

VERGERS

The Church Vergers help the congregation at every Sunday Mass, showing people to their seats if necessary, taking the **Offertory Collection**, arranging the Offertory Procession, and at the end of Mass making sure that nothing has been left in the pews. Contact John Pocock tel. 211235

WELCOMING MINISTRY

The group who form the Welcoming Ministry greet worshippers as they enter the Church on a Sunday. They help ensure that strangers to St Mary's are made to feel at home, and that our regular parishioners are **encouraged to feel part of our community**. Contact the Liturgy Committee tel 265533

YOUTH CLUB / IMPACT

The Youth Club meets on a Sunday from 7:30 until 9:30pm in "The Attic" in the Institute. Membership is open to parishioners and their friends of secondary school age. There is a full programme of **recreational activities** as well as opportunities to get involved in the Sunday Liturgy and **Social Action**. Contact Fr. Tony tel 265533

ST MARY'S



PARISH DIRECTORY

**NAMES AND CONTACT NUMBERS
OF ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS
WORKING IN ST MARY'S PARISH
(NEWPORT DEANERY) WHICH IS
SERVED BY CLERGY OF THE
INSTITUTE OF CHARITY
(ROSMINIANS)
1995**

**ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,
9 STOW HILL, NEWPORT, GWENT.
TEL: 01633 265533**



YOUR CLERGY



Parish Priest and Dean

Fr. Philip Scanlan

Assistant Priests

Fr. Tony Furlong

Fr. Michael McCarthy

Deacon

Br. Alex Lucie-Smith

Parish Assistant

Eugene Coqueral

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST MARYS CHURCH

Consecrated 12th November 1840

When St. Marys was first built, High Street was lined by thatched houses and often used as a cattle market. There was hardly a house between Cardiff Road and Pill. There was no railway, no docks. Newport was a town of 10,000 of whom 1,900 were Catholics. In 1812, a small chapel was built on the site of the present church. Fr. Haly of Usk served the chapel, and land, materials and endowments were given by local Catholics. In 1839 the chapel was demolished and work on the £2,500 church was begun. History records the Chartists marching down Stow Hill past St Mary's Church being built in the purist style of 13th century Gothic architecture.

The new church was consecrated on 12th November 1840 and the first rector was Fr. Edward Metcalfe who was greatly loved by Protestant and Catholic alike; he is featured in the stain glass window on the right of the altar offering up the church (complete with spire which was never added). In 1847, the priests of the Institute of Charity took charge of the Newport mission and have looked after us ever since. One notable rector of the parish was Fr. Dominic Cavalli who served here for 43 years, opening St Marys school in the present Institute, and in 1900 the school in Queens Hill was built. In 1873, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy established a convent on Stow Hill and have worked for the educational and pastoral welfare of Newportonians since that time.

MASS TIMES

Sunday

8:15am 9:30am 11:00am 6:30pm

Monday Wednesday and Friday

10am 1pm 7:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday

7:15am (at Skelmorlie school term only)

10am 7:30pm

Saturday

10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30pm (Previous day)

7:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday

following 10am Mass until 1pm

Confessions

Saturday

12 noon to 1pm

Weekdays

after 7:30 pm Mass

Holy Hour

1st Friday of each month 6:45pm

PARISH & DEANERY ORGANISATIONS

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200 Club	Tony Hurley	262218	6
Altar Servers	Francis Hurley	252064	6
APF Boxes	Shelagh Clark	267179	6
ASDC	Fr S Marriott	263678	
Baptisms	Presbytery	265533	
Bereavement Support	Mary Gush	263398	6
Bible Study Group	Fr Tony Furlong	265533	7
Brownies	Cath Wysome	251181	7
Cath. Needlework	Michael Bishop	662478	
Children's Liturgy	Teresa Winter	213917	7
Choir 11am Mass	Patrick Carney	263133	8
Church Cleaning	Doris Pocock	211235	8
Covenants	Tony Hurley	262218	8
CTS Bookstall	Fr. M. McCarthy	265533	
Cubs - St Josephs	Gareth Griffiths	853465	8
Drivers	Michael Bishop	662478	9
Education Group	Sue Haywood	250787	9
Eucharistic Ministers	Shelagh Clark	267179	
First Communion <small>(for children in non-Cath. Schools)</small>	Antonetta Jones	842960	
Flowers	Eileen Lavin	272473	
Folk Choir	Presbytery	265533	9
Friday Coffee	Eugene Coqueral	265533	9
Funerals	Presbytery	265533	
Guides - St Marys	Mary Jones	213693	9
Guides - St Josephs	Sue Chappell	265285	10
HCPT Group 59	Margaret Hurley	262218	10
HCPT Group 111	David Gush	01222 360120	10
HCPT Group 97	Tony Turner	262599	10
Hosanna House	Esme O'Brien	257774	10
Junior SVP	Helen McCann	246380	10
Justice & Peace	Rosemary Anderson	264779	10
Legion of Mary	Maureen Lyons	264380	11

Library	Mary Wagner	263716	
LIFE	at St Patricks	277440	
Liturgy Committee	Doris Pocock	211235	11
Magazine	Sheila Sexton	252611	
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Newsletter	Sheila Sexton	252611	
OAP Christmas Party	Pam Smith	854228	
OAP Summer Outing	Pam Smith	854228	
Offertory Counters	Presbytery	265533	
Organist 11am Mass	Patrick Carney	263133	
Organist 9:30 Mass	Veronica Walsh	854004	
Parish Archives	Eugene Coqueral	265533	
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Readers of the Word	Helen McCann	246203	14
Rosary Group	Martin Healy	852580	14
Senior Citizens Bingo	Queenie Murphy	211669	14
Social Club	Phil Mullis	264096	14
St Josephs High Schl	Mr J Dean	815388	
St Josephs Pri. Schl	Mr R Cantwell	258801	
St Marys Pri Schl	Mrs H Cameron	840490	
Sunday Coffee	Eugene Coqueral	265533	
SVP	Tony Bown	892466	15
Third World Group	George Blackborow	213579	
Traidcraft	Mary Gush	263398	15
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200 CLUB

The 200 Club **raises approximately £2500 for the Church.** There are no activities or meetings. Members pay 50p per week with a chance to win £20 per week, £150 per quarter, and £1000 annually. Membership is restricted to 200. If you wish to be put on the waiting list, contact Tony Hurley tel. 262218.

ALTAR SERVERS

Our altar servers have the **privilege to assist the priests at Mass** and at other services. Altar servers may become members of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen. A Saturday morning club for junior altar servers is run in the Institute St Stephen's Room from 10:30 - 12 noon. Contact Frank Hurley or Eugene Coqueral tel. 265533.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (APF) BOXES

APF is the official organisation **supporting the Missions.** Members either make an annual donation or hold a **red box** which is emptied by a Parish promoter when the quarterly magazine is delivered. Members also pray daily for the work of missionaries. The secretary of the APF is Shelagh Clark tel. 267179

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The aim of our group is to allow those who have been **bereaved to talk freely about their feelings.** They often feel inhibited or embarrassed to share their inner confusion with their family or close circle of friends. They often find it more helpful to talk to someone who is outside that circle and yet can be trusted to treat what they share with strict confidence. It can also at times be more helpful, especially if they feel angry with God for allowing the death of a loved one, for them to have the opportunity to share **with a lay person rather than with a priest.**

The Bereavement Group meets at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Presbytery. Visits to the home can be arranged if preferred. Contact Fr. Tony Furlong tel 265533 or Mary Gush tel. 263398

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group **examine exactly what Scripture says in its original setting** and how we can apply this wisdom to our own situation. These meetings held every other Wednesday at 8pm in the Institute Marian Room and are suitable for all who seek a deeper knowledge of the Bible. Contact Fr. Tony Furlong tel. 265533

