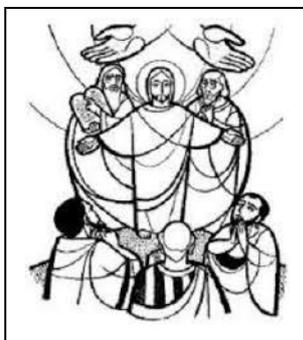


2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
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**SUNDAY MASSES**

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SATURDAY	7 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Shirley Burnett +
SUNDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH		10am	Prayers for Archbishop Peter Smith

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

MONDAY	9 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Weekday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	10am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MASS in SCHOOL	10am	Tom Roche
WEDNESDAY	11 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Weekday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	10am	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	12 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Weekday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent	9am	Holy Souls
FRIDAY	13 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	Weekday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Exposition and Way of the Cross	10am 3pm	Valerie Parsons +

**SUNDAY MASSES**

SATURDAY	7 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	
SUNDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> MARCH		10am	

**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 and that they may receive every grace and blessing. To all our parishioners who are indisposed you are sorely missed. Archbishop George Stack calls on the entire Diocese to pray daily for Archbishop Peter Smith. We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Joan Cowley who has died recently. May she Rest in Eternal Peace +

There are days when we seem to be living in Old Testament times. Floods, fires and the threat of worldwide plague. In East Africa there is drought and starvation on a grand scale but now there is a major problem of locusts. Giant swarms, millions strong, stripping the land and eating every crop, while animals and humans are wanting to be fed. A square kilometre of locusts eat through enough food to feed 36,000 people. These swarms are great in size, some 60km long and 40km wide. I expect this is the first time you've heard about this problem, for me it puts the Coronavirus in perspective. So let's 'Don't Panic, Carry on and wash your hands'  
 P.S/ Those people don't have enough water to drink let alone wash their hands !

**PAUSE A MINUTE** One of the worst days so far for Coronavirus was 10<sup>th</sup> February. On that day 108 people in China died of the virus. BUT on the same day: 26,283 people died of cancer, 24,541 died of heart disease, 4,300 died of diabetes and on that day suicide took more lives than the virus did by 28 times. Moreover, mosquitoes kill 2,740 people daily, humans kill 1,300 fellow human daily on average, and snakes kill 137 people daily. *Take a deep breath and wash your hands !*

**FIRST CONFESSION :** Please pray for the children of St Patrick's Primary School who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. *"Do not be afraid"*

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL:** Everyone welcome to this social event held in "Kenny's Tea Room" ( rear of the Church) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm Come and join us for a sing-a-long and raffle.

**CORONAVIRUS:** We are all aware about what has been happening throughout Europe these last weeks. Some people have approached me to ask " What are we in St Patrick's going to do ?" The first and most important thing as Corporal Jones would say is " Don't panic!!" I will talk about this health issue at both Masses this weekend just to re-assure people. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a few pointers which can be found at the back of the Church. The ones that will concern us are as follows:

- 1) Hand gel will be used by Eucharistic Ministers.
- 2) From this weekend until further notice people will receive the Host on the hand only.  
**THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE.**
- 3) The Precious Blood will be received by the priest only.
- 4) No Holy water at the entrance of the Church
- 5) No handshake – sign of peace.

**CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS:** This year St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am. The children from our Primary School will attend along with the Consul General of the Irish Republic --Denise Hanrahan. The Parish is dedicated to Patrick and I urge as many as possible to come and pray for those who have gone before us and for those who will bring this Parish into the next century. We cannot dwell in the past but look forward with hope and a sense of joy to the future flourishing of this great Parish.

**LENTEN TALKS IN THE CORNERSTONE:** Full details are on posters at the back of the Church.

**CANDLES FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Each week votive candles are lit by you, they last approximately 2hrs. You will have an opportunity to 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. A second candle will be lit for the sick and housebound. Each week a named member of the Parish will be remembered by the lighting of a candle.  
**This week's candle will be lit for Kevin Sullivan**

**WAY OF THE CROSS** Each Friday during Lent, '*Way of the Cross*' and *Exposition* will be held at 3pm in the Church.

**HELPING THE HOMELESS** If you have any good quality clothing, footwear, coats, jackets that you no longer require please consider them for the homeless. There is a scheme being run for the homeless where they can collect the above from Charles Street, Cardiff. If you can help please see Maria HARRAZIE who will then take clothing to the venue via taxi. Thank you

**FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS** If you are looking to book a wedding date for 2020/2021 please would you contact Canon Mike Evans so that details can be confirmed. If you need to book a Baptism please see Canon Mike in person as it cannot be arranged over the telephone.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Again we appeal to those people who are housebound and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the SVP to inform the Priest either directly via phone or a family member or if you are attending Mass could you inform me or the SVP. Please remember in order to help you; you must help by informing us of your need for Holy Communion.

**READERS**

<b>SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> READING &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> READING BIDDING PRAYERS</b>	P Mackie P Stenson
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> READING 2<sup>nd</sup> READING BIDDING PRAYERS</b>	G Ferreira H Parsons B Potter

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March ~ A Williams and P Smith**  
 Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround ~ B. Seignott Brass Cleaning ~ P. McCarthy  
 Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

**POPE FRANCIS' LITTLE BOOK OF COMPASSION**

Jesus showed us that the love of God is realized in love for our neighbour. Both go hand in hand... Therefore, this Word of God calls us to love one another, even if we do not always understand each other, and do not always get along.. it is then that Christian love is seen. A love which manifests even if there are differences of opinion or character.  
 Love is greater than these differences.

**LIFE'S LIKE THAT**

The Pope was visiting Wales and whilst viewing the coastline he looks out to sea where two Welsh Rugby fans are out in a boat. Suddenly in the water he sees an English Rugby fan being attacked by a shark. Immediately the boat arrives on the scene, the Welsh fans drag the English fan into the boat, kill the shark with a knife and haul it into the boat.  
 The Pope seeing this, beckons the boat onto the shore and says "I have never seen anything so brave. I understood that there was animosity between English and Welsh rugby fans, but this has restored my faith in mankind" He then blesses the Welshmen and departs without another word.  
 The one guy turns to his mate and says "What was he on about?" "Dunno" says his mate. "He knows nothing about fishing. Do we need any more bait?"