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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1st November - Solemnity of All Saints

Parish Notices

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November (next Sunday) is Remembrance Sunday. At the 10am Mass, there will be an Act of Remembrance and there will be a short service in which we will bless the graves in the Cemetery following the Mass. We will remember them and may they rest in peace.

Poppies

Hand-made poppies are available for a minimum donation of £1. Funds raised will be split between the parish and the British Legion.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that that souls who die in God's grace undergo purification before entering the fullness of Heaven, and November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, asking God to grant them eternal rest and hasten their entrance into His heavenly kingdom. There are November Dead Lists and envelopes available for you to add your names to alongside a customary donation, if you are able, for the Masses which will be offered over the month.

Christmas Stock Now in the Piety Stall

Our range of Christmas stock is now in - calendars, diaries, Nativity sets, candles, boxes of Christmas cards. All you could possibly want to celebrate Christmas. Do have a look!

Abba Extravanagnza

Thank you to all who contributed towards and joined us for our ABBA Extravaganza. About £350 were raised for Parish Funds and a good time was had by all!

Parish Film Night - 4th November

On the 4th November, there will be a screening of "Toy Story 5" in St Joseph's Hall. A suggested donation of £2 for entry with drinks and popcorn available for purchase. All most welcome.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Enquiry Forms are now available for those with children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. To register, please fill to form in and return it to a priest by the **1st November.** Classes will take place at St Joseph's Infant School on Mondays from 3.30-4.15pm beginning Monday 9th November. There will be a meeting for parents on Wednesday 4th November at 4pm in St Joseph's Hall.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets for the Parish Christmas Raffle are now on sale for £1 a ticket. 1st Prize: £100, 2nd Prize: A Christmas Hamper, 3rd Prize: A Tower of Chocolate and many more. There will be someone selling Raffle Tickets after each Mass. The prize will be drawn in the hall on Sunday 20th December following the 10am Mass. Good luck!

Annual Clothes Collection

The annual collection for the homeless will take place after Masses on the weekend of November 14th and 15th. The Missionaries of Charity will accept winter coats, newly bought unused underwear and socks, and toiletries only. If you would like to help this cause, and help the homeless this winter, please could you leave your donations in the porch after the Saturday night or Sunday morning Masses or give directly to Roz Butler.

APF Boxes (Red Mission Appeal Boxes)

Could these be returned to the Church or to Teresa Welsh to be counted. Many thanks for your generosity towards this important cause.

Liturgies this Week

(All Liturgies at St Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Saturday 31st October	
5:00pm *(Cwmavon)*	Vigil Mass: Mollie O'Brien
6:00pm *(St Joseph's)*	Vigil Mass: Richard Griffiths
Sunday 1st November	**ALL SAINTS**
8:30am	Holy Mass: Catherine Madden
10:00am	Holy Mass: Special Intention
Monday 2nd November	**All Souls, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**
8:00am	Holy Mass: Faithful Departed
10:00am	Holy Mass: Andrew Davies
11.30am	Requiem Mass: Geraldine Folland
Tuesday 3rd November	
10:00am	Holy Mass: Deacon David O'Keefe/November Lists
Wednesday 4th November	**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
9.30am	Holy Mass: Thanksgiving/November Lists
Thursday 5th November	
10:00am	Holy Mass: Private Intention/ November Lists
Friday 6th November	**St Illtyd, Abbot**
10:00am	Holy Mass: Ceri & Grahame Vaughan/November Lists
Saturday 7th November	
11:00-12:00pm *(St Joseph's)*	Confession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:45pm - 5:00pm (*Cwmavon)*	Confessions
5:00pm *(Cwmavon)*	Vigil Mass: Ann Lind
6:00pm *(St Joseph's)*	Vigil Mass: Una O'Neil
Sunday 8th November	**Remembrance Sunday - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am	Holy Mass: Those Fallen in War
10:00am	Holy Mass: Francis Green RIP

Regular Events in the Hall

Sundays: Choir practice following the 10am Mass
Sundays & Wednesdays: Coffee Morning following the morning Mass.
Monday: 10am - Craft Group
Wednesdays: 6pm: The Legion of Mary