

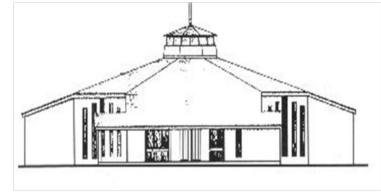
Holy Cross Catholic Community

'A family for all cultures to nurture disciples of all ages'

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11th February 2024 Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
Reading Cycles: Sundays Year B Psalter Week 2

Lord, be Merciful to me a sinner

Day and Date	Mass Time	Intention	Recently Died
Saturday 10th February First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Shiela Smith & Irene James S In	Margaret Walsh All Souls whose names are entered in our Book of Remembrance and all victims of war & violence Our family & friends whose anniversaries occur around this week
Sunday 11th February 6th Sunday Ordinary Time	10.00 am	C M John & Annamma John RIP	
Monday 12th February Weekday Ordinary Time	9.30am	Peggy Gray RIP	Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord R. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen
Tuesday 13th February Funeral Mass	1.45pm	Margaret Walsh RIP	
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00 am	Rose Jones B Blessings	
Thursday 15th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.30 am	Shirley Williams RIP Aleykutty Paily RIP	Pray for the Sick of the Parish Heavenly Father, look with mercy on the sick of our parish community and help them in this time of sickness, Restore them to health, we pray, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Friday 16th February Stations of the Cross & Mass	7.00 pm	George & Annamma Thanksgiving	
Saturday 17th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday	12 noon	Tommy Russell RIP Hammett Family	
Saturday 17th February First Mass of Sunday	6.00 pm	Margaret & Raymond Davies RIP	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer and silent Adoration on week days 30 minutes before the Mass. Confessions on Saturdays from 11 to 11.50 am. Divine Mercy Chaplets before Mass in Lent.

Unification of our two Dioceses

We have begun the "Listening Process" regarding the possible unification of our two Dioceses. Archbishop has asked us all to pray for this Process, that we be guided by the Holy Spirit in the decisions that are to be made.

"We pray for all in the Dioceses of Menevia and the Archdiocese of Cardiff during the Listening Process which is taking place at this time. May we be open to the guidance and consolation of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be more faithful and courageous missionary disciples of the Lord". Lord in You mercy....

Pilgrims of Hope

We are in the 'YEAR OF PRAYER' in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. The Bishops conference has published 'We Dare to Say' a beautiful resource book for Faith sharing on the Lord's Prayer. We are being asked to use them especially during the season of Lent in small faith-sharing groups. You are very welcome to join on Mondays in Lent (starting on 19th) in our meeting room from 7.30 pm to 8.30pm for Visio Divina, Meditation and Faith-sharing.

Parish Bank Details for your Offering

Name : Gendros Parish

A/C NO: 90264630

Sort Code 55 -61 -20

Last weekend Offering £ 378

Many Thanks

Parish Hall available for hire.

Please contact on 01792586454

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

O Healer,
wounded by our sins,
we kneel before you.

Reach out to us.
like you did to the leper.
Lay your hand upon us,
and please heal us.

And from your
abundant pity, send us,
broken and ragged,
to fix our damaged earth,
eliminate the wars, end social bias,
and feed the hungry.

Caress your world.
Use us to do it.

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Our Church will be open on Fridays in Lent from 10am for private prayer and devotions. Stations of the Cross and Mass at 7 pm. Please make an extra effort to attend . A small sacrifice in Lent for us and for our family, friends and for all who suffer.

Ash Wednesday

The ashes we use are the burnt palms from last year's celebration of Passion Sunday. We begin our Lenten journey aware of where we are going. We want to enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus for us more fully. That is the purpose of our journey. It is why we mark our heads with his cross. It is why we fast today and abstain from meat.

Our Lenten program is not an effort to save ourselves. We have been saved by his sacrifice. Our self-denial helps us, in the darkness that surrounds us, to prepare ourselves to receive his light. For this is a journey to the Easter font, where we will renew the promises of our Baptism, remembering that in dying with him in the waters of Baptism, we are re-born with him to everlasting life.

This year's journey begins today.

**Ministers of the Word
Weekend 17th/ 18th February**

Saturday 6pm

First Reading

Second Reading

Bidding Prayers

Sue

Sharon

Shalini

Sunday 10.00 am

First Reading

Second Reading

Bidding prayers

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Charisse

Caye

Church Cleaning

Week beginning :

11th February

18th February

25th February

Teresa & Team

No clean

Resmi & Bismi

Ministers—if you cannot attend or need to change your rota, please let us know by contacting Donna (07745947773)

'Walk with Me, Lent 2024'

This pocket-size booklet of prayers and reflections for Lent 2024 is now available. Archbishop Mark O'Toole has written a forward to the booklet and recommends it as an aid to prayer. In his introduction we read, 'This year we celebrate Lent within the context of the *Year of Prayer*, a year of preparation for the Jubilee Year, entitled *Pilgrims of Hope*. We are asked to make the Lord's Prayer a particular focus, deepening our understanding of and devotion to it. This is what we do on our *Walk With Me* journey through Lent.' Archbishop Mark continues, 'The Lord's Prayer reminds us of that wonderful truth that we are children of God, loved by our Father in Heaven, and thus we enter into Jesus' own relationship with his Father. God is our Father who loves us more than we can imagine, and who comes to search for us lost sheep, and draws us back to Him through the Death and Resurrection of His Son... What better way of living Lent than by truly entering into this prayer more deeply.'

Walk with Me booklets are £1 each. Why not give a copy to a friend, relative or work colleague?

YOUTH RETREAT

Following on from our excellent Catholic Youth Retreat in Swansea, when over 140 young people attended, the Youth Council has organised a Lent Youth Retreat In Bridgend. It will take place on Saturday 24th February at Archbishop McGrath High School, Bridgend. Tickets cost £10 and include food and refreshments.

The programme includes:

- ◇ Mass with the choir
- ◇ Inspiring talks and discussions
- ◇ Presentations, Prayer and Adoration, great food and the chance to meet new friends.

To register: <https://rcadc.org/Sign-up-for-our-lent-youth-retreat-2024/>.