

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Reading Cycle B  
Psalter Week 1  
Sunday 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021  
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SATURDAY	26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.30pm	Marlene Simons
SUNDAY	27 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE		10.00am	Anne Parker
MONDAY	28 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE			
TUESDAY	29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL</b>	10.00am	Albert and Olwen Hall
WEDNESDAY	30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00am	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRIDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY			
SATURDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	<b>FEAST OF ST THOMAS 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.30pm	John Good
SUNDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup> JULY		10.00am	John and Barbara Flynn

**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 Anthony Barry, Robert Searle, Anthony Madigan, Chantia Iruagha, Eileen Kennedy, William Manley, Christina Barry, Florence Monks, Arron Brace, Margaret Flynn, Marlene Simons, Daniel Hurley, William Smith, Denise Union, Guido Berni, John Martakies, John Leaver, Anne Pike, Maureen Cross, John and Barbara Flynn, Rabinda Ray 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 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.

**This week's candles will be lit for Con and Muriel Callaghan and Doris O'Brien**

**Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.**

**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

**PRAYERS:** It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

**CONTACT:** As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Maria and Paul Taylor who were married in St Patrick's on Friday. May the years ahead be filled with every joy and blessing.

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

Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?** Catholic People: **JUNE EDITION**

Caritas: **JUNE-JULY BULLETIN**

**SAFE SPACES** is a free, independent support service, providing confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Catholic Church of England and Wales, Church of England or Church in Wales. Free Helpline 0300 303 1056 or e-mail [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.

**ON-LINE MASS:** There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass ( On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

**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.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution. Thank you to everyone who has used this as a way to support our Parish.

**CONFESSIONS:** 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.

**NEW COLLECTION BOXES:** These are now available from the back of the Church. If you pay Income Tax and you do not already Gift Aid your collection and you would like to do so, please do not take a box, but take a form so that a new numbered box can be allocated to you. There is absolutely no cost to you and we can claim back 25p extra for every £1 you give. Just fill in the form and give it to Pattie Johnson so that this can be arranged and you will be given a box with a new number.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

A friend of mine once told me that I'm very good at saying the wrong thing; upsetting people, and putting my foot in it ! I wonder if that's a gift or a handicap or an extra gene in my DNA.?

A long time ago Archbishop Murphy phoned me in Rome and told me I was to be ordained by the Pope, Saint John Paul II. I asked 'why me and where would this take place?' He told me to be in Manchester at Heaton Park 31<sup>st</sup> May 1982, and I would be flying the flag for the Archdiocese and for Wales. Michael, true to form said "NO !" The Archbishop exploded, and a mushroom cloud could be seen rising above Cardiff reaching the College gates in Rome. He was not a happy bunny ! I've since been told that if I had said 'Yes' I would have been allowed to wear a red top button on my cassock ---- that's not me! To finish the story, he told me I was to leave Rome and return to Cardiff for the Pope's visit to Cardiff, which I did. The date he gave me for my ordination would be July 3<sup>rd</sup> Feast of St Thomas, your friend and mine.... Doubting Thomas. I'm always wary of Priests and the laity who say they have never doubted. They are not living in the real world. Even Jesus doubted, not sure if His Father was there, had He deserted Him? Left Him alone to suffer and die?

***“ Father, take this doubt, (this Cup) away from me,  
Strengthen me, not as I wish but as you want me to do”***

He never took the doubt away, he allowed the Lord to suffer fear, desolation and despondency. Many times I'm assailed with doubts. I look at the many problems that people face each day and question " Where are you? Why do you allow this suffering?" Greater minds than mine have tried to answer such questions. I'm no theologian, only a man who happens to be a priest living in the same world as you.

Some of you are doubting if we will ever be released from lockdown. Will jobs return? Will our physical and mental health hold out?

This is why I bring you back to Our Lord. He, like us understood what it was to doubt, to fear. Thomas again is another pointer, not afraid to doubt but allowing the Lord to touch Him, to restore him.

***“ Doubt no longer, but believe.”***

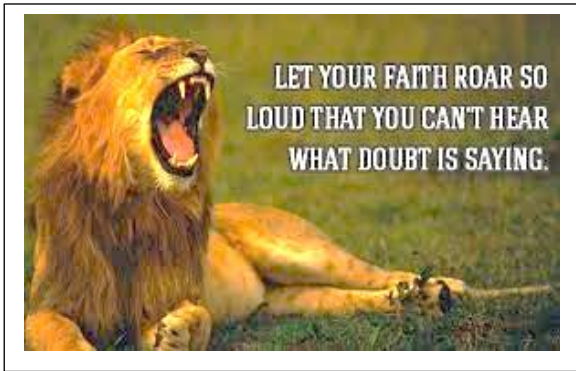
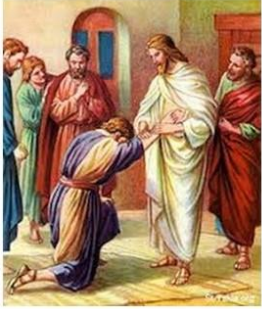
Jesus took Thomas in his frailty and sent him to preach the Gospel in Goa, India. People there could relate to him, he was like them, he understood where they came from. The Lord chooses the weak and makes them strong in bearing witness to Him. So you, like me, like Thomas are called to witness to the Lord.

***“ Touch me, give me your hand. May this help you to doubt no longer but believe”***

So, Lord, on the Feast of Thomas I ask for your Blessing on my Priesthood. You chose me, not me choosing you. Bless those who doubt, may they encounter You, meet You, touch You and hear You.

***“ My Lord and My God”***

PS. Please pray for me, that I may remain as human and humble a priest for many more years in the Service of Christ and His Church.

Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and everliving God, who strengthened your Apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's Resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ Our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight, and that we may embrace your everlasting Love. Through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

**LIFE'S LIKE THAT!**

Walking along a California beach, a laywoman was deep in prayer. Suddenly she cried out " Lord, grant me one wish"

The sky darkened and a booming voice said "Because you have had the faith to ask, I will grant you one wish".

The woman said " I hate to fly, but I'd love to go to Hawaii. Please build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive there whenever I want."

The Lord chastised the woman for such a selfish request and reminded her of the task's difficulty, saying " Think of the logistics. Think of the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific!. The concrete and steel it would take ! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Do you have another wish that would honour and glorify me?"

The woman thought and said " OK, Lord, I wish I could understand men. I want to know how they feel inside, what they're thinking, what they mean when they say 'nothing' is bothering them".

After a few minutes God said " You want two lanes or four on that bridge ?"



After a Church Service on Sunday Morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother "Mum, I've decided to become a priest when I grow up."

" That's OK with us" she said " but what made you decide that ?"

"Well," said the little boy, " I have to go to Church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit down and listen."

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on their way to a Church Service,

" And why is it necessary to be quiet in Church?"

One little girl replied

" Because people are sleeping."

