and reverent offering of Holy Mass "our hearts burnt within us". I assure you all, particularly the sick and housebound, of the daily prayers of the Fathers and Brothers of the Cardiff Oratory. God reward you!

Fr. Sebastian M

Sacrament of the Sick - 22nd March

The Sacrament of the Sick is a means of grace for those experiencing serious illness or the frailty of old age.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that it “is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death” (CCC 1514), but rather a sacrament of healing and spiritual strength. Through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, the Church intercedes for the sick, offering “comfort, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties of illness” (CCC 1520). It unites the suffering of the individual to the Passion of Christ, deepening faith and fostering hope.



As we prepare for the great solemnity of Easter, the Church gives us this time of Lent to be that time of renewal and healing. Therefore, next Sunday will be an opportunity to receive this Sacrament during Mass.

There will also be confessions available during Mass. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “It is particularly recommended that in places of worship confessors be visibly present at the advertised times, that these times be adapted to the real circumstances of penitents, and that confessions be especially available before Masses, and even during Mass if there are other priests available, in order to meet the needs of the faithful.”

If you know of any Catholic who is unable to make it to Mass, please let us know by emailing admin@cardifforatory.co.uk.

What is the Oratory?

The Oratory of St. Philip Neri is a society of Apostolic life within the Church founded in the sixteenth century by Philip Neri (1515–1595).

Established in Rome, the Oratory developed from informal gatherings of clergy and laymen who met for prayer, spiritual instruction, and charitable activity. These meetings, known as the “oratory,” eventually gave rise to a structured community of priests dedicated to pastoral ministry and spiritual formation.



Unlike members of religious orders, Oratorians do not take solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Instead, they live in a community bound together by charity and a shared commitment to the spiritual ideals of their founder. Each Oratory is autonomous, governing itself independently while remaining united to other Oratories through a common rule and spiritual heritage. The life of the Oratory is characterised by communal prayer, the celebration of the liturgy, preaching the word of God.

St. John Henry Newman, who was made a Doctor of the Church last year, brought the Oratory to Britain in 1848. Since then, many have sprouted throughout the country located in Birmingham, London, Oxford, York, Manchester, Bournemouth, and Edinburgh. The community has been in Cardiff for ten years and currently there are three priests and two brothers.

Cardiff Ardwyn Singers
Cantorian Ardwyn Caerdydd

Music Director • Cyfarwyddwr Cerdd David Leggett
Accompanist • Cyfeilydd Nicola Rose



Crucifixus

Music for Lent • Cerddoriaeth y Grawys

With music by • Gyda cherddoriaeth gan

*Mendelssohn, Faure, Poulenc, Schubert,
Rachmaninoff, Essenvalds, Runestad*

Baritone • Bariton Saul Gerrard (Miles Scholar 2026)

Sun 22 March • Sul 22 Mawrth '26 • 7pm

The Cardiff Oratory • Yr Oratori Caerdydd, Splott

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STREET PASSION PLAY

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3RD APRIL
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MEN'S WALKING PILGRIMAGE



21ST MARCH 2026
STARTING WITH 8AM MASS

SEVEN CHURCHES OF CARDIFF

ST. PHILIP NERI STARTED THE SEVEN CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE IN ROME TO BUILD FRATERNITY AND TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER. CARDIFF WILL BE OUR ROME, AS THE MEN'S GROUP WILL WALK TO VARIOUS CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY REFLECTING ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST.



A Catholic view: The History of Western Philosophy

Join our year-long programme exploring the great journey of philosophy, from the wisdom of the Ancient Greeks to the questions of modern times. Along the way, uncover how these ideas are understood by the Church.

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30pm

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