

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Reading Cycle A**  
**Sunday 15th MARCH 2020**  
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**SUNDAY MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Margaret &amp; Gianni DeSanti+</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>		<b>10am</b>	<b>Joan Cowley</b>

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>Weekday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>FEAST OF ST PATRICK, Bishop and Patron of Ireland MASS in Church</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Paul Mallia</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>Weekday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Maria Augusta Fernandes</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY : ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Sick of the Parish</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>Weekday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent Exposition and Way of the Cross</b>	<b>10am 3pm</b>	<b>Nora Bettridge+</b>

**SUNDAY MASSES**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY 'MOTHERING SUNDAY'</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Tom and Bernard</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH</b>		<b>10am</b>	<b>Mothers of the Parish</b>

**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.. We pray for the Repose of the Souls of Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith, Colin Greenslade, and Joan Cowley who have died recently. May they Rest in Eternal Peace. + Joan will be received into the Church on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 5pm followed by Requiem Mass Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am  
 We also pray for Nora Bettridge whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Coronavirus can now only be delayed, so we as a Parish will follow the guidelines drawn up by the Bishops of England and Wales who follow the emerging measures drawn up by the Government. You will find copies of these measures at the back of the Church and I implore you to take a copy, read and implement these guidelines which are for your benefit and for all who attend St Patrick's and beyond.

Yes we must take this seriously and hope and pray it will soon come to an end without any fatalities. From this weekend we will start what they have called "Social Distancing": simply put, the virus is contagious, particularly within small groups, so until further notice we've been advised to stop our tea & coffee after Sunday morning Mass and the Children's Liturgy as the 'meeting areas' are small and vulnerable thus exposing parishioners, in particular young people, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease. The smaller the meeting, the greater the risk of catching the coronavirus. The Church is big enough for you to sit at some distance away from the person next to you. Don't bunch up sitting together in one place. Finally we have been advised **NOT** to use hymn books and Mass books and not to send the collection bags around but have collectors stand at the door allowing you to place the money into the baskets yourselves. If you know of someone who is confined to their home and needs help don't hesitate to contact me.

In conclusion, please don't come to Mass if you are feeling unwell because there is every chance you could infect others -- these precautions are for the benefit of all. For some, these measures may seem Draconian so unless you have qualifications in Coronavirus Control, I will listen to the Bishop's Conference and the Government, not the so called experts in the pew.

**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL:** Due to new Archdiocesan guidelines this has been cancelled.

**MOTHER'S DAY:** The Friends of St Patrick's School are holding a Mother's Day afternoon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm in the school hall. This event is still going ahead at the time of print, but please contact the school during the week 02920 226237

**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. Unfortunately for reasons of safety, the children from our Primary School will not be able to attend. Hopefully, the Consul General of the Irish Republic --Denise Hanrahan will be able to celebrate with us. 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.

**WELCOME:** Again, if you are attending Mass and have come South from Scotland you are most welcome. Have a safe journey when you head North -- Remember, it's only a game !!

**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 Tony Monks**

**GOD WHO SPEAKS TO US:** Next meeting will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm in the Sacristy.

**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</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> READING &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> READING</b> <b>BIDDING PRAYERS</b>	P Stenson S Udry
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> READING</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> READING</b> <b>BIDDING PRAYERS</b>	E Deane S Das C Pinto

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA** **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** ~ A O'Brien, P Taylor, & J Robinson  
 Vacuum Cleaning, Paths and Church Surround ~ B. Seignott Brass Cleaning ~ P. McCarthy  
 Altar and Votive Candles, Church and Garden Maintenance: K. Johnson and Family

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:** March 1<sup>st</sup> -- £726.99 and March 7<sup>th</sup>+ 8<sup>th</sup> £669.54

**LIFE'S LIKE THAT**

In every catastrophe there is an opportunity. A doff of the trilby to Andy Geraghty, an on-Course bookmaker at the Cheltenham Festival who hopes to entice punters by offering a "free squirt of sanitiser with every bet". A rare bookie who is happy being taken to the cleaners!

SIR: Written on the back of a van seen locally.

"No toilet rolls are stored in this vehicle overnight"

KM Jones Hampshire

