

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle A

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Psalter Week 2

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[www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	17 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Con Callaghan R.I.P
SUN	18 <sup>TH</sup> JAN		10.00am	Albert Hall R.I.P
MON	19 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Winifred Gardner R.I.P
TUES	20 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	NO MASS		
WED	21 <sup>ST</sup> JAN	NO MASS		
THURS	22 <sup>ND</sup> JAN	NO MASS		
FRI	23 <sup>RD</sup> JAN	NO MASS		
SAT	24 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Jimmy Mackie R.I.P
SUN	25 <sup>TH</sup> JAN		10.00am	Lloyd Ferreira R.I.P Angelina and Family

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Darragh McDonagh** May he rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Hallah Jones (1981), Eileen Gwatkin (1982), Florence Godwin (1983), Mary Canning, Julia O'Keefe, Winifred Scibata (1984), Mary Alderman (1985), Elsie O'Brien, Thomas Dibble, Ann O'Keefe, Angelina Tanti (1986), Ernest Kloppe (1987), Laura Davies (1990), Roger Walsh (1991), Elizabeth Brown (1992), William Collings (1993), Elizabeth Cowley, Ronald Rein (1993), Phyllis Doolan, Charles Fry (1994), Kathleen McCarthy, Patrick O'Leary (1996), Kathleen Casey (1997), Gerard Mahoney (1998), Terance Morrissey (1999), Nora John (2001), Horace Wood, Denis Straughan, Canon Patrick Creed, Joseph McDonald (2000), Stephen Holihan (2001), Maria Collins (2002), Kathleen Watt (2005), Alan Greenslade (2010), Miguel Felices (2011), Miroslav Ruzicka (2012), Giovanni De Santi, Alan Parle (2013), Giovanni Buhagiar (2019), John Lopategui (2020), and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

**CANDLES** You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. This week candles will be lit for **Alan Greenslade Gionni and Margaret DeSanti**

**LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK : Ref: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** (Please see full letter on the noticeboard)

"On Monday 26 January we invite those who can across Wales, to observe a day of fasting, to be in solidarity with those who are most vulnerable to the proposed Bill, and that those intent upon passing it, may undergo a change of heart. Let us all make our voices heard by engaging respectfully with our elected representatives ahead of this important decision for Wales."

**LIVE STREAM LINK:** A camera and all the tech stuff have been installed. Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. This should be available on computers, tablets and phones. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 6 rows of the church. If you do not wish to be on the live stream please sit further back.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike.

**PIETY STALL:** New Year Diaries and Mothering Sunday cards and gifts. New Stock is coming !!

**ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS** These are available at the back of the Church £5.00

**DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE:** Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

**OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES:** **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses There is a box at the back of the Church.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses. There is also a link to the online stream. Find out more, [www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)  
The Archbishop's December Newsletter is there as well as other interesting items.

**MASS INTENTIONS** At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: January 11<sup>th</sup> £ 597.74**

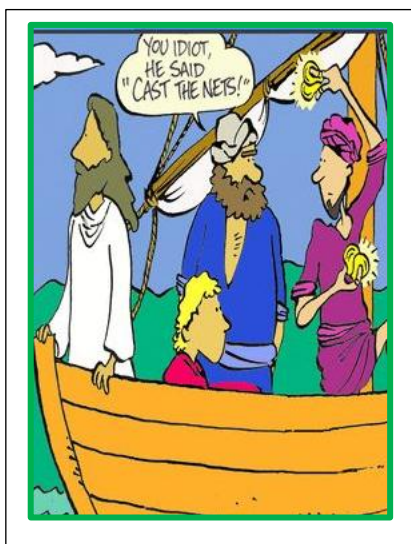
### **WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Last week we heard about the beginning of the public life of Jesus. Jesus the child is now grown up, and is baptised in the waters by John the Baptist. Today, we see John the Baptist testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. John, seeing him pass by, says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." It is significant that John does not say, "Behold, the Messiah," or, "Behold, the Son of God." Instead, he uses the image of the lamb, which would have held great meaning for a people whose lives were closely tied to shepherding. Throughout the Bible, lambs are linked with sacrifice—the offering of an animal in place of oneself as a means of atonement for wrongdoing. Jesus is presented as the ultimate sacrifice, enabling the redemption of humanity.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January, it is the Feast of St Agnes. In Rome there is the Church of St Agnes and on this day every year two lambs are brought from Tre Fontane, the site of St Paul's martyrdom, to the Church of St Agnes. After the lambs are blessed, they are taken and presented to the Pope, then they remain in the care of the Nuns. Just before Easter, these lambs are shorn and their wool is used to make the palliums for newly-appointed Metropolitan Archbishops. A Pallium is made with strips of white woollen material with six black crosses marked upon it. It is a symbol of their unity with the Pope, and their responsibility as a "good shepherd" to their flock, representing the yoke of the gospel and the care for the lost sheep carried on the shoulders of Jesus.

The words 'Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world' are very familiar to us. We hear them every time we come to Mass. Jesus is indeed the Lamb of God who will take away everything that stands between us and the love of a loving Father who has given us Jesus to show the way and, as mentioned in the Gospel today 'fills us with His Holy Spirit'. This Spirit is at work every day in our lives, if we acknowledge it. Do we listen daily for His word in our life? Are Jesus and his teachings an integral part of our day? Do we welcome Him in to share in our everyday doings?

You have often heard me speak of life being like snakes and ladders. One minute you are on top of the world, climbing to great heights and the next, heading downwards. Each day brings its own challenges and like you I have my challenges, successes and disappointments. This week let us all be enfolded in the arms of the Good Shepherd and ask Him to keep us safe as we navigate the challenges that each day presents to us. .



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

