

**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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**15TH FEBRUARY - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE WORD THIS WEEK:**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 30:3-4

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me for the sake of your name.**

FIRST READING

SIRACUSA 15:15-20

He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119 (118)

RESPONSE: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

A wisdom of God decreed before the ages for our glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF. MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:17-37

It was said to those of old; but I say to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 77:29-30

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**“The Lord did not come to destroy the Law but to fulfil it; to fulfil it by adding what was lacking, not by taking away what was there.” - St Augustine, Sermon on the Mount (Book I)**

## PARISH NOTICES

### LATELY DEAD

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

Kathleen Collen Daniel, whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 17th February at St Joseph's at 9.30am.

Michele Twomey, whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 24th February at Margam Crematorium at 10.30am.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

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It's hard to believe that Lent is upon us already! We begin on Wednesday that most holy season where we prepare ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may celebrate the Easter Triduum, with hearts made pure. Here's what's on offer at St Joseph's this Lent.

**Wednesday, 18th February: Ash Wednesday:** Masses with the imposition of ashes at St Joseph's at 9.30am & 7pm.

**Thursday morning Masses:** Following the success of the early Masses during Advent, Mass will be celebrated at 8am every Thursday morning during Lent in addition to the 10am Mass. This Mass will be followed by a simple breakfast in St Joseph's Hall.

**The Clydach Passion Play: The Road to Calvary:** We are happy to announce that 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 available to purchase after Mass for £5 with proceeds going to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

**Confessions:** We continue with our usual confession times - 11-12 at St Joseph's and 4:45-5pm at St Philip Evans. If you would like to go to confession outside of these times, speak to a priest and they will be happy to oblige.

**The Passover Meal:** It has been a long standing tradition at St Joseph's to celebrate a Passover Meal in the run up to Holy Week. In doing so, we get a glimpse into Jewish life and what it may have been like in that upper room. It's also a lovely moment for us to come together as a parish. The meal will be held on Monday, 30th March at Blanco's Hotel. 6.15pm arrival for a 6.30pm start. 2 course lamb carvery for £10. There will be a sign up sheet after weekend Masses next week and if full payment can be had by the week after that would be great. Our thanks to the staff of Blanco's for being so welcoming.

**Lenten Station Mass:** There is an ancient tradition of the Church where the Pope would celebrate Mass at different Churches (stations) during the season of Lent. In this Archdiocese. The Archbishop does the same. We are invited to join him at our Deanery Station Mass which will be held at Holy Cross, Gendros, Swansea on Thursday 5th March at 7pm.

### GROWING IN FAITH

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A thank you to all who came to join us on Wednesday. This week we return to our usual Tuesday slot. All most welcome.

## 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.

### 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!

## ST JOSEPH'S HALL THIS WEEK

### Monday 16th February

10:00am	Craft Club
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### Tuesday 17th February

6.30pm	Growing in Faith
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### Wednesday 18th February

After the 9.30am Mass	Coffee Morning
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### Sunday 22nd 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 14th February

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00pm (Cwmavon)

Vigil Mass: Lorna Sheehy

6:00pm

Vigil Mass: Anne & Martin Quigley/ Pat & Charles Waterford; Ernie, Phylis & 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.

### Monday 16th February

NO MASS TODAY

### Tuesday 17th February

10:00am

Requiem Mass: Kathleen Collen Daniel

### Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting & Abstinence

9:30am

Holy Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee morning in the parish hall after Mass.

7:00pm

Holy Mass: Grace of a good Lent

### Thursday 19th February

8:00am

Holy Mass:

10:00am

Holy Mass:

### Friday 20th February

10:00am

Holy Mass:

### Saturday 21st February

11:00am – 12:00pm

Confessions

4:45pm – 5:00pm (Cwmavon)

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Vigil Mass:

6:00pm

Vigil Mass: Timmy Crowley & Mary Pascoe RIP

### Sunday 22nd February

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30am

Holy Mass: Wanda Glaek, Dariusz Kolasa, Wladyslav Tomków

10:00am

Holy Mass: People of the Parish

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

