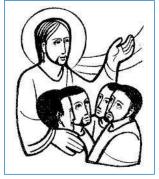
## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading Cycle C
Psalter Week 1
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## MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	14 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	ETH GYND AV OF FACED	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson
SUN	15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Jenny Derbyshire
MON	16 <sup>TH</sup> MAY			
TUES	17 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Weekday in Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	George Milton
WED	18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Weekday in Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Eddie Hall
THURS	19 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Weekday in Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Jeanne NGoy
FRI	20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY			
SAT	21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Maria Conceicao
SUN	22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	U SUNDATOF EASIER	10.00am	Pasquale and Florentina Forte

## 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, David Bennett, Dolores Bianchi, John Thomas, Barbara Williams, Arthur McGrath, John Gill, Adrian Moreno, Anna Buhagiar, Tracey Cengiz, Kathleen Nolan, Frederick Bermingham, Maria Almeida, James Cowhig, Mary Phillips, Sonia Hall, Shirley Philp, Hubert Baron, Bernard Cottier, Margaret Rees and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ida Cardinale and Fr Christopher Delaney who have died 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.

<u>CANDLES</u> 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 the Cowley Family and Eve Cowhig.** The Votive stands have returned to their places at both side altars. Please place the T-Lights (**20p each**) from the top row down and light them with care.

**FR CHRIS DELANELY:** A Mass with be celebrated here in St Patrick's Church for the repose of the soul of Fr Chris Delaney on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. His Requiem Mass will be held on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> in Buckfast Abbey Devon. May he rest in peace.

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

**SYNOD ACTION:** Social Media: Are you a member of our parish Facebook page? The Facebook page has been established for quite a long time and has over 400 members. Canon's weekly message and the newsletter are shared each week, as well as Parish news and other information. Join us on: Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk

We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange

**COVID RESTRICTIONS:** The wearing of Masks is now not compulsory. However, if you feel happier wearing a face covering, please continue to do so. The only pews taped off now are the pews with columns in them.

At the time to receive Holy Communion, please wait in your seats until you are invited forward, row by row, starting from the back of the Church, returning to your seats down the side aisle. (Kneelers are still not to be used to facilitate walking through the pews). Please take a paper copy of the newsletter (if you can't access it online) as you come into Church.

<u>THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:</u> Unfortunately this celebration has had to be postponed. More information when a new date has been arranged.

MISSIO: 2021 Missio Red Box Donations - in the last year St. Patrick's has raised a superb total of £1,667.10. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and your donations. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of May. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box in the Sacristy and not at the back of Church. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me on this number. Gerry McCarthy - 029 20650330

**<u>PIETY STALL:</u>** Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards for First Holy Communion which is coming up in May.

**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.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There is a Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25-30th July 2022. More details are on the Parish Website and also www.tangney-tours.com/wnp

WANTED: READERS FOR MASS: If you feel you can do this, please contact Samantha Udry on: Email – SammieJay1491@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let Canon Mike 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

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

**PARISH WEBSITE** Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections and there are links to various Masses on-line. The latest edition of the Catholic People Publication is also available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries. There is now a link to the Parish Facebook page and Twitter. As this is the month of May, there is information about various devotions to Our Blessed Lady and also online recitation of the Rosary.

## MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Last Sunday I mentioned 'The Ingredients' needed to be a Priest in today's world: Simplicity, Humility, Service and a Large Dollop of Humour. These Gifts were found in abundance in Chris Delaney, known to you and me as Father Dill, Father Christopher Delaney OSB formerly of St Mary's Canton, the place where he slept and parked his bike. Chris was a 'Worker Priest' who lived his life among the marginalised of Cardiff. He was a Father figure to all allowing 'his children' access to his well of kindness, compassion and understanding. He met people where they were on their life's journey not where others expected them to be.

Chris could be seen on his bike in all weathers around the streets of Cardiff allowing people to stop and chat with him . He never hid himself away in some ivory tower afraid of encountering the neglected and insignificant, but rode his bike in their direction with a smile and a kindly word, Chris was a true man of God! He lived in Cardiff for over 40yrs even though he was a Monk of the Order of Saint Benedict from Buckfast Abbey, but instead of remaining behind the walls of Buckfast, he came, lived, worked and died among the people he loved.

I first met Chris in the 1970's when I taught at Bishop Hannon High School and he was the school chaplain . He found me 'Digs' opposite the Priory in Talbot Street . . . . (got kicked of these digs, one day I'll tell you that story) . . . . and we remained friends over the years . Father Delaney was NO FOOL . When people met him for the first time, with his unkempt hair and scruffy appearance they might have offered him some money and directions to the Salvation Hostel but after a few moments in his company must have realised they were in the presence of a Humble, Servant of the Lord. He touched the lives of thousands over the years both at Bishop Hannon then after its closure Mary Immaculate in Ely . Every one has their story of Chris, a piece of jigsaw, each piece different but bring them together and you have a complete picture. That's what made the man, a Man of the People, From the People Of the People.

> "Blessed are the Humble, the Meek, the Joyful . . . . Suffer Little Children to come to Me . . . . Whenever you welcome anyone in my name you welcome Me . . . .

Chris was an institution within Cardiff and an inspiration to me but he would be the first to admit that he was NO SAINT but only a flawed man who in his frailty was called by the Lord to serve the People of God. There was another great Priest so similar in outlook, Michael Hollings of the Diocese of Westminster, like Chris known and loved by all who met him. As I've said before, we are all flawed and for those living in close proximity of men like Michael and Chris it must have been the odd moment of frustration when they thought their actions were rather bizarre or out of the ordinary.

> Thank God they had the courage to do what they did. COME HOME GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, YOU'VE TRIED YOUR BEST NOW REST IN PEACE

Two Irishmen were escaping from the prison camp by scaling the fence. One stumbled and the guard called "Who goes there?" "Miaow!" came the reply from Pat and away he crept.

The second stumbled and the guard called out again "Who goes there?"

Mick answered "Another cat".

"Can you fill my flask with tea please?" asked Casey to the café owner. "Certainly sir" was the reply. "Good" said the Irishman. "In that case I'll have five cups, two without sugar and three with."

There they were --- the pearly gates. And outside, hung a notice over the left side saying 'Men who have been dominated by their wives, queue here.'

Under the notice there was a line of men stretching almost to eternity.

Over the right side a notice read 'Men who have not been dominated by their wives, queue here.'

Under that notice stood Casey – all alone.

Along came St Peter who said "Why are you standing here?"

"The wife sent me!" To which Casey replied



Fr Chris Delaney 1932-2022