

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide

Catholic Parishes of St Mary's, Bridgend, Our Lady Star of the Sea,  
Porthcawl & St Joseph's of Arimathea, Kenfig Hill

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Times</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b> <b>Vigil 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b> Terry Morgan (Dolan family)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b> <b>Mass 11.00am live stream &amp; bookings</b> <b>Mass 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Sandy Fernandez (Margaret Thomas) <b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b> Sean Connick RIP (Tom Connick)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No Mass today</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady Star of the Sea Mass 10.00am (bookings only)	David Watkins (Tracey & Emily)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> <b>live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Katie (M McAweney) Christine Edwards special intention (Rick & Maria)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b>	Pat Doheny RIP (JVC) Mary Sexton RIP (J&P Lockett)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b>	Des Lloyd 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Father Silvio – thanksgiving for 50 years (W/I)
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Mass 4.30 pm live stream only</b> <b>Vigil 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	Tom Mulligan (P & M McCormack) <b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	<b>Mass 10.00am live stream only</b> <b>Mass 11.00am live stream &amp; bookings</b> <b>Mass 6.00pm live stream &amp; bookings</b>	<b>People of the Parish, our frontline &amp; NHS workers</b> Bernie Vista healing (Mr & Mrs Vista) Richard Gridstone (P & J Maher)

*Mass Intentions (St Mary's) please be aware that there is currently a long wait.  
For specific dates please book 2 or even 3 months in advance. Many thanks.*

**Please continue to remember all those who are sick and housebound in your prayers:**

Mary Bryan, Anne Colson, Ryan Dixon, Angela Ellis, Barbara Fentham, Elsie Freeth, Catherine Grills, Sam & Betty Henn, Margaret Jarvis, John Lewis, Mary Maguire, Jean Martin, Maureen Pritchard and Marcus Rossini.

**We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, our friends, relatives and those who have asked for our prayers:** Anna, Anthony George, Baby Elijah, Conall & Siobhan, Eddie, Emma, Erica, Garry, Helle, Jamie, Julia Margaret Lewis, Marion Long, Keith, Kevin Thomas, Lloyd Woodroff, Margaret, Maria, Martin Ginnelly, Mary Thornton, Mike, Peter, Stewart and Vince Chapman. Please email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) if you would like to add a name to the list.



Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the “tabernacles” where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. This is why we must approach the Bible without ulterior motives, without exploiting it. The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.  
(Pope Francis January 2021)

Bookings for weekend Masses at St Mary's must be made by 4.00pm on Friday. Please text or call and leave a message on 07534 095766 or email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org) With the lighter evenings please consider coming to one of the 6.00pm Masses to allow families to attend the 11.00am Mass. Sadly, the restrictions are still in force.

Thank you for following the booking procedure.  
Thank you for joining us via the live stream and thank you for your continued support. God Bless.

### ***Derek Ford RIP***

Thank you to all the parishioners who have sent Mass cards and intentions, said prayers and given expressions of sympathy. I have found great comfort from this. Special thanks also to Fr Tim and Deacon Philip and Anne Manghan for their support and care at this difficult time. *Isabel Ford*

## **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

*'My soul, give thanks to the Lord!'*

The readings for this final Sunday of Eastertide remind us again of all the graces we have received through Jesus's death and resurrection, and the joy which comes from knowing just how much we are loved by God.

In the **First Reading**, we hear of the election of Matthias, who takes the place of Judas, 'the one who chose to be lost'. He joins the Apostles as one who gives witness to the wonder of the Lord's Resurrection.

The short **Psalms** extract reflects the enormity of God's love, and the boundless depths of his forgiveness – a theme expanded further in the **Second Reading**. Here, John's letter reminds us that it is because God loved us first with such infinite love, that we must love one another. Through Jesus's sacrifice, we are saved and can live as one with God, with Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

In the **Gospel**, we hear Jesus himself as he intercedes for the disciples and for us – asking his Father for everything he knows we need as he sends us out into the world.

During the coming week, let's pray for the grace to recognise the gifts we have been given, and for a greater awareness of how we can use them in showing our love for others.

A message from Des & Marjorie Kiernan...

***"Des is now at home and making progress after his recent operation and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words and good wishes, they were much appreciated."***

With grateful thanks  
Marjorie & Des.

Thank you to those parishioners who have come forward offering to help steward in Our Lady Star of the Sea. Unfortunately, there are still not enough stewards available to allow Our Lady Star of the Sea to open on another weekday.

Volunteers must be good health and below the age of 65. In spite of the recent easing of restrictions we are still at Alert level 3 – high risk and as such nothing in terms of worship has changed. Whilst this is very frustrating there are strict legal guidelines to conform to to allow churches to be open. Please continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and an easing of the restrictions as to allow us to meet easily in our churches once more.

## Archdiocese of Cardiff “The God Who Speaks”: Scripture Study Days

Saturday, May 29th from 11am-12.30pm.

Deacon Rob Coyne will be giving a talk on  
“Celebrating, Living and Sharing “The God Who Speaks”.

This will be a very enlightening talk as the title is the theme of the Year of the God Who Speaks. Further details of the programme of talks for the year can be found on the Archdiocesan website <https://rcadc.org/> events.

### How to Access the Online Talks

You can access the talks on the day via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409256453?pwd=YktlYnQvWjNzQjI5L0xnZkFsaHNYUT09>

**Meeting ID 824 0925 6453**

**Passcode: 633303**

The talks will also appear on YouTube. Please go to the [ACES YouTube channel](#)

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As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD’s Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## **PLEASE BOOK FOR WEEKEND MASSES BY 4.00PM ON FRIDAY**

### **MANY THANKS.**

Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea 10.00am on Tuesdays.

St Mary's will be open for Masses at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6.00pm on Saturday,

11.00am on Sunday and 6.00pm on Sunday.

Obligation to attend Mass is still suspended and it may be wise to wait until you have had both doses of your vaccine administered. Even if you have had your vaccine to keep us all safe it is really important to abide by the social distancing rules that are still in force.

You must wear a mask. For bookings, please call 07534 095766 during office hours

9am-4pm (CLOSED WEDNESDAY) or email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org)

**Please read the reminder of the rules at the end of the newsletter. Many thanks for your support.**

- Bookings for Masses can be made during office hours (9am-4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) by **telephoning 07534 095766**. Alternatively you may email [bridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:bridgend@rcadc.org)
- You **MUST** book if you wish to attend Mass. We do not want to turn people away at the door. If you have not booked and had your place confirmed in advance – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.
- By registering to attend Mass, you confirm the following conditions are met:
  - You currently show no symptoms for Coronavirus.
  - Should you develop symptoms prior to the service, you will NOT attend.
  - You agree to use hand-sanitiser as a condition of entry.
- Please note that **Face Coverings MUST be worn in Church**.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- You should arrive between 15 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion. If you do not wish to take communion please come for a blessing to avoid others having to brush past you on returning to the pew.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further.
- There will be no collection at Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the Church via standing order or online. If you wish to donate cash, please do so in the basket at the back of the Church or in one of the wall boxes around the Church.
- Once Mass has ended please leave the Church promptly and disperse.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience or distress these regulations may cause. They are a requirement to enable public worship to take place.