

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S, PORT TALBOT & ST PHILIP EVANS, CWMAVON

A PARISH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA - CHARITY NUMBER 1177272



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8TH FEBRUARY - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:6-10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 112 (111)

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, say the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he wills with good things.

He who is placed as an example to others must shine in good works, so that by his light he may show others  
the way. - St Gregory the Great (Homilies in the Gospels, 5)

## PARISH NOTICES

### WELCOME!

A warm welcome to the children, families and staff associated with our parish schools this weekend as we gather for our family Mass. The children have been exploring what it means to be salt to the earth and a light to the world.

### LATELY DEAD

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Fr John Philips, Parish Priest of St Thomas', Abercynon.

Maureen Trahar, whose funeral will take place at St Joseph's on 12th February at 9.30am.

Coleen Daniel, whose funeral will take place at St Joseph's on 17th February.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### ADVANCE NOTICE: THE CLYDACH PASSION PLAY: THE ROAD TO CALVARY

It is our great joy to announce that this year St Joseph's will host the Clydach Passion play. The play will take place here at St Joseph's on Friday 6th March at 7pm. Tickets are £5 with proceeds going to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

### CRAFT CLUB

Are you looking to learn a new skill? Or perfect an old one in a supportive environment? Or are you looking to meet new people with a common interest? If that's you, a new craft club will be meeting beginning Mondays at 10am in St Joseph's Hall. No experience required. All most welcome. £2 a head, with proceeds going towards refurbishing the hall.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A thank you to the parents/guardians who joined us on Thursday for our introductory meeting. Just a reminder that classes start this Monday from 3:30-4:15 at St Joseph's Infant School.

### MASS STIPEND ENVELOPES

Please only use these envelopes if you wish to have a Mass said and if you wish to have a Mass said, you need to tell us the intention. We have been receiving envelopes with money inside but nothing written on them. Thank you for your generosity.

### GROWING IN FAITH

A thank you to all who came to join us on Tuesday. This week - exceptionally - we will meet on **Wednesday 11th February at 6.30pm**. We will return to Tuesdays from the week after. Apologies for the inconvenience and all most welcome.

### USED STAMPS FOR THE EHLERS DANLOS SYNDROME CHARITY

Karen and Ellen Ganz are raising funds for the Ehlers Danlos Syndrome Charity. If you would like to contribute by bringing them your used stamps they would be most grateful. Thank you in advance!

## PARISH NOTICES

### ST JOSEPH'S INFANT SCHOOL – APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY WELCOME

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School Governing Body are currently accepting applications for our Nursery for September 2026. If you have a child or know a child who will be three before September 2026 contact the school for an application.

Also, if you are aware of family or friends who may be interested in giving their child an education rich in catholic ethos, please encourage them to contact the school on Tel: 01639 882579

### ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR SCHOOL – ESTYN REPORT

Following their inspection before Christmas, the full report from the Schools' Inspectorate is now available for all who are interested at the following link: <https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2025/12/Inspection-report-St-Josephs-Catholic-Junior-School-2026.pdf>

Our congratulations once more to all the teachers and staff for such a glowing report. The Headteacher, Mrs May would also like to say that there are still spaces available to for September. To have a conversation or to arrange a visit please get in touch with the school on 01639 769743 or via email at: [office@stjosephsjunior.npt.school](mailto:office@stjosephsjunior.npt.school)

### LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTION

As the Senedd prepares to debate whether to give legislative consent to Westminster's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, Archbishop Mark and Bishop Peter Brignall wish to express their deep concern about legalising assisted suicide in Wales. International experience shows that where assisted suicide is legalised, eligibility criteria expand over time and subtle pressure is placed on those who are elderly, disabled, or who fear becoming a burden. True compassion means accompanying those who suffer and ensuring no one feels abandoned, not ending life. They urge Members of the Senedd to withhold consent and focus on strengthening palliative care. On Monday 26th January, those who can are asked to observe a day of fasting in solidarity with the vulnerable. Please also engage respectfully with your Member of the Senedd to make your voice heard on this important decision for Wales.

### ADVANCE NOTICE: ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Masses with the Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7pm both at St Joseph's. While this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, please do make every effort to begin this period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in the best possible way.

## ST JOSEPH'S HALL THIS WEEK

### Monday 9th February

10:00am	Craft Club
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### Wednesday 11th February

After the 9.30am Mass	Coffee Morning
6:30pm	Growing in Faith

### Sunday 8th February

After the 10:00am Mass	Coffee Morning
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## LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(ALL LITURGIES AT ST JOSEPH'S UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

### Saturday 7th February

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Cwmavon)

Vigil Mass: The sick of the parish

6:00pm

Vigil Mass: Phyllis Donovan & Enid Bowen/Stanley Wickham

### Sunday 8th February

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30am

Holy Mass: Peace in our world

10:00am

Holy Mass: People of the Parish

Please join us for tea and coffee in the parish hall after Mass.

### Monday 9th February

NO MASS TODAY

### Tuesday 10th February

St Scholastica, Virgin

10:00am

Holy Mass: Joe & Bridie O'Neill

### Wednesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

9:30am

Holy Mass:

Coffee morning in the parish hall after Mass.

### Thursday 12th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9.30am

Requiem Mass: Maureen Trahar

### Friday 13th February

10:00am

Holy Mass: Philip Ilsley

### Saturday 14th February

St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop

11:00am - 12:00pm

Confessions

4:45pm - 5:00pm (Cwmavon)

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Vigil Mass: Lorna Sheehy

6:00pm

Vigil Mass: Anne & Martin Quigley/ Pat & Charles Waterford; Paul & Kathleen  
Ghost

### Sunday 15th February

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30am

Holy Mass: Baby Kian O'Leary/ John Griffiths

10:00am

Holy Mass: People of the Parish

Please join us for tea and coffee in the parish hall after Mass.