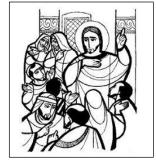
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle C
Page 133 in the New Red Mass Book
Psalter Week 2
Sunday 7TH SEPTEMBER
Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SAT	6 TH SEPT		6.30pm	Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Leonard Doyle
SUN	7 TH SEPT	23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Fr Bogdan Wera R.I.P Margaret Gould R.I.P
MON	8 TH SEPT	NO MASS		
TUES	9 TH SEPT	BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM (SVP)	6.30pm	Miss Kim Wilson R.I.P
WED	10 TH SEPT	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Good Health of Raimundo and Libania Almeida
THURS	11 TH SEPT	FEAST OF ST DEINIOL (Wales)	10.00am	Con Callaghan + R.I.P Fr Valentine and Fr Peter on the Anniversary of their Ordinations
FRI	12 TH SEPT	MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY Principal Patron of Archdiocese of Cardiff- Menevia	10.00am	People of the Parish
SAT	13 TH SEPT	24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Those lost in the earthquake in Afghanistan
SUN	14 TH SEPT		10.00am	Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Joyce Warry and Phillippa Woodward who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

We also pray for Con Callaghan (1964), Leslie Brown, George Williams (1980), Gagtano Olivari, Barbara McGarry (1982), Winifred Dunscombe, Norah Driscoll (1983), James Rowlands, Joseph Pride (1984), Annie Burston (1987), William Warman (1990). John Aherne (1991), Irene Canning, Catherine Poole (1993), Patrick McMahon (1996), Agnes O'Reilly, Mary Ann Connolly (1998), Raymond Millett (2005), John Daly, Mary Molloy (2008), Eileen Squire (2010), Maria Tanti, Peter Desmond (2012), Page Dimech (2013). Trayor Norman (2014). Page Salter Margaret Persira (2016). Fr Bogdan Werg, Betty Crown (2017).

Rosa Dimech (2013), Trevor Norman (2014), Peter Salter, Margaret Pereira (2016), Fr Bogdan Wera, Betty Crowe (2017), Dennis Healey (2019), Maria Greedy (2021), Queen Elizabeth II (2022), Terry Geary (2022) Donatus Orjiebele, Terry Herring (2023).

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.

<u>CANDLES</u> You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. This week's candles will be lit for Kate Malcolm, Mavis Lee and the Well Being of Jean and Phil Fox

T-lights are 20p each. Please put your money in the box on each stand.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS NOW OPEN.

This is for baptised children in Y 3 or above. If you wish your child to receive the sacraments this school year please speak to one of the Catechists (Mary, Renata or Christine) before or after Mass. They will provide you with a registration form which will need to be completed and returned by Sunday October 5th.

Attendance at weekly Mass is a requirement. Attendance forms will be given and will need to returned every week for signing.

HISTORY TALKS: Ely Industrial School (later called Ely Homes) Thursday 18th September Grangetown Pavilion 6.30pm FREE

<u>CAMINO PILGRIMAGE KNITTED TOYS:</u> Chris Hinds has made some lovely knitted toys to sell to raise funds for the Camino Pilgrimage, and is taking orders. Christmas is only round the corner.

SVP CAMINO PILGRIMAGE: In April next year our parishioner Chris Hinds will be taking part in the SVP fundraising event - walking 76 miles of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. The SVP have stipulated that everyone taking part must raise at least £1500 for SVP funds (half of which will go to St Patrick's SVP). We will be holding a number of events to raise the money so please be supportive and generous. If you want to know more about the walk or to donate please talk to Chris Hinds or Chris German. Thank you in advance. **All donations will be paid into the St Patrick's SVP Bank Account.**

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> for Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning during the Liturgy of the Word. Volunteers will need to have Safeguarding checks (DBS) and will receive guidance and training. We would like to have at least 9 people that we can rotate in groups of 3. The sessions will be for Primary age children. Please see Chris for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: This seems to be the forgotten Sacrament. We all from time to time do things that we regret: unkind words, being thoughtless, times we have strayed from the path that Jesus would wish us to follow. The list is endless. This Sacrament is a chance to put things right in the eyes of God: to wipe the slate clean, if we are truly sorry. But how often do we really see the importance of saying sorry. Reconciliation means putting things right, being on the same page as someone, not at odds. God waits for us to be reconciled with Him. Take the opportunity. Just tell one of the priests that you would like to receive this Sacrament. They are always ready to listen to you.

ST DAVID'S DEANERY MEETING: There is a summary of the Minutes from the Meeting in July on the Event's Notice Board...

PARISH WEBSITE: This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the photos from the Summer Event, the latest newsletter, times of Masses and this week's focus is on the Symbols of the Evangelists. Find out. www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk

<u>PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR MASS:</u> Masses at the weekend are at **6.30pm on Sat and at 10.00am on Sun**. In order for you to say you have been to Mass you do need to be present for the WHOLE of Mass, not just the last few minutes. If you were going to a friend for a meal you would make every effort to be on time. Every Mass you are invited to the table of the Lord, so please don't be late.

<u>BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS'</u> videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

PIETY STALL SALE: Lots of lovely religious items on sale. Unfortunately we can only accept cash as payments.

<u>OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES:</u> THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses. There is a box at the back of the Church.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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 indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH?</u> 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.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

<u>GOING INTO HOSPITAL?</u> Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact one of the priests.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: August 31st £670.31

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Some words are truly untranslatable in any exact way from one language to another. If this is true of modern languages, imagine what it is like for ancient languages.

In the Bible, "acquaintance" is rare. People are seen as friend or enemy, kin or alien. Similarly, the verb "to like" is virtually non-existent in the Bible. You either love or hate. And even though the New Testament was written in Greek, it still reflects ancient Middle Eastern thoughts and culture.

Imagine you have had a meal with friends at their home. When they ask, "How was it?" how do you respond if the only options in your language are "fabulous" and "awful"?

The language Jesus spoke was a language of either-or. So how else could he say that we have to be faithful to him above all without an all-or-nothing expression? Maybe he would have said it differently in 21st Century English. But the meaning would still be the same. Faith first. Love first. Jesus first.

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that if we truly value being a disciple of Jesus, we must be single minded and focus only on those things that will lead us to love of God and love of neighbour. St. Francis de Sales notes that this may require us to reorient our loves.

Jesus is telling us that we must make a choice: to love Him and seek the way to His Heavenly Kingdom, or to pin our hopes and loves on earthy loves and desires that one day we will leave behind. It is easy to join the crowd, or come to church, when things are going well. But the test of true discipleship is how we respond in times that are tough and whether we are able to obey God, even when the cost to us is high.

Today Jesus reminds us that the choice to follow him is the most radical decision we could take in our life. It touches us far more deeply than, for example, the decision to join a political party, or to emigrate, or to get married. Jesus must be more important to us than our family; more important to us even than those we love most in the world; certainly more important to us than anything we could ever possess. Loving and following the Lord is the reason we exist at all.

God speaks to people who care enough to listen