

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Reading Cycle A**  
**Page 120 in the New Green Mass Book**  
**Psalter Week 1**  
**Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2026**  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

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| SAT   | 22 <sup>ND</sup> AUG | 21 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm  | Johanna Newell and Charles Fry R.I.P<br>Solomon Family --In thanksgiving |
| SUN   | 23 <sup>RD</sup> AUG |                                          | 10.00am | O'Halloran Family R.I.P                                                  |
| MON   | 24 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW                  | 10.00am | People of the Parish                                                     |
| TUES  | 25 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | Weekday in Ordinary Time                 | 10.00am | Deceased members of the Desmond<br>Family                                |
| WED   | 26 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | FEAST OF ST DAVID LEWIS (Wales)          | 10.00am | Maldwyn Evans R.I.P                                                      |
| THURS | 27 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | MEMORIAL OF ST MONICA                    | 10.00am | Kevin and Rose Taylor R.I.P                                              |
| FRI   | 28 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | MEMORIAL OF ST AUGUSTINE                 | 10.00am | Holy Souls                                                               |
| SAT   | 29 <sup>TH</sup> AUG | 22 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm  | Kath Flynn R.I.P +                                                       |
| SUN   | 30 <sup>TH</sup> AUG |                                          | 10.00am | People of the Parish                                                     |

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

**Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Eddie Johnson and Paula June Vella . May they rest in eternal peace.**

This week we also pray for Honora Page (1980), Julia Driscoll, Francis Ryan (1983), Ethel Browne (1984), Johanna Spiteri (1987), Elizabeth Stuart (1989), Gordon Williams (1991), Margaret Poole, Paul Kane (1992), Francis Harrison (1994), Roy Best (1997), Patrick Driscoll (1998), Beatrice Robson (1999), Frank Said, Josephine Murray , Catherine Mander (2000) Darran Cross (2002), Keith McJennett (2003), Raymond Harding (2010), Marian Tyskiewicz (2013), Eugeniusz Drzyzga, Kath Flynn (2015), William John Pearce, Rose Taylor (2016), Kerry Ackland, Mary Desmond , Delores Amery (2017), Cornelius Kearney (2022), 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.

**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 the Byrne Family, Les and family, Kath Flynn**

**AUGUST ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** Please see the Parish Website

**TODAY! ST PAUL'S CHURCH HISTORY SUNDAY 11.00AM.** A special Service in St Paul's to celebrate the History of the Church . All Welcome.

**PIETY STALL:** New stock in. Lots of lovely things New Displays Come and Look .

**SVP CAMINO PILGRIMAGE :** The figures are just in. Altogether the SVP National raised nearly £129,000 for their funds, a small portion of which will benefit our own Conference in St Patrick's. Grateful thanks to all those who supported Chris Hinds on her 76 mile walk to Santiago de Compostela and for helping our Conference to benefit.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/ASSISI/CASCIA** 18<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> April 2027

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA/ LISBON/ SANTAREM/ NAZARE/ BATALHA** – 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> September 2027.

Anyone interested in either Pilgrimage please contact St Helen's Parish office at [barry@rcadc.org](mailto:barry@rcadc.org) or [barry@cardiffmemevia.org](mailto:barry@cardiffmemevia.org) to give your name and contact details.

**TEA/COFFEE AND CAKES AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS.** Every one is welcome and when the sun is shining what better way to share some time with each other.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** . Anyone who would like to receive this Sacrament please see Canon Mike after any of the Masses. There are guidance leaflets at the back of the Church.

**“THE CHOSEN”** is a groundbreaking, multi-season historical drama series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, seen through the eyes of those who met him. Download the link <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> and start at series 1. Well worth watching.

**SUNDAY SERMON FROM BISHOP ROBERT BARRON:** See the link on the Parish website

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

**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)

**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.

**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 Ward details if possible. Chaplaincy 02921 843230 Please 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:** 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> August £685.86

### **WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

I remember growing up in Neath when a gang of us decided to pinch some apples from an apple tree at the end of our street. True to form.... we were caught! “ I know who you are. Your father works on the Buses!” I expect the man had no idea who I actually was, no idea of name , rank and serial number. To him I was just another boy stealing his apples. It’s the same in this week’s Gospel. Everyone who met Jesus instantly thought they knew everything about Him. Superficially they might have known Him, name and reputation, even His followers were uncertain of who He was. ***“Come and follow me”*** were spoken to Peter, James and John and those He called asked

***“Where do you live? “Come and find out”***

It was only by accepting the call, by following and trusting Jesus did they finally find out who He was , where He came from and why He came. It’s similar to a jigsaw. At the start you have a jumbled mess and as you place the next piece of the jigsaw down, the picture becomes clearer. It must have been the same with Jesus: the longer you were with Him, the clearer your understanding became. That is why people could cry out ***“ You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”*** Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit to recognize the Messiah. So today, change Peter’s name to yours,

***“Michael, who do you say I am?”***

It’s only by accepting the call to follow, to love and live close to the Lord will we ever come to fully love, not the man Jesus, the itinerant preacher, the carpenter’s son, but the Messiah, the Saviour.

Finally, come to recognise that the Church, like the boat from a few weeks ago being tossed about by the rough seas, today’s Church is being “tossed about like a cork on the sea”. It can never sink, because the words of the Lord are as much for us today as they were for Peter.

***“ Peter, on you I build the Church and the gates of the Underworld can never hold out against it.”***

I believe these words, because they were spoken by Jesus the Son of the Living God.!

PS. Peter is still with us in the guise of Pope Leo. Pray for him as he faces the great challenge of leading the Church, continuing building up the Body of Christ.

As Peter was called, so was Leo along with you and me,

