

St. David's R.C. Church

Park Crescent,
Maesglas, Newport

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19.01.25. - 25.01.25. Year C PW2

Parish of the
Archdiocese of Cardiff
Registered Charity
1177272



Clergy

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9.30 am Confession and Adoration

10.00 am Mass Latin Rite

Office Hours: - The office will be open every Friday morning between 9am - 12.30pm. We still ask that appointments be made for anything needed in this time. Email is monitored throughout the working week and will be responded to accordingly. Any urgent enquiries should still be directed to Father Mathew on 07799286727.



Mass Times of

Syro Malabar Qurbana

Sunday	7.45am Mass	3.15pm Mass
Tuesday	6.00pm Adoration	6.30pm Mass
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	6.00pm Adoration.	6.30pm Mass.
Saturday	10.00am Mass	

Mass w.j. Polskim Saturday 6.00pm

SUNDAY READINGS -

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Ps 96(95):1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 9-10a, c R.3

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acc.: Alleluia, alleluia!

**God called us through the gospel,
So that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 2:1-12

PARISH MEETING. There will be a parish meeting on Sunday 26th January at 11.30am following Holy Mass in church. Anyone wishing to support or get involved, or just hear about plans for this year, please hang around after mass on that Sunday. - if anyone has anything to add to the agenda for the meeting, please let Kate or Jane know.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - On Sunday 26th January, Father Mathew will bless your bibles and/or missals during Holy Mass. Please bring the same with you on this day.

SECOND COLLECTIONS. Sunday 19th January, Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February - we will be holding second collections for the boiler fund. The work is due to start imminently but we do need your help. The parish communities will all contribute to the work, but unfortunately as it is urgent, the Latin Rite community will need to cover the costs initially. We really do appreciate all your efforts and donations so far and we will be holding a fundraising event in the very near future, specifically to raise funds for this cause. Please do bring what you can to one of the upcoming masses so that we can ease the pressure on our community and ensure the new boiler is not at the cost of anything else.



St. David's Children's Liturgy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

will be held on the third Sunday of every month going forwards. If anyone would like to come

forward to assist with this, please can they request a DBS form from Mary Richardson (Choir) as the first step in the process.

WEEKDAY MASS. Father Mathew has suggested introducing a weekday mass for the Latin Community at 6.30pm either on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. We would like your opinions on this. If there is a preferable day; if you believe this is something you would take advantage of; if there are more people who could assist at that weekday mass (in any capacity: reading; altar serving; offertory procession and collections; etc.). This will be discussed in detail at the meeting on 26th January which will follow Holy Mass. Please do try to stick around for this meeting where everyone will be able to hear about upcoming events, hear updates from the archdiocese and have a chance to have their opinions heard on anything church related.

FATHER WOULD LIKE TO REMIND parents and children that crossing in front of the altar during Mass is unacceptable. Should anyone need to use the bathroom during mass, they should exit their pew to the side aisle and not the main aisle, then revert to walking around the back of the church and down the side aisle closest to the entrance porch in order to reach the bathroom. We must ensure reverence in our church and remind all that bathroom breaks should ideally be taken before/after mass and not during. Father would also like to remind parents of smaller children that the children should remain in the pews during mass and not be wandering around the church (this is a health and safety concern as well as reverence). If anyone has any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to Father following Holy Mass.

JUBILEE FOR ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL:

Pope Francis invites us to let our faith inform our service as the troubles in the world increase. If you work in the Armed Forces, the Police or in Security in general we would like to invite you to a Jubilee Mass taking place at St Joseph's Co-cathedral, Convent Street, Swansea on Saturday 8th February at 11:00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev Tom Burns, Retired Bishop of Menevia and former Bishop of the Forces. If you wish to join us as a pilgrim of hope on your Jubilee Day, please email Fr Michael Doyle (michael.doyle@rcadc.org) by Friday 24th January. If you are a veteran or retired police officer and would like to support those in service with your prayers, you are most welcome to join also. Please let Fr. Michael know.



