

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

**Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 1**

Sunday 30TH JULY 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	29 TH JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Marlene Simons
SUN	30 TH JULY		10.00am	Mary Millar
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	1 ST AUG	MEMORIAL OF ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	6.30pm	People of the Parish
WED	2 ND AUG	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	People of the Parish
THURS	3 RD AUG	ST GERMANUS OF AUXERRE	6.30pm	People of the Parish
FRI		NO MASS		
SAT	5 TH AUG	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Terry O'Connell
SUN	6 TH AUG		10.00am	Albert Millar

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 Lawrence Clarke, Molly Bryon, Mary Field, Wasyl R Lukawecki, Alan Spear, Maldwyn Evans, Enid Brahim, Bernard Bull, Ann Owen, Marjorie Young, Nora Weston, Helen Martin, Bernard Brocklebank, Michael Kennedy, Teresa Brown, Johanna Jones, Robert Gee, Pamela Plevy, Christine Jenkins, Terry O'Connell, Brunon Klos, Fr John O'Flaherty, Canon Gerald Chidgey, Canon Francis Mulvey 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 can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for the Well Being of Philip Brocklebank and the Sick of the Parish**
If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Calling all those who are working in the day.
Over the Summer Months there will be Evening Mass on:
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

CONGRATULATIONS: To Alun and Francesca Malacrino who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 26th. We wish you every blessing and grace at this time.

WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS: We are very keen to increase the numbers of Altar Servers for the Weekend Masses. Fr Valentine will tell you everything you have to do and it's a great opportunity to take a more active role in the Mass. All ages !!!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 from LISBON Watch LIVE on shalomworld.org/wyd2023 1st-6th August see posters in porch.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR WANTED FOR ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL: If anyone is interested in taking up this position, please contact the school, or for more information ask Mary Taylor or Valentina

JULY NEWSLETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK Please see the website. Also **Summer Appointments of Clergy**

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE: Sunday 20th August. Please see poster at back of Church for more details.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Our School is setting up a Fair-Priced Food Shop. To help them with this we are appealing for tinned or dried goods and toiletries. These can be left on the table at the back of the Church and will be taken to the School each week.

COFFEE OR TEA ANYONE? Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass.

PILGRIMAGE WALK TO PENRHYS The Archdiocese is organising a guided pilgrimage walk from Cardiff to Penrhys to raise money for the Priest Training Fund on Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sept. Cost includes guides, storytelling evening and lifts back to starting point each day. £40pp for one day/£60pp for two. Visit www.rcadc.org for further information or contact Cathy Morris on 029 2037 9482 or at Catherine.morris@rcadc.org Places are limited so early booking is strongly advised.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

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

'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners. We are looking at the Gospel of St Mark and you find out all sorts of interesting things en route: what life was like in those times and how people reacted to Jesus. We meet in the Sacristy at 5.00pm on a Tuesday. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

PIETY STALL: More New Stock In . A wonderful new selection of Sympathy Cards, Rosaries and Gifts . Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free. **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

ONLINE DONATIONS: On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

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.

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

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 22nd /23rd JULY £ 567.02

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Today we hear Jesus telling more parables, short stories that compare two things, usually a physical object with a spiritual one. This time they are about treasure. In the first parable the man stumbles across treasure in a field. Had this happened today, it's quite possible that the man would have taken the treasure and moved on with his life. In our culture, possession is nine-tenths of the law. In other words, it was enough that the man had found the treasure. He could claim ownership of it based on that, but in Jewish society at the time, the treasure would have belonged to the owner of the field. Hence the reason the man sold everything he had to buy the plot of land.

In days past it was quite common for people to bury valuable things, for safety. History enthusiasts will remember the tale of Samuel Pepys when the Great Fire of London was approaching, was said to have buried his diaries, wine and a parmesan cheese... to keep them safe. They were of great importance to him.

So what is Jesus telling us? In the parable of the hidden treasure, the field can represent the world. Jesus is the man who found the treasure and sold all He had to buy the field and we are the treasure. We are worth so much that Christ willingly gave up everything He had, even His life. It expresses how valuable we are to God. He will give everything he has, including His beloved son for the right to call us His. Have you ever thought of yourself as treasure?

Then we come to the second parable: the pearl. The Bible has several mentions of pearls and in each case, it is something of extreme value, something to be treasured. Pearls were so precious that they were used to form the gates of the new Jerusalem. It's important to highlight that not only was the merchant actively looking for pearls, but he was specifically looking for a beautiful one. Jesus is the merchant and we are the beautiful pearl. Just as the merchant gave everything he had to obtain the pearl of great price, so Jesus gave everything He had, including His life, to save us and lead us all to His Heavenly Kingdom. We are all precious in His sight and beautiful and God is constantly seeking us. Why not allow yourself to be found?

