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**24th April 2022: 2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Season**

**Fr Tony Writes:**

Happy Easter! I know I have already said that, but let's remind ourselves that Easter isn't just a day, it is a season, and it continues to Pentecost Sunday. And indeed Pentecost Sunday this year falls on the Bank Holiday weekend when we celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. I am sure the queen, as a devout Christian, is well aware of that, and we will be celebrating both, with a special parish event.

A big thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday such a great celebration. I won't name names for fear of leaving someone out, but I am thinking of all the different elements that came together to enable such a wonderful liturgical journey with Our Lord: the music, all the sacristy elements, church cleaning and preparation, flowers, refreshments, welcoming, reading, serving, and of course being there to celebrate.

Thank you also for your Easter Offerings, and for all the cards and gifts.



Some of the churches in this part of Wales are very ancient. St Iltyd's in Llantwit has its origins in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, where St Iltyd himself founded a monastery. The font is Norman, dating to the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century, so people have been baptised in that font for almost 1,000 years! It reminds us of our rich Christian heritage. Indeed in Wales we are constantly

reminded of this. The word 'llan', which prefixes so many Welsh place names, means 'church'. At times that heritage may seem to be under threat. It can be tempting to look at declining numbers, and sometimes ageing congregations, and feel like relics of the past ourselves. But the Church (by which I mean the whole community of the baptised, not just the institution) has been through many difficult and lean times in many places. But as it is not just a human reality we need not fear. The Church is God's creation, the Body of Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit. Hence we place ourselves in the care of God, knowing it was he who called us and sent us out.

So as we travel towards Pentecost, let us do so with hope, confidence and joy!

*(Image – The Norman font at St Iltyd's)*



**Poverty Challenge:**  
**See, Judge, Act**

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network, the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from: [www.csan.or.uk](http://www.csan.or.uk).



**MUSIC PRACTICE**

For singers, choir, musicians  
 EVERY THURSDAY 19:00hrs at St Theresa's  
 Starting Thursday 12th May  
 All are welcome!

### Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, and Jean Ryan. Also those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine and Maria Grazia Topa. Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

### Support the people of Ukraine:

The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: [cafod.org.uk/Give](http://cafod.org.uk/Give).

To access Reset's website go to: [www.homesforukraine.org.uk](http://www.homesforukraine.org.uk).

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative: [homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](http://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk).

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa).

### Weekly Timetable

<b>Easter Saturday</b> <b>23rd April</b>	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 24th April</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners P.A. Xavier RIP
Monday 25th April St George	7:30pm Mass, St George's	Followed by cheese and wine in the hall
Tuesday 26th April	10am Mass, St George's Followed by 'Tea and Chat'	
Wednesday 27th April	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	
Thursday 28th April St Peter Chanel	10am Mass, St George's	William, Elizabeth & Margaret McNulty RIP
Friday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Anne Hurst RIP
<b>Saturday 30th April</b> <b>St Pius V. Pope</b>	10am, FHC Session 4 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	St George's
<b>Sunday 1st May</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	



**St George's Day** is on **Monday 25th April** this year, as the 23rd falls within the Easter Octave. As this is one of our patronal feasts, it is incumbent on us to mark it properly! Accordingly we will celebrate **Mass at St George's at 7:30pm**, followed by cheese and wine in the hall. All welcome, even (perhaps especially) those who normally go to St Theresa's!

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

**At this point we are short of Helpers.** After two 'grace years' dictated by the pandemic we are conscious of people's wellbeing, and we are having to look for more helpers than usual who are fit and well to support others. Subsidies are available for helpers to go towards them meeting the costs of the pilgrimage.



As we currently stand, we will have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance, if we do not get a significant number of fit helpers applying in the next few weeks, so please do apply if you can spare the time to help those in need. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying: 01403 740110, [office@ablourdes.org](mailto:office@ablourdes.org). Helpers - please apply now! [lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk](http://lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk).

### HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

We will be having a parish celebration on Sunday **5th June**, the weekend of the extended bank holiday, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday. There will be one parish Mass on Sunday morning, at St Georges, followed by a shared lunch. Save the date, and watch this space for more details!



# Invited

2021-2025

Season 2 of **Invited** begins on Easter Monday, 18th April. Videos will be released each Monday, and there will be an opportunity to join an online discussion each Thursday. For more information, and to sign up, go to the Invited website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited).