



THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
ST. ROBERT ABERKENFIG

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MESSAGE FROM
FATHER EDMUND

Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

May the peace and Joy of Christ be with you all.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is the celebration of the centrality of the Paschal Mystery and the affirmation of our understanding of the Eucharist as the powerful way Christ Jesus, our Lord and God has chosen to permanently make His presence real among us.

Beloved, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' ... because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament.

The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares: 'It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Eucharist is **ALL THAT IS** - It is the Fullness of Life, Eternal Salvation, Mercy, Grace, Happiness, Love and so much more. In sum, the Eucharist is the Almighty God, the Saviour of the World.

If we believe this, let our hearts be moved with unconditional love and profound devotion whenever we approach our Divine Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist, and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

In this uncertain time of this pandemic, when we have been deprived of the Eucharist for a very long time, due to the lockdown, let us strive to renew our faith in the Eucharist as we ponder over the mystery of God's unconditional Love for us by which He gives Himself Wholly and Totally to us through the Holy Eucharist, that in His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Power of the Holy Spirit we shall be United in Him through the reception of Holy Communion.

God love you all.

United in prayer

MASS INTENTIONS: Father Edmund continues to celebrate a private Mass each day during this difficult period. On Sundays, Father celebrates Mass for all the People of both our Parishes, for the NHS, Care Home Staff and Frontline Workers/Volunteers. On other days in addition to Mass for the people he will pray for a specific intention. If you wish to submit an intention for a Mass, please do so via Parish Mobile (number above) or ring Parish Secretaries, clearly stating the intention for which the Mass is to be offered and your preferred date. *Father agrees to celebrate these Masses on trust and the Mass Offering can be made when things return to normal.*

‘This faith to Christian men is given – Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: into his Blood the wine is turned: what though it baffles nature’s powers of sense and sight. This faith of ours proves more than nature e’er discerned.’ (Sequence The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
People of the Parishes, NHS, Care Home’ Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.

Monday: 15th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 11

Kitty McGee *RIP* (J&AB),
Douglas & Hilda Woodhatch *RIP* (CW)

Tuesday: 16th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 11

Terry & Nance Hayes *RIP* (GW)

Wednesday: 17th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 11

Peter & Catherine Codd *RIP* (K&TJ)

Thursday: 18th June: Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year II, Week 11

Mary & Jack Nicholson & John McGrath *RIP* (M&P)

Friday: 19th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thanksgiving 80th Birthday – Mary Jenkins (Family)
The Sick of the Parish & and their Carers (SVP)

Saturday: 20th June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rev Father David Hayman – Silver Jubilee (M&RD)

12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: SUNDAY 21ST June:

People of our Parishes. NHS, Care Home’ Staff and frontline workers/volunteers.

ETERNAL REST: Let us pray for the Repose of the souls of RAYNOR LEWIS and SHARON MACINTOSH whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd June, 2020 at 11.30am at Coychurch Crematorium. Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved families at this sad and difficult time.

WE PRAY FOR

- those suffering with Coronavirus and to the many who have died from the virus (*we plead for the end to the pandemic*)
- those who are working/volunteering in the NHS, Care Homes, on the frontline, in the fight against Coronavirus; WHICH INCLUDE SEVERAL OF OUR PARISHIONERS. (*Thank you for your care, love, commitment and compassion*)
- our Parishioners who are in hospital
- our Parishioners who are sick and housebound and for those who care for them
- our Parishioners undergoing tests and treatments
- our relatives, friends, neighbours and fellow parishioners during this difficult time of isolation (*let us be kind, keep safe, look after each other*)
- our Parishioners who have died recently. (*May they rest in peace and rise in Eternal Glory; our sympathies and prayers be with their families*).
- our faithful departed Parishioners who have anniversaries at this time.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THIS TIME OF TRIAL: God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, Give strength to those who are aiding the Sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. Amen.

PRAYER FOR US IN THIS TIME OF NEED:

Heavenly Father, who sent the ten plagues to free his children, and protected them by the blood of the Lamb, bless all those affected by the Coronavirus. Encourage and strengthen those who seek a cure. Protect all who care or work in the NHS and FRONT LINE. Send your Holy Angels to guard us and bring us safely through this time of trial. May your Holy Mother care for us as she did for the sick child Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Follow this with one Our Father, three Hail Marys) Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for us. St. Raphael Archangel. Pray for us. St Luke, the Physician. Pray for us. St. Bernadette. Pray for us.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE SICK & DYING: Sadly because of the restrictions Priests are unable to visit the sick in hospital or at home at this time. If you have sick or dying family, please do continue to contact Father Edmund (07964366710) who will discuss the way forward.