BROWNIE GUIDES

Brownie Guides meet to take part in a **varied programme of activities** in the Institute on Tuesday evenings 6:30pm - 7:45pm. Girls aged 7 - 9½ may join. Any girl under the age of 7 who would like to join may put their name on a waiting list. If you are interested in joining, contact the Brownie leaders, Mrs Cath Wysome tel. 251181 or Mrs Teresa Griffiths tel. 853465

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our aim is to encourage the younger members of the parish to **share in their preparation and celebration of worship.** This is developed at their own level to enrich and deepen their understanding. The Children's Liturgy is part of the 9:30 Mass each Sunday, and is open to all primary school children between 4 and 10 years of age. The children are invited by the priest to gather in the Institute to hear about the weeks readings or theme for Mass at their own level. Through familiar songs, prayers and stories, **the children hear the Word of God.** They may also produce a display or picture to share with the congregation when they return to church at the offertory. Mass then continues in the usual way. A team of helpers are responsible for this group on a weekly rota basis. If you are interested in helping, contact either Teresa Winter or Alison Hard c/o the Presbytery. tel 265533

CHOIR (11am Mass)

The traditional Choir sings at the 11am Mass on Sundays. Its main function is to **lead the singing at Mass** and for the major services of the Church such as Holy Week. During the year the Choir joins with the Folk Choir for various services, for example, Confirmation and Civic Masses. New members are needed to swell our numbers and although the Choir is at the moment composed solely of ladies, gentlemen as well as ladies are most welcome to join. The Choir practises on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 7:30pm. Contact Pat Carney tel 263133 or Doris Pocock 211235

CHURCH CLEANING

There are nine Church Cleaning groups with an average of three members in each group. Most of the cleaners are ladies, but we are grateful for the four gentlemen who have joined us. **New cleaners are always welcome** as some of the church cleaning groups are depleted by sickness and some of us will shortly be hanging up our dusters, due to advancing years! Groups arrange their own time for cleaning the church, usually Thursday or Friday after 2pm. Contact Doris Pocock tel 211235

COVENANTS

A Covenant is a commitment to **give on a regular basis** to the Church. Most people do this anyway each Sunday, but by making a Covenant, the Church is able to reclaim from the Inland Revenue an extra sum of money if you are a tax payer (NOTE - you pay **no** extra tax .) If you would like to find out more information about contributing by covenant to the upkeep of the Church, contact Tony Hurley tel. 262218

CUBS

The Cub Pack meets in St Joseph's Primary School Maindee on Thursdays from 6:45 until 8:15pm for boys age 8 - 11 years. They undertake a **variety of activities** both indoors and outdoors. Contact Mr Gareth Griffiths tel 853465

DRIVERS (Lifts to Church)

Elderly? Disabled? Do you **need a lift to Church** on Sundays?
Contact Michael Bishop tel. 652478.

EDUCATION GROUP

The Education Group plan programmes of activities and events which give **parishioners** an ongoing opportunity to **learn more about their faith**. These have included talks by visiting speakers, and discussions on the teachings of the Church. Contact Sue Haywood tel. 250787 or Mary Wagner tel.263716

FOLK CHOIR

The Folk Choir helps the congregation to **worship God by singing** at the 6:30 Mass each Sunday. You are welcome to join the Folk Choir; you don't need a special voice and there's no vocal test; all you need is enthusiasm and the desire to worship God through singing. Contact The Presbytery tel 265533

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE

A **social gathering** of Catholics and friends from all Parishes who meet together for coffee & tea after Mass 10:30 - 11:30am in the Institute. Everybody welcome. Contact Eugene Coqueral tel 265533

GUIDES

The Guides meet in St Marys Institute from 7 - 9pm each Friday. They undertake a variety of activities including cook-outs, disco swimming, **Badgework, and heading for Baden Powell Awards**. Contact Mary Jones tel. 213693

GUIDES (St Josephs)

The Guides meet in St Josephs Primary School on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9pm. The girls undertake **a range of both indoor and outdoor activities**. Contact Sue Chappell tel. 265285

