

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND THE  
ELDERLY**

Reading Cycle A  
Psalter Week 4

Sunday 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2023  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Tom and Bernadette Stenson
SUN	23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY		10.00am	Roger Provoost / Paul Ryan
MON	24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NO MASS		
TUES	25 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	FEAST OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE	6.30pm	People of the Parish
WED	26 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	MEMORIAL OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE	6.30pm	People of the Parish
THURS	27 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	People of the Parish
FRI	28 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NO MASS		
SAT	29 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Marlene Simons
SUN	30 <sup>TH</sup> JULY		10.00am	Mary Millar

**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 for Mary Williams, Marilyn Perks, Margaret Warman, Joseph Potter, Norman Fonseca, Angela Formosa, Winifred Howells, George Martin, Roger Provoost, James Doyle, Catherine Payne, William Monks, Richard Payne, Maurice Ryan, Harold Shields, Audrey Keane, Ann Gloria Murray, Paul Ryan, John Patrick O'Brien, John Norman, Lawrence Clarke, Molly Bryon, Mary Field, Wasyl R Lukawecki and, Fr Clive Loosemore all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Burns, Paul Miller (son of Beattie Miller (nee Ball), and Desmond Clode 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 (£5.00) which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Audrey Keane, and the Well Being of Mary McAleavey**

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.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Calling all those who are working in the day.

Over the Summer Months there will be Evening Mass on:  
**TUESDAY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 6.30PM**

**WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS:** We are very keen to increase the numbers of Altar Servers for the Weekend Masses. Fr Valentine will tell you everything you have to do and it's a great opportunity to take a more active role in the Mass. All ages !!!

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Let us remember in our prayers all those who are travelling to Lourdes and wish them a safe journey.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR WANTED FOR ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL:** If anyone is interested in taking up this position, please contact the school, or for more information ask Mary Taylor or Valentina

**JULY NEWSLETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK** Please see the website.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Please see poster at back of Church for more details.

**FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL :** Our School is setting up a Fair-Priced Food Shop. To help them with this we are appealing for tinned or dried goods and toiletries. These can be left on the table at the back of the Church and will be taken to the School each week.

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

**PILGRIMAGE WALK TO PENRHYS** The Archdiocese is organising a guided pilgrimage walk from Cardiff to Penrhys to raise money for the Priest Training Fund on Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sept. Cost includes guides, storytelling evening and lifts back to starting point each day. £40pp for one day/£60pp for two. Visit [www.rcadc.org](http://www.rcadc.org) for further information or contact Cathy Morris on 029 2037 9482 or at [Catherine.morris@rcadc.org](mailto:Catherine.morris@rcadc.org) Places are limited so early booking is strongly advised.

**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.

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

**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 . 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 Fr Valentine.

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

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** 15<sup>th</sup>/ 16<sup>th</sup> JULY £ 672. 74

### **WEEKLY MESSAGE**

When Jesus originally told stories to people, he used ideas and images that would have been very familiar and recognizable to them. For example, when Jesus told these seed parables, he was speaking to people who were very familiar with farming. Even if they didn't farm themselves, they lived in and amongst farm fields. They knew how to tell when the grain was ripe, and what people did when it ripened. They also knew that no one would intentionally sow mustard seeds anywhere, because it grew everywhere.

Some years ago, some people decided to plant mustard seeds in the community garden near their Church in honour of this parable. They selected a corner apart from the other herbs and vegetables to sow their mustard seeds, not even knowing if they would sprout. Well, sprout they did, and the gardeners spent all summer fighting and wrestling the mustard to keep it from spreading beyond its allotted corner. It was with great relief that, in the autumn, they pulled up the old plants and tilled the garden under. But the next spring, before they had a chance to plant any new crops, the entire garden came up..... mustard!

In the First reading we hear about Cedar trees. Cedars are tall and noble, but they can be cut down. Mustard is hardly noble or tall, or looks anything special, but like dandelions or blackberry brambles, once it shows up, it's there to stay. That's what the kingdom of God is like. Around our Church is a very unruly hedge.. it grows so fast. But if you look closely, little birds seem to love it. They enjoy the protection of the twigs and leaves, and the fact that it is untidy does not seem to matter. It is a safe place to be. Perhaps it is like that for the mustard bushes.

We may not be able to explain everything Jesus says about seeds and the Kingdom of God but we don't have to. If we let it, the Kingdom of God takes root and grows in us, we know not how.

But every time we see mustard, or dandelions or brambles, or even our Church hedge, let them remind us that God's Kingdom is always there, growing unnoticed waiting for us to make room for it in our lives. . Just let His Kingdom of justice, love and peace grow.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly  
homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end.  
Amen!

