

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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22ND MARCH - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PSALM 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:12-14

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 130(129)

RESPONSE: **With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:8-11

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 11:25A, 26

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me, will not die for ever, says the Lord.

“Christ did not simply raise Lazarus,
but by calling him by name showed that He is Lord over both life and death.”
— St John Chrysostom, Homilies on the Gospel of John (Homily 62 on John 11)

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

Saturday 28th March

5:00pm (Cwmavon)	Vigil Mass with the Blessing of Palms:
6:00pm	Vigil Mass with the Blessing of Palms:

Sunday 29th March **PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am	Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms: Daniel & Bridget McCarthy
10:00am	Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms: People of the Parish

Monday 30th March

	NO PARISH MASS TODAY
6.30pm	Passover Meal (Blanco's Hotel - For those who have signed up only)

Tuesday 31st March

	NO PARISH MASS TODAY
11:00am	Mass of Chrism (St David's Cathedral, Charles St, Cardiff)

Wednesday 1st April

9:30am	Holy Mass: Robert Hanson RIP
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Thursday 2nd April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00pm	HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH THE WASHING OF FEET AND WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE UNTIL 10:00PM:
9:45pm	Night Prayer of the Church and conclusion of watching at the Altar of Repose

Friday 3rd April **GOOD FRIDAY**

10:00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:30am	Stations of the Cross for Children
3:00pm	LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

Saturday 4th April **Holy Saturday**

10:00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
7:30pm	SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL:

Sunday 5th April **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30am (Cwmavon)	HOLY MASS OF EASTER DAY:
10:30am (St Joseph's)	HOLY MASS OF EASTER DAY: PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

PARISH NOTICES

RECENTLY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rebecca Sterlini, formerly of 25 Moorlands Road. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church, Penarth. May she rest in peace.

ADVANCE NOTICE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Advance notice that on the 27th March, there will be no Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's as there will be an ecumenical celebration of the Stations at St Philip Evans in Cwmavon at 6.30pm. All most welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S INFANT SCHOOL: STAY AND PLAY

Come and join the fun at St Joseph's Infants Stay and Play! Join us every Wednesday term time, in our dining hall for a fun filled session. From 1:30pm-2:30pm, little ones can enjoy a variety of playful activities designed to spark curiosity and joy, while adults can relax, connect, and share a friendly chat over a warm cuppa. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or carer, everyone is welcome—we'd love to see you there!

ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR SCHOOL: PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

St Joseph's Junior School are still accepting applications for September 2026. To read their inspection report, please follow this link: <https://estyn.gov.wales/app/uploads/2025/12/Inspection-report-St-Josephs-Catholic-Junior-School-2026.pdf> If you would like to have a conversation or arrange a visit, please get in touch with the school on 01639 769743 or via email at: office@stjosephsjunior.npt.school

EASTER OFFERING

As is tradition, the collections at the Easter Masses goes to support the clergy of the parish. There are also envelopes now available should you wish to make your collection that way. Following the liturgy on Good Friday there will be a retiring collection for the "Holy Places" in support of the historic sites of Christianity in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVANCE NOTICE: THE GHOSTBUSKERS RETURN

Following their successful debut, The Ghostbusters return for another afternoon of music, dancing, bingo and refreshments. April 17th, 2pm - 4pm. All most welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who made their First Confession over the weekend. The Lord bless you as you continue your journey towards communion for the first time.

THE PIETY STALL: EASTER STOCK NOW IN!

There are now a selection of Easter cards and other goodies now available in the Piety Stall. Do have a look after Mass and speak to Pauline if you're after anything special.

WASHING OF THE FEET - MAUNDY THURSDAY

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. We currently have 1 volunteer... There is a sign up sheet in the porch for those who wish to take part.

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH - CHRISM MASS, ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL

The Chrism Mass will take place this year at St David's Cathedral, Charles St, Cardiff. It is a beautiful occasion for us to come together as a diocese, clergy and people, to give thanks for the gift of the priesthood and to witness the priests renew their priestly promises. If you wish to travel with us, we are intending to head to Cardiff by train as the cathedral is only a 15 minute walk from the station. We will publish the train we intend to catch next week. More the merrier!

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

Saturday 21st March

5:00pm (Cwmavon)	Vigil Mass:
6:00pm	Vigil Mass:Mollie Rees

Sunday 22nd March **5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

8:30am	Holy Mass: People of the Parish
10:00am	Holy Mass: Anthony Butler

Monday 23rd March

	NO MASS TODAY
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Tuesday 24th March

10:00am	Holy Mass:Christopher Rees
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Wednesday 25th March **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

9:30am	Holy Mass: Will Waters RIP
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Thursday 26th March

8:00am	Holy Mass: Rebecca Sterlini RIP
10:00am	Holy Mass: Sr Mary Christina

Friday 27th March

10:00am	Holy Mass: Private Intention
6.30pm (Cwmavon)	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th March

11:00am-12:00pm(St Joseph's)	Confessions
4:45pm - 5:00pm (Cwmavon)	Confessions
5:00pm-5:45pm (St Joseph's)	Confessions
5:00pm (Cwmavon)	Vigil Mass with the Blessing of Palms: Sr Brigid Mulvanney
6:00pm (St Joseph's)	Vigil Mass with the Blessing of Palms: Michael Ryan

Sunday 29th March **PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am	Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms: Daniel & Margaret McCarthy
10:00am	Holy Mass with the Blessing of Palms: People of the Parish