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST

HCPT raises money and provides volunteers to assist **handicapped children** to go on **pilgrimage to Lourdes**. There are a number of HCPT groups operating from within the Parish. Contact Margaret Hurley tel. 262218
Tony Turner tel. 262599 or David Gush tel 01222 360120

HOSANNA HOUSE

Hosanna House aims to provide an annual pilgrimage to **Lourdes for disabled and able-bodied adults**, staying in a residential centre on the outskirts of the town.
Contact Esme O'Brien tel. 257774

JUNIOR SVP

The Junior St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) aims to **teach the young about caring for others**, especially for children who are disabled in some way. Work is undertaken in conjunction with other SVP groups in St Joseph's High School to organise such things as parties and outings for children with disabilities. The group is willing to undertake jobs in the Parish and it has been involved in church cleaning, fund-raising for the Third World. If you are between 11 and 18 and wish to join the group, contact Helen McCann tel. 246203

JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Newport Justice and Peace Group is part of a National Catholic network. It aims to apply the **teaching of scripture** and the Church to questions of **social justice** and to increase awareness and **stimulate action** in areas of social concern. The group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month 7:30pm at St Michael's Presbytery. Contact Rosemary Anderson tel. 264779

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary was formed to bring Jesus to others by prayer and active works through his Blessed Mother. Members of the Legion of Mary make **visits to the sick, elderly and bereaved in hospitals, homes and shut-ins**. Through Mary's Legion, God would reveal himself and his love for the lonely, abandoned, the forgotten and the lapsed. Weekly meetings take place at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Institute Marian Room.
Contact Maureen Lyons / Pam Smith tel. 264380

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee meet together regularly to plan ahead for the various occasions and celebrations that take place during the course of the Church Year and formulate the liturgy of the services appropriately, for example, the special services which take place at Christmas and Easter, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Through a well-planned liturgy, the meaning of the occasion is better explained, and **parishioners are enabled to join more fully and deeply in the worship of God**. If you have already had some experience in planning liturgical services, you may be of help in the liturgy group. Contact Doris Pocock tel. 211235

MARRIAGE CARE (formerly CMAC)

Marriage Care is located at **8 Corn Street, Newport** (near the Bus Station)
For enquiries and appointments **tel. 252868** 9am - 9pm
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 - 12 noon
Thursday 7 - 9 pm

Marriage Care provides a free, **confidential counselling service for those with marital and relationship difficulties**.

Marriage Care also arranges short courses for couples preparing for marriage, and acts as a resource for parents and teachers who are responsible for personal and sex education of the young.
It is part of a national organisation, established in 1946 to support marriage and family life

PARISH AREA COMMUNITIES

"If we do not see the face of Christ in our neighbour, we will not see the face of Christ." Parish Area Communities (PAX) are formed by neighbours who meet together regularly to build up **the church as a community**, to carry the **Peace of Christ** into the locality, to **share prayer** and the **scriptures**.

Parish Area Communities are an expression of what it means to be "church" at its basic level. There is a PAX group in your area. "Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours." Contact Fr. Tony tel 265533

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are a group of 13 parishioners who meet regularly with the priests to **advise the Parish Priest about the life of the Parish** to survey regularly the spiritual and temporal resources of the Parish; to undertake any work which the Parish Priest together with the Parish Council may deem necessary; to encourage and facilitate activities by the laity in recognition of their duty as baptised Christians; to communicate to all parishioners and other bodies any relevant information; to provide all means of contact with the Deanery and Archdiocesan Pastoral Councils to facilitate Parish input to these bodies. An **election of parishioners** to the Parish Council is held annually. Consider standing yourself or nominating someone for election. Contact John Tucker tel. 400480

PRAYER DAYS

Prayer Days are open to all denominations under the guidance of Fr. David Tobin. These are held alternately at Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran and at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Newport, on a monthly basis. The emphasis is on **enjoyment and relaxation**, but at the same time reminding everyone of the **importance of prayer**. Everyone is welcome; come along and pray with your friends. Contact Noel Trigg tel. 855934

PRAYER GROUP (at Skelmorlie)

