

A Welsh response



The ironworkers started to work in the pit for not much more than some of the boys. Some of them even started pulling the trams in place of the ponies. A lot of the older and better-paid men got discharged without being told why, although it was put out that they

were too old and could not work as well as they ought. But that was nonsense... So strike work they did... So, on it went, right into winter...

By that time people were feeling the pinch. Food was scarce and so was money, and if the women had not been good savers in better times, things would have gone very hard. As it was, savings were almost at an end and my mother was dipping into our box to help women down the Hill who had big families still growing...

My father came back worried but steady after speaking to the men... "We have finished the strike, Beth," he said. "But our wages must come down. They are not getting the price for coal that they used to, so they cannot afford to pay the wages that they did." ...

The men went back the morning after my father had spoken to the owners, and you should have seen the Hill as they went down. As the doors opened and the men came out, their

wives and children followed them into the road and stood to watch them go. My father... waved them all quiet and started to sing. As soon as they heard his voice, tenors and altos waited for their turn, then the baritones and basses, and then the women and children. As soon as the singing started, all the doors opened all the way down the Hill, and men and women and children came out to fill the road. I... heard the rich voices rising in many harmonies... and my heart went tight inside me.

And round about us the Valley echoed with the hymn, and lights came out in the farms on the dark mountain, and down at the pit, the men were waving their lamps, hundreds of tiny sparks keeping time to the beat of the music.

Everybody was singing. There was peace, see.

Richard Llewellyn, How Green Was My Valley

May the power of hope fill our days. May we bring hope to people who feel that their lives and situations are hopeless. Fill us with compassion.  Amen.

The "cry of the poor"

By Peggy Healy

The cry of the poor is not some pathetic whining – nor is it poverty pornography where we think of the poor as helpless victims whom we must save. It is the clamour to the heavens of those who are systematically dispossessed, marginalised and oppressed by systems and governments – the excluded and subjugated who cry out to be seen and to be heard and to be accompanied in their legitimate and valiant quest, not only for survival and safety, but also for justice and equality.

Part of a talk given to the Romero Trust during Romero Week 2023.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

"The little details of love"

As we journey (through) the Holy Year, I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep "the little details of love": stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort. These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent, but strengthened by prayer. In this time, when the song of hope seems to give way to the clamour of arms, to the cry of many innocent wounded and the silence of the countless victims of wars, we turn to God with our plea for peace. We stretch out our hands to receive peace as a precious gift for we are "poor" in this regard, while at the same time committing ourselves to weave it back into daily life.

Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2024:10



Pope Leo XIV

Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 16th November 2025

The Word This Week

As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him – think back to last week's readings, and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives



Mass Times 16th November 2025		
Sunday 16th	Vigil - Saturday 15th Sunday Morning	4pm - Deceased members of Coriam Family 11am - Parish & Holy Souls– Deceased members of the Parish
Monday 17th	Mass	9.30– Tom Lally
Tuesday 18th	No Mas	
Wednesday 19th	Mass Faith in Action meeting 6.30-8.30	9.30 - Irene Miller (A) 6.30-7.30 New Youth Group KS2 6.30-8.30 Call to Lead
Thursday 20th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm--Tom Lally
Friday 21st	Mass	9.30– Deceased members of the Mitchell Family
Saturday 22nd	Vigil Mass	4pm—Sandra McCallak (LD)
Sunday 23rd	All Saints	11am – Parish & Deceased members of the Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :-
Mary Keaveney (Sick); James McDonald;
Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Annual Mass for deceased members of our parish

Thursday 20th November at 6.30pm we will be remembering all the deceased members of our parish, especially those from the last twelve months.

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

What’s coming up in our parish
November

Wednesday 19th November
Faith in Action 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Parish Hall
Saturday November 29th 9.30am **CA-THOLICISM COURSE** Parish Hall

December
Wednesday 3rd December **Scripture Course** 6.30pm in Parish Hall
Wednesday 17th December **Faith in Action** 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall
ADVENT Reconciliation Services
Tuesday 9th December. 7pm at **St Josephs**,
Wednesday 10th December 7pm **St Mary’s**
Thursday 11th December 7pm **Holy Family**

Parish Christmas Raffle
There is a Christmas Hamper on display at the back of church for which raffle tickets will be sold after each Mass. Your support for this will raise much needed money for Church Funds.
Thank you for your support.

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 16th November 2025	
The Sanctuary	Deceased Members of the Parish.
Sacred Heart	Bereaved Families and Friends.
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Please pray for the above intentions this week. Seven Day Candles have been lit at St Mary’s at these altars. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation.



November Remembrance List -
Envelopes are at the back of each church to list those loved ones you wish to be remembered in the month of November.

Deceased Members of the Parish in the last 12 Months.

Mary Ryan; Michael Meaney; Tom Lally
Pam Slater; Geoffrey Parsons; Joan Hill
Irene Harrop; Sarah Smith; Mary Murray
Catherine Kirkham; Terence O’ Neill;
William Lister; John Hall; Richard Tarnowski
Bosiljka Mirjana Sijan; Pauline Cleary
Johanna Hassall; Frances Josephine Lewis
Kathleen Dovey; Winifred Holden
Marie Mulholland & Frank Mulholland
Patricia Farnworth; Adriana Robinson
Irene Oaks; Patricia Morrison

CATHOLICISM - JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH.A once-monthly course that explores the rich beauty and truth of our Catholic faith. In a series of films, Bishop Robert Barron travels to many different locations showing how our faith is celebrated throughout the world.
9:00am - Refreshments - Course starts 9:30 - 11:00.
Saturday 29th November

Mass Intentions

We have no Masses left to offer in November. Once all the Masses in December have been allocated, we will them be passing any intentions to Fr Lawrence Gambella to offer on our behalf, until the start of the new year.

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New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, from 22nd October 2025, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 7:30pm.
Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows: 19/11/25; 17/12/25; 21/01/26; 25/02/26; 18/03/26; 22/04/26; 20/05/26; 17/06/26

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.

Scripture Course
Due to the interest in the Scripture course last year. We are putting on a new course .
It will be held on a Wednesday Evening from 6.30m in the Parish Hall. The dates are:
2025 12th November; 3rd December
2026 28th January; 11th February; 4th March; 1st April (Holy Week); 6th May; 11th June