Saint Joseph's Co-Cathedral



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| This week at the Co-Cathedral: Year: C (I) | | | | |
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| Sun 16th March. 5:30 p.m. (Sat.) 08:00 10:00 11:15 | 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass: Zdena & Dennis Thomas (RIP) Mass: Sunday Ekponken Okpere (RIP) Mass: People of the Parish Baptism | | | |
| Mon. 17th Crypt 09:15 Crypt | St. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary (Feast) Mass: Billy Tennant (RIP) | | | |
| Tues. 18 th | Weekday of Wk 2 of Lent NO PUBLIC MASS | | | |
| Weds. 19 th 09:30 18:00 | St. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity) Mass: St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral School Mass: Daniel & Elizabeth Davies (RIP) | | | |
| Thurs. 20 th | Weekday of Wk 2 of Lent NO PUBLIC MASS | | | |
| Fri. 21st 09:15 09:45 | Weekday of Wk 2 of Lent Mass: Allen Banks (B'day) (RIP) STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Crypt immediately after Mass. | | | |
| Sat. 22 nd | Saturday of Wk 2 of Lent NO MORNING MASS | | | |
| 5:30 p.m. (Sat.) Sun 23rd 08:00 (Sun.) 10:00 | Vigil Mass: Carole Dabbs (RIP) (B'day) 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Mass: Special Intention (L. & H.) Mass: People of the Parish | | | |

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, Implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, My Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

Pray for them

Let us remember the sick in our homes & hospitals Deacon Tony Lawrence, Teresa Williams, Ian Williams, Lee Ellery, Taylor Mai, Heather Mitchell, Neil Andrew Francis, Gary Lewis, Tom Bright, Maralyn Brain, Christopher Browne, Helena Hughes, Brian Thomas, Lynda Rees, Candida Felicio, Nora Kennedy, Patrick (Paddy) Colclough, Eileen Morgan, Eileen Griffiths, Angela Flynn, Melanie Kennedy, Rita Lewis, and all the sick. May the Lord lay his healing hands upon them.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret McCambridge; Marlaine Llewellyn; Anne Kavanagh; Ernest James Smith.

Holy Father's Intention: "For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."

Sanctuary Lights

- Carole Dabbs (RIP) (B'day) 1. 2
 - Special Intention (FML.)

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken after Communion. This collection goes towards the Energy Fund.

"LENTEN DEVOTIONS: 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS' will take place every Friday, directly after the morning Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED (Deceased): Piotr & Nancy Skubala; Sunday Ekponken Okpere.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: (Other):

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUESTS: Special Int. (FML); Special Int. (M.C.)

REQUESTS FOR MASS INTENTIONS: PLEASE NOTE ...

If wanting to book Anniversary and Birthday Mass Intentions on a particular date, especially at weekends, you need to do so well in advance... not wait until one or two weeks before. Owing to high demand, requests for weekend Mass Intentions are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Mass intentions may only be scheduled for the 5:30 p.m. and 08:00 a.m. Masses. **NO MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE 10:00 a.m. MASS** unless it is for an Anniversary that actually falls on that particular Sunday. Thank you for your understanding. *Canon Benedict.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: The next class is Monday 17th March at 5:30 p.m. Venue: Holy Family Hall.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The next class will be Sunday 16th March at 3 p.m. Venue: Library of Clergy House

RCIA: Sundays 4:30 p.m. Venue: Library of Clergy House.

LECTIO DIVINA: Thursdays 7 p.m. Venue: Library of Clergy House.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: I am appealing for volunteers to assist with the reintroduction of Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy allows young children to hear and understand the Word of God through the use of ageappropriate Scripture Readings and other resources. If enough people come forward, it should be possible to set up a rota system, thus ensuring that each volunteer will be called on no more than once a month. For this reason, I am reaching out especially to parents with young children, but also to anyone else who might feel that they are able to assist. Thank you in anticipation. *Canon Benedíct*

| | | HYMN | NUMBERS | |
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| Entrance: | 883 | | Offertory: | 601 & 604 |
| Communion: | 772 | | Recessional: | 211 |

The response to . . .

"May our lives proclaim: . . . " is "that the Lord our God is holy."

OFFERINGS FOR 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Collection (Loose plate):£546.252nd Collection: Energy (Loose plate)£219.56

For those who wish to set up a bank standing order for their donations to the Energy account: the details of the account are as follows:

Sort Code 55-61-20; Account Name: Menevia Cathedral 2; Account No. 24406570

Official prayer from Pope Francis for the Jubilee year 2025, "*Pilgrims of hope*"...

The Jubilee prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for Cardiff-Menevia Archdiocese is scheduled to take place in St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday 15^{th} April.

If you would like to sing in the choir at that Mass, there are rehearsals at the Co-Cathedral on Wednesday 19th at 7 p.m. Also Wednesday 26th March and Thursday 10th April at from 6 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. If you have any queries or would like further information, please text or WhatsApp Jeni Burridge on 07947 074872. - *Canon Benedict*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA Lenten Station/Deanery Masses 2025

Fri. 28th March Tues. 8th April Weds. 9th April Fri. 23rd May Thurs. 29th May Fri. 30th May Weds. 4th June Our Lady & ~St. David, Llantwit Major Ss. Julius & Aaron Deanery: Venue TBC St. Helen's, Barry St. David's Priory, Swansea Our Lady of the Taper Deanery: Venue TBC St. Teilo Deanery: Venue TBC St. John Kemble Deanery: Venue TBC

The time of all Masses is 7 p.m.

A message for parents of young children . . .

Firstly and importantly, I would like to express my appreciation for parents who bring their children to church. Nothing is more beautiful than seeing a family worshipping together. However, expecting very young children with boundless energy to remain quiet throughout the whole Mass is unrealistic. Children become bored with sitting quietly so become noisy then parents, in turn, feel stressed. For this reason I respectfully remind parents that noisy children disrupt Mass and make it difficult for others to focus. Please parents, you are responsible for your children's behaviour in Mass. You need to encourage them and teach them appropriate behaviour in church. Whilst we are actively looking at ways to re-introduce Children's Liturgy, but please . . .

- Once your child shows signs of becoming noisy/disruptive, please take them outside into the porch briefly;
- Bring some quiet activities for children to do during Mass eg. colouring books, small (quiet!) toys etc.; and
- Keep your children sitting close to you, and in an area where they can be more easily managed e.g. near the exit.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Canon Benedict