

ESGOBAETH MYNYW – DIOCESE OF MENEVIA

HIS LORDSHIP
THE RIGHT REVEREND THOMAS MATTHEW BURNS
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
BISHOP OF MENEVIA

DECREE



DESIGNATING AND APPROVING THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART AT MORRISTON AS A DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

With the Year of Mercy 2015-2016, the Parish of the Sacred Heart at Morryston became a focus of prayer and good works resulting in the increased veneration of the Image of the Merciful Jesus and the fulfilment of the works of Mercy. The Holy Year of Mercy gave rise to many initiatives within the parish so to deepen trust in the Lord, especially in moments of despair and difficulty, and to encourage the faithful to become instruments of Mercy in various situations. In addition, with the presence of Morryston Hospital and Ty Olwen Hospice within the parish, there arose a special outreach to the sick and the dying.

During the Holy Year of Mercy, a first class relic of St Faustina was presented to the parish from the Shrine at Krakow Poland and also within the Holy Year the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Kolkata was celebrated, allowing a further witness to the importance of Works of Mercy. The Chapel of Mercy is open each day and has become an increasingly popular place of prayer for parishioners, for nurses and patients, and indeed the wider community who come to nourish their faith, to ask for the gift of God's mercy and to implore mercy for themselves, their loved ones and for the whole world. In this Chapel the relics of St. Faustina, Mother Teresa and St John Paul II, together with the Divine Mercy image, are kept and venerated, and the various feasts and events connected with the Saints and devotions are celebrated.

Wherefore, having carefully considered the law and the facts and having carefully studied the Statutes of the Shrine, and for the greater glory of God in His ineffable mystery of the Divine Mercy, on the first celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, I hereby approve, by means of this Decree, the Statutes of the Shrine in accordance with the norms of canon 1231 §§1-2.

Furthermore, for the good of souls, I, the undersigned Bishop of Menevia, do hereby by means of this Decree, designate and approve the Church of the Sacred Heart at Morryston as a Diocesan Shrine, in accordance with canon 1230.

At this Shrine, the means of salvation are to be supplied more abundantly to the faithful by the diligent proclamation of the word of God, the suitable promotion of liturgical life especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and of penance, and the cultivation of approved forms of popular piety (Canon 1234 §1 of the Code of Canon Law).

A duplicate copy of this Decree is to be hung at the Shrine in an appropriate place where it can be easily seen and read by the faithful.

Given on this 19th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord 2017.



Bishop of Menevia



Chancellor