FUNERALS: Please be advised that Priests and Deacons can only conduct a Funeral service in the Crematorium or at the graveside during this time. No Requiem Masses or services are allowed in Church. A Memorial Service for those deceased may be held later once all returns to normal.

All funerals will take place privately in line with current advice from the Welsh Assembly Government.

SUNDAY AND DAILY MASS:

Father Tim You Tube, St Mary's Bridgend, Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Sunday
St Mary & All Saints, Stowhill, Newport (Father Michael Doyle)

**CHECK WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES - Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm - Weekday 10 am
St Teilo's, Whitchurch, Cardiff, 10 am (Canon William Isaac)**

If you have no access to the internet and livestream Mass, a local telephone number has been set up which will lead you in a 10-15minute period of prayer and reflection relating to the Sunday readings.

Telephone: 01633 982483

Thanks for visiting "You Tube" and participating in the live streams within the Archdiocese, although we may be physically separated, we are spiritually united.

A service for those of our parishioners and others, who are without access to the Internet. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service – 029 2267 0999. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2 pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week. Call charges will apply dependent on your contract with your phone company.

Some people have free calls as part of their packages, either all the time or during weekends.

If you do not have a free call plan, please remember that Mass will last around 35 to 40 minutes most Sundays and at the BT local call rate of 20p per minute so the call could cost up to £8.

If you are in contact with a parishioner who does not have Internet access, please let them know this service is available.

RE-OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES

Dear Beloved Parishioners, as you are aware from previous information, when we are given the go ahead for opening our Churches for private prayer (timescale possibly mid-July) it will only be possible to open provided the necessary precautions are in place – risk assessments, the appropriate PPE ordered, cleaning regimes (a full clean of the Church daily and frequent sanitisation of surfaces), social distancing measures and signage in place, controlled entry and exit of Parishioners.

Thanks to the 3 volunteers who have come forward so far.

We need more volunteers who would be able to ensure the above procedures are in place and also willing to supervise and implement the strict hygiene rules during private prayer times; however, you must be below the age of 70 and with no underlying health issues. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Fr. Edmund with your name and contact details. Stay safe. God Bless.

VACANCY FOR HEADTEACHER

Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Everest Avenue, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5AS.
Headteacher required from January 2021. Full details are available on our Website “NEWS”.

300 PLUS CLUB JUNE DRAW

- the six monthly special draw will take place on Thursday 25th June;

thanks to Michael Banks arranging this, with his colleagues at work as witnesses:

Please be assured that all members registered 2019 and were unable to pay membership fees, due to the team being unavailable during this difficult time (catch up when we are able to get back to normal), are entered in the 2020 register and will be included in this draw.

Grateful thanks and appreciation for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING TO MARY JENKINS ON CELEBRATING HER 80TH BIRTHDAY. HER FAMILY AND PARISHIONERS SEND THEIR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS.

THANKS:

STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS & BANK TRANSFERS FOR MAY 2020

St Robert Parish: £155; Our Lady & St Patrick Parish £699.00.

Sincere thanks to all those who have responded giving via standing order to our Parishes.

Your contributions are a very important part of our parish income and are very much appreciated and it would be most helpful if you could consider giving your donations by setting up a Standing Order. You can do this through your own bank by telephone, mobile or Internet banking. The details you need are contained below.

(However, if this is something you feel you are unable to do by all means hold onto your offerings until you are next able to attend Church or send a cheque, made payable to Our Lady & St Patrick's Parish OR St Robert's Parish and send to Father Edmund, The Presbytery, Monica Street, Maesteg, CF34 9AY.

It is understandable that in these difficult and uncertain times it may not be possible for people to give. Whatever your circumstances thank you for your prayers and support.

To set up a standing order or Bank Transfer the details for each Parish are as follows:

**Bank Name: BARCLAYS BANK PLC
CITY OF CARDIFF, BRANCH CARDIFF, CF1 1SG**

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK CHURCH, MAESTEG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23

Account Number: 43706869

OR

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF ST. ROBERT CHURCH, ABERKENFIG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23

Account Number: 73394867

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To Bank / Building Society *

Address

..... Post Code.....

Please set up a new standing order to:

**Barclays Bank PLC,
City of Cardiff Branch,
Cardiff CF1 1SG**

Sort Code: 20-18-23

**Account Name: ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF
PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK MAESTEG
Account No.: 43706869**

Please debit my/our bank account as follows:

Account Name:

Account No.:

Sort Code:

the sum of £..... (amount in words)

starting on the..... day of (month)(year)

and on the same day every month until further notice.

Signature(s)

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Address

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Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of the same beneficiary. This standing order supersedes all former arrangements.

Please send this form to your bank

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