The Skelmorlie Prayer Group meet every Monday at 2:30pm at St Joseph's Convent, Skelmorlie, Stow Park Circle, Newport. **"We see the raw material for our spiritual life in our everyday situation.** We aim to explore and pray the scriptures, and to share some of that journey with each other." Contact Mary Elliott tel. 267358

RAINBOWS

Rainbows are part of the Guides Movement for girls aged between 5 and 7 years, meeting at St Josephs Primary School, Maindee on Thursdays from 5:15 - 6:30pm. They undertake a variety of interesting activities both indoors and outdoors, suitable for this age group. Contact Antonnette Channing tel. 274856

RAVEN HOUSE SUPPORT

Raven House is an ecumenical initiative to provide **accommodation, job training and security for young homeless people**. The Raven House building on Commercial Street will also feature Meeting Rooms and an Information Centre for young people. Contact Fr. Tony Furlong tel 265533

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is a group of Catholics who meet to **share their faith with those** who are seeking to become Catholics or are **enquiring about the Catholic religion**. The series of meetings lasts from Advent until Easter, culminating in the Easter Vigil Mass when those who wish are Baptised and received into the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or might just want to find out more about our Faith, contact any of the priests or Patrick Drewett tel 252382

READERS OF THE WORD

There are at present 30 parishioners who form part of six weekly reading rota, **assisting the parish community by reading at Mass.** Lay Readers take part in all liturgies throughout the year. Recently, some younger members of the Parish have joined up with adults to become reading partners, with the aim of becoming full time readers themselves. Contact Helen McCann tel. 246203

ROSARY GROUP

The rosary is recited in church at 9:30am Mon - Sat. Different parishioners lead the rosary on a rota basis. The aims of the Rosary Group are to say the rosary to glorify God; to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary; to thank Our Lady for accepting the Motherhood of God; to pray for peace; to unite ourselves in prayer with the sick, lonely and housebound; to pray for our priests and for vocations; to pray for the Holy Souls; to pray for our Holy Father, the Pope; to pray for the missions.

"Peace will come only when we honour as we should the Immaculate Heart of Mary". Contact Martin Healy tel. 852580

SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO (Thursday Bingo)

Thursday Bingo aims to give old folk somewhere to spend a few hours in good company, enjoying a **relaxing game of bingo.** We meet every Thursday from 2:15 until 4pm in the Institute. If you are interested, just come along to the next session or Contact Queenie Murphy tel. 211669

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club, next to the Church, aims to provide members with facilities for **social activities and for members to associate together** in the interests of the club and the promotion of St. Mary's Parish. Membership, open to those aged 18 and over, is only £2.50 per year. Activities include quiz nights, bingo, social evenings, live music/discos, luncheons, meeting place for parish organisations, concerts, theme nights, shows and fund-raising activities. The Club is open Sunday lunchtime and Sunday, Mon, Wed, Thurs & Saturday evenings. Tel Sheila Sexton 265533

SVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul)

The SVP group meet in the Institute Marian Room at 6:45pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The SVP **support the disadvantaged in any way possible;** we have a store of furniture for people in need; we visit the lonely or elderly in their own homes as well as visiting residents in many old peoples homes in the parish. Contact Fr. Tony Furlong tel. 265533

TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft goods are on sale in the Institute after the 9:30am Mass each Sunday. Traidcraft is an international organisation which **buys goods fairly, giving Third World farmers a better deal.** This makes a real difference to people who are otherwise in a very vulnerable position, at the mercy of fluctuating prices and the dictates of Western markets. By buying from Traidcraft, you can show regular support for people in the Third World communities working together to feed their families. Contact Mary Gush tel. 263398

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

The UCM meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 until 4pm in the Institute. Membership is open to all practising Catholic women and aims to **support the Parish** and priests in any way deemed necessary; to foster vocations; to offer love, sympathy and practical support to families in difficulty. Members of the UCM attend masses in many dioceses and are **always ready to help when asked.**

Contact M Dowdeswell tel. 213780

Kath Carroll 840776