

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSPH**

Reading Cycle A
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Psalter Week 1
Sunday 28TH DECEMBER
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SAT	27 TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS , MARY AND JOSEPH	6.00pm	Terry Feehan R.I.P Deceased members of the Brahim Family
SUN	28 TH DEC		10.00am	Margaret Gould R.I.P Ben Foday R.I.P Phyll, Abbe Cohen R.I.P
MON	29 TH DEC	Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00am	Eddie Hall R.I.P
TUES	30 TH DEC	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
WED	31 ST DEC	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	10.00am	New Year Blessings to Friends and Family at St Patricks
THURS	1 ST JAN	SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRI	2 ND JAN	SS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN	10.00am	Ted Spillane R.I.P
SAT	3 RD JAN	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	6.00pm	Well Being of Leon and Tina Figueira on their Wedding Anniversary
SUN	4 TH JAN		10.00am	Lena Malacrino R.I.P

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

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Colin Lyons and Terry Feehan May they rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Ted Spillane (1981), Ellen Payne (1986), Kathleen Rosien, Coleman Thornton, Henry Jone (1988), Martin Daley, Betty Rees, Rose Curley, William Harris, Edmond Ryan (1989), Agnes Carter (1990), June Dunleavy, Mary Maher (1992), Ann Salter (1993), Ivy Davies, Aneurin Wood (1995), Kenneth Stevens, Bert Payne, Agnieszka Klos, Eileen Forrester (1996), Agnes Northcote (1998), Peter Levy, Kenneth Collins (2001), Genette Hughes (2002), Pauline Flowers, Patricia Price (2007), Angela Reilly (2009), Michael O'Brien (2011), Mary Carroll (2012), Margaret Stevens (2013), Albert Petrelli (2015), John Smith, Brenda Wilson (2016), Julia Bossano, Sheila Harding, Dorothy Bahim (2018), Hugh Hendry Mackie (2021), Kevin Smith (2023), Dominik Sacchetti (2024), Michael Beer (2025) William Timothy and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

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.

CANDLES 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 candles will be lit for Terry Feehan, Paul Treseder and Gillian Quinn **T-lights are 20p each.**

LIVE STREAM LINK: A camera and all the tech stuff have been installed, and Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. This should be available on computers, tablets and phones. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 4 rows of the church. If you do not wish to be on the live stream please sit further back.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike. Guidance sheets are available at the back of the Church.

PIETY STALL: As well as lots of other things there are New Year Diaries Come and see !!

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS These are available at the back of the Church £5.00

DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE: Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

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

PARISH WEBSITE; This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses and the focus at the moment is on Christmas .Find out more, www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
The Archbishop's December Newsletter is there as well as other interesting items. We also now have a live stream of the Church Services.

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 indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? 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 leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

How often have you heard me say that we are very selective in what we hear. Over the Christmas period a verbal invitation has been given to the whole world as well as here in Grangetown to "Come to the Manger": an invitation given by the Angels to visit and encounter the Infant Jesus . Sadly for many, Christmas and New Year is a time for shopping, parties and of food and this invitation to celebrate the birth of Our Lord has become lost in all the noise. Even if you missed that invitation it's never too late to come home to the "House of Welcome "

Giving gifts when you visit someone is very customary so..."What gift can we bring when we visit Jesus , Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family?" The greatest give you can offer is yourself. With true Humility we can offer Him our lives in service for all those we encounter on our journey of life,. As Jesus went on to say . . . ***"I came into the world to serve NOT to be served"***

During this week we hear how Mary and Joseph travelled to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the Temple. It was customary and the law that within 40 days after the birth of the firstborn son, the parents were to take the child to the Temple in Jerusalem and present him to the Lord. As soon as Mary was able to travel, she and Joseph set out for Jerusalem as the law required. It was a long journey for them, yet they wanted their newborn son to receive this sacred rite of purification. They knew the days ahead would be challenging but they put their faith in God knowing that He would always be at their side. We are all on a journey. If you imagine life as snakes and ladders, then there will be snake days and ladder days, good days and not so good days that are filled with challenges and trials.

On Thursday we start a New Year , the start of an adventure , a journey of discovery , not knowing what lies ahead of us . For many of us, there is fear of the future because of the past. Sometimes we carry burdens of the mistakes made during the past year , which hinder us from moving forward . LET THEM GO ! Hand them over to the Lord , for this is a time of opportunity of renewal and regeneration.

I wish to end with the words of the Queen's father, George VI . The World was over-run with the start of the Second World War. No hope or future , a war that brought misery and despair. So on the eve of 1940 he spoke these words trying to inspire and energise a fearful and depressed nation.

" We shall remain undaunted in the face of war. I said to the Man who stood at the Gate of the New Year

" Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown" and he replied

" Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way"

Blessings with a smile, your friend and Priest
Michael Patrick

Have a safe and Happy New Year

