

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE**

Reading Cycle A  
Psalter Week 3

Sunday 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023

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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY			10.00am
MON	22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	Weekday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Jeffrey and Family and St Rita
TUES	23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH	10.00am	Kath Feeney
WED	24 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Weekday in the Seventh Week of Eastertide	10.00am	St Patrick and Parishioners
THURS	25 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	NO MASS		
FRI	26 <sup>TH</sup> MAY			
SAT	27 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	6.30pm	George Mackie + Moira Bohlin +
SUN	28 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		10.00am	Greenslade and Johnson Families

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

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.

We also pray Mary Phillips, Sonia Hall, Shirley Philp, Hubert Baron, Fr John Rohan, Bernard Cottier, Margaret Rees, Mary Ellen Taylor, John Kelleher, John Bowen, Eileen James, Denis Amor, Anthony Monks, Catherine Jennings, Elizabeth Pwer, Francis Dwyer, John O'Connor, George Mackie, Joan Smith, Moira Bohlin, Kim Lucas, Mark Anthony Anderson, Adelaide Almeida, James Caveney, James O'Keefe, William Williams and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Stefania Pietrowski and Catherine Sheridan who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

**CANDLES** You can buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5. **This week's candles will be lit for those receiving Holy Communion for the First time.**

If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

This weekend two groups of our young people will receive Holy Communion for the First Time. Next weekend there will be two more groups and we hope that they will come to the table of the Lord often. Their certificates will be presented to them all on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June which is the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**COFFEE OR TEA ANYONE?** Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY BRIDGEND** is advertising for the position of a Main Scale Teacher. The full advert can be found in the Vacancy section on their website [www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk)

**PRIZE BINGO:** Friends of St Patrick's Primary welcome you to their Prize Bingo afternoon in the School Hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open at 1.30pm. Eyes down at 2.00pm. £5.00 for six games of Bingo. Prizes for one line and a full house. Refreshments included.

**2022 MISSIO RED BOX DONATIONS:** A total of £1,574.03 was raised last year in St. Patrick's. Thank you all for this achievement and please continue to support Missio Red Boxes and remember them in your prayers. Please bring your Boxes to Church for emptying from this weekend. If you would like a Red Box, please let me know. Gerry McCarthy – 02920650330

**SYNOD NEXT STEPS:** The Report from our Archdiocese together with reports from all over the UK have been collated into one document and in turn joined reports from all over the World. These were discussed in Prague and a Final Report has been produced. It is a weighty document but is available for you to read on the SYNOD page on the website. There is a link on the Home Page. (pink)

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 -Price: £660. Bookings available via Tangney Tours.

**LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP:** This is a very small discussion group, led by Parishioners. It is not a prayer group, We find out what life was like in those times and how people reacted to Jesus. We meet in the Sacristy at 2.30 pm on a Tuesday. When the nights get lighter we may try to meet in the early evening. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

**PIETY STALL: More New Stock In** . A wonderful new selection of Sympathy Cards, Rosaries and Gifts for First Holy Communion. Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free. **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

**ONLINE DONATIONS:** On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

**GIFT AID** If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: May 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> £ 576.61**

**PARISH WEBSITE** Each day there is something new to read.

**MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

Those who were invited to the Coronation accepted this gesture with grace and honour . To receive an invitation , which most probably has been framed and is now on the sitting room wall reminds me of another invitation sent by another King to come and join in the Great Feast of the Mass .

There were very few who rejected the King and Queens invitation but there are those sadly in great numbers who say "NO" to come and sit at the table with the Lord , to share in this sacred meal and to find reassurance and acceptance as a member of God's Family . By our Baptism we are entitled to "Come to the Table " and Eat and Drink and share with others the Joys and Sorrows of being Church .

These next two weekends a number of our young people will "Come to the Table " for the first time to receive their First Holy Communion. They along with their families have accepted the Lord's Invitation and as I've said many times . . .

**"THIS IS THEIR FIRST AND HOPEFULLY NOT THEIR LAST "**

We as a community here in St Pat's have a duty to encourage these children, as Pope John Paul said when he came to Cardiff in June 1982 . . . **"THESE CHILDREN ARE THE CHURCH OF TODAY AND THE HOPE OF TOMORROW"** . . . . .

We are family , We are the Church , We are all children of the Father .

So much was talked about where Charles and Camilla were to sit , but we still have this picture in our minds- eye of them both sitting on thrones . Our King , Jesus , will come among us and sit on a throne not made of Gold or Marble but the little hands of these children , for their hands will become the throne on which the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will be truly present . As on the day of the Coronation the assembled people will pay homage and proclaim their love and respect by saying AMEN!

Amen is a simple word but with great meaning . We find ourselves in the presence of one who loves us beyond our understanding but as I say to people maybe I don't fully grasp the meaning of Transubstantiation but my AMEN is my recognition of Jesus.

**"AMEN, I BELIEVE"**

The next time we hold Jesus may we hear the words between Thomas and the Risen Lord . . .

**"THOMAS DOUBT NO LONGER BUT BELIEVE. . . MY LORD AND MY GOD "**



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" I have a confession to make" a young man told his girlfriend. " While we've been dating, I've been secretly seeing a psychiatrist."  
" Don't worry" she said. " "I've been secretly seeing a footballer and a car salesman."  
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A man went to an optician The receptionist asked him why he was there.  
The man said " I keep seeing spots in front of my eyes."  
"Have you seen a doctor?"  
" No, just spots."

As a guest checked into a cheap hotel, the receptionist said  
"I hope you have a good memory for faces."  
" Why?"  
"Because there's no mirror in the bathroom."