

**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**
Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 3
Sunday 5TH NOV 2023
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	4 TH	NOV	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Jimmy Stenson R.I.P.
SUN	5 TH	NOV		10.00am	Margaret Gould R.I.P Kadilo Victor Frank Taol (Birthday)
MON	6 TH	NOV			
TUES	7 TH	NOV	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Frank Taol R.I.P
WED	8 TH	NOV	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF WALES	6.30pm	Holy Souls
THURS	9 TH	NOV	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	10.00am	John Camacho R.I.P
FRI	10 TH	NOV	MEMORIAL OF ST LEO THE GREAT	10.00am	Holy Souls
SAT	11 TH	NOV	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Peace in troubled places in our World
SUN	12 TH	NOV		9.30am	Those who died in the War

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 John Driscoll, Kevin Councill, Thomas Murphy, Denis Murray, Betty Casella, Ernie Lawson, Paul Sexton, Frederick Psaila, Bahia Feal, James O'Brien, Bill Watt, John Charles, Hugh Mackie, David Jeremy, Henry Fortte, Sidney Dorgan, Edwin Young, Georgina McIntyre, Sarah Winspear, Peter Ugarte, Anne Giles, Kenneth Udry, Jane Thomas, David Dunleavie, Thomas Bingham Margaret Dickens, Joan Rowley, Guzeppi Karvourniaris, Thomas Evans, Ellen Bradbury, Fr Gerald Cullen, Fr Michael Cronin, Fr Ambrose Walsh and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 Bahia Feal and Brigid and Bernard Johnson**

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.

NEXT SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 9.30AM SO THAT YOU CAN ATTEND THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN THE PARK WHICH STARTS AT 10.45AM

WEEKDAY MASSES: Now that the weather is getting colder, most of our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Sacristy.
Tuesday, Wednesday -- 6.30pm Thursday, Friday --- 10.00am

NOVEMBER-- THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE: A basket has been placed at the front of the Church for you to put in the names of those you would like to remember during this month. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. All the names from last year have been resting on the Sacred Heart Altar for the whole year.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER FROM THE SCHOOL. Available on the Parish Website.

COFFEE , TEA AND CAKE ! This is our one chance for fund raising for the Church. Everyone is welcome but please give a monetary donation toward the cost of the refreshments. All donations are most welcome.

MISSIO RED BOXES - I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until the beginning of December. This will be the final collection for 2023. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers.
Gerry McCarthy

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 put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church. The new Mass Diary for 2024 is now open.

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE SICK OR RETIRED CLERGY: . Please complete the information on the envelope if you wish to Gift Aid your Donation. This means that we can collect an extra 25p for every pound you give, with NO cost to you..

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SVP YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT. 24th-25th November Hebron Hall . Please see the Poster at the back of the Church

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024 Registration is now closed. .

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL: Deadline for applying for a place is November 20th 2023.

ST DAVID'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE TY GWYN RD. Open Evening. Thursday 9th November 4.30- 7.30pm

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 28th/ 29th October £ 611. 98

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2024 has already begun and the closing date for applications is Monday 20th November.

If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, so that he knows who you are.

NEWSLETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Each week there is a new newsletter on the Parish website.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Thank you to all who are helping to support the Fair-Priced Food Shop with donations of tinned goods and toiletries. Goods can be left by the table at the back of the Church and then they will be taken to the School.

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

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: Christmas Stock . There are packs and boxes of Christmas Cards, Diaries, and many gift ideas, **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 Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

We are now coming to the end of St Matthew's Gospel and we have been hearing over the past weeks of the growing conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders of His people. However, there was no conflict with the ordinary people who were delighted and amazed at the words and actions of Jesus. It is important to note though, that Jesus does not verbally criticise all the Pharisees and all spiritual leaders. We know for certain that there were some very good Pharisees. Jesus was attacking certain arrogant and hypocritical ways of thinking of which some people in His time were guilty.

Jesus says that the teaching of the Scribes and the Pharisees should be followed because they were simply handing on the truths of their faith. But their behaviour was a different matter altogether; this should not be imitated. They created a double standard – they said one thing and did another.

The attitude of 'Do as I say; not do as I do' is something common to many figures in authority, even today, be they parents, priests, politicians, policemen to name but a few. How often do we hear ourselves telling a younger person not to do something because " I am telling you to", as if that in itself is sufficient reason.

It is easy to read today's Gospel and start pointing the fingers at others, but it is important that we see how it appears in our own lives. The Gospel always addresses each and every one of us on a personal level. Today we need to hear what it is saying to us, now.

Of course we can point a criticising finger at all the officials that we know, political, religious or otherwise, but are we any different? How often do we stand on ceremony? How touchy are we about how people treat us, especially if we have some title or responsibility, even if we are 'just' that of a parent or teacher. Respect cannot be demanded, but only earned.

Today's Gospel, addressed to all of us, calls for integrity and honesty, where there is no pulling of rank, no demand for respect, no double standards, but a deep sense of equality and mutual respect, a desire to serve, to share what we have for the benefit of all.

Lord Jesus, fill us with your Holy Spirit and teach us to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness.

Increase our zeal for your kingdom and set us free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern.

Instil in us, O God your holy desire to live for your greater glory. Amen.