QR CODES - There are now many QR codes around the church on posters on the walls and on some of the pews. These are for anyone who wishes to donate to the parish but may not have cash readily available.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

Extract from Loyola Press

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for the sick and elderly in our parish and those in hospital. Please contact maesglas@rcadc.org to let us know of anyone who is sick or in hospital so that we may pray for them.

All-powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick of our parish; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your Church.

Grant this through Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DIocese YEARBOOKS FOR 2025. We have been informed there is a delay in the release of these books, but as soon as they are received, we will let parishioners know so that any wishing to, can purchase the same.

HEALTH & SAFETY: We have been advised that no children (children under the age of 12) should be going up into the choir loft. Please can anyone with children, ensure they remain downstairs for masses going forwards. Can we also request everyone ensure kneelers are placed back into the **upright position after use**. It appears that some pews have been moved. The position they were in was approved by Health and Safety at the Archdiocese and should not be moved for any reason.

VOLUNTEERS - We are again asking for volunteers to help support the parish in many areas. Please see any one of the supporting volunteers should you be interested in any capacity. In the coming weeks, we will advertise specific positions and explain the commitment needed.

MESSAGE FOR CLEANERS. Mrs. Robinson has confirmed that if the cleaning crews and/or other volunteers attending church during the school day, use the pedestrian gate on Cardiff Road to enter, they need not sign into school. They can enter and exit the church grounds and indeed the church building via the pedestrian gate and Sacristy entrance and not disturb the school at all. Since the locks were changed on the gates, this is now probably the best option for anyone attending when it is not a weekend or school holidays. If there are any questions or queries on this, please do not hesitate to speak to Kate.

FOLK CHOIR –Rehearsals are every Monday evening 7.30pm-8.30pm. Please come and join us in this vital Ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS		READERS
19.01.25.	Jack Harvey †	SUNDAY 19.01.25. 1 st Reading – Mary (Sen) Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – John T Prayers of the Faithful - Evie
26.01.25.	Mary O'Connor †	
02.02.25.	Fr. Gordan Thompson †	
09.02.25.	Robert Dack † (30 years)	
16.02.25.	Madeliene & William Bray †	
23.02.25.	Marie Ayres-Regan †	SUNDAY 26.01.25. 1 st Reading –John Psalm – John 2 nd Reading – James Prayers of the Faithful – Evie
02.03.25.	Mary T. Regan †	
09.03.25.		
Mass intentions: It is Canon Law for there to be only one intention per mass celebration. Therefore, if anyone would like to have a mass on a specific date, it will need to be booked in advance. If you wish to book a Mass intention, please fill in an envelope which can be found in the church porch and post it in the box also in the church porch.		Collections: 05.01.25. - £149.33

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES - Father Mathew will hold the first Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 16th February at 12noon following 10am Holy Mass. For those who have already expressed an interest, via completion of the forms from Kate, you will be contacted over the coming weeks with further details. For those wishing to express an interest, please take a form from the porch and return to Kate or email Kate on maesglas@rcadc.org and a form can be emailed to you. Preparation Classes will run every two months (depending on need/interest) following this first class in February. The second preparation class is scheduled for Sunday 27th April at 12noon and is available should anyone be unable to make the first scheduled class. For further details, please contact Kate. To confirm, attendance is only necessary at ONE of the Preparation classes, but Baptism ceremony dates will not be able to be booked until completion of the preparation course and completion of further paperwork available at the preparation class.

CAFOD is looking for new volunteers to join their **Education volunteer programme** visiting schools in Cardiff-Menevia. Full training will be provided and travel expenses covered. Please get in touch with Kate if you or a friend would like to know more.

A CANDLELIT VIGIL for peace throughout the world is to be held on Sunday 26th January from 6 - 7pm at St Peter's Church, Roath, CF24 3BA. A warm welcome is extended to you to attend.

Torchlight Procession

PREACHING:
Fr. Peter McClaren
For Peace in Our World

"Faith Hope and Love"

23rd January 2025
Light Refreshments Afterwards
7:00pm
Our Lady of Peace
Ashfield Road, Newbridge, NP11 4RB

