

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
LAETARE SUNDAY  
'MOTHERING SUNDAY'**

Reading Cycle A  
Psalter Week 4  
Sunday 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	18 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY 'MOTHERING SUNDAY'	6.30pm	Kenny Evans, Maura and Bryn Howells
SUN	19 <sup>TH</sup> MAR		10.00am	All Mothers
MON	20 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)	10.00am	Joan Cowley
TUES	21 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	Sherryann Gould
WED	22 <sup>ND</sup> MAR	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	David Thomas / Angela Osborne (Hannay)
THURS	23 <sup>RD</sup> MAR	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	Holy Souls
FRI	24 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	3.00pm	
SAT	25 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	26 <sup>TH</sup> MAR		10.00am	Lu Mooney John Alexander Cohen

**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 Bernard Moorcraft, Margaret Murray, Terence Dorgan, Margaret Cotter, Sheila Roberts, Helen Curthoys, Helen Condon, Audrey McKendrick, Kathleen Rawlings, Filomena Dimonaco, Julia Williams, Josephine Chadwick, Gillian Roberts, Philys Formosa, Geoffrey Summers, Dorothy Rogers, Violet May Woodyatt, Basil Salvatore, Darren John, 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Mrs Betty Knight who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

**CANDLES** You can 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 a Jeffrey and Family, Morning Mass Goers, Agyemang Family** 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.

**CAUTION:** We love having children in Church and seeing them explore, however please can I ask parents to be mindful of the hazards; especially supervise your children around the candles, kneelers, steps, the toilet and in the garden. It only takes a second for an accident to happen.

**NEW GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID BOXES READY FOR COLLECTION**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023:** Parents please make sure that Mass is attended each week, home tasks are completed, and please try be on time for classes. From time to time you will be contacted by e-mail, so please reply so we know it has been received. [marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com](mailto:marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com). Thank You

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 - Come & Join Us! A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board 4\* accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Price: £660. Bookings available now via Tangney Tours.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be said on the Fridays of Lent at 3.00pm. All welcome

**DOORS :** Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency. Please take extra care on the steps and pathways as you enter and leave Church.

**'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP:** This is a very small group, led by Parishioners and this week we will be looking at the Lenten Season. This is a discussion group, not a prayer group and we find out what life was like in those times and how people reacted to Jesus. We meet in the Sacristy at 2.30 pm on a Tuesday. When the nights get lighter we may try to meet in the early evening. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

**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.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL** Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 ( new number)

**PIETY STALL:** Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are new beautiful Easter and Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts .New stock will be arriving soon. 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.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS :** 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> March £774. 16

**FACEBOOK :** Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -[www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)  
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

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

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

**PARISH WEBSITE** Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. Now, during Lent, there is a link to an online Stations of the Cross and a each day a different 'Station' has a reflection. The Caritas Bulletin for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** is also available and also the Catholic People Newspaper for **FEBRUARY**. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ..... Canon Mike's Weekly Message.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

In 1947 my family moved from a dilapidated worker's cottage opposite one of many Tin Works found in Neath, to a new council prefabricated house in Cimla . According to the council, this new property had a life span of ten to twenty years, but today they are still there, standing proud giving shelter to many families and it was from there all the family left either to be married or buried .

What they moved into was a House, but it became a Home. It might not have had the fancy gadgets of today but it had a warm welcome for those who came through the front door . After the death of the last remaining member of the family the council asked that we empty the house and return the key for the next family. Before I headed to the council offices I went round the Family Home remembering both happy and sad memories, the laughter and tears of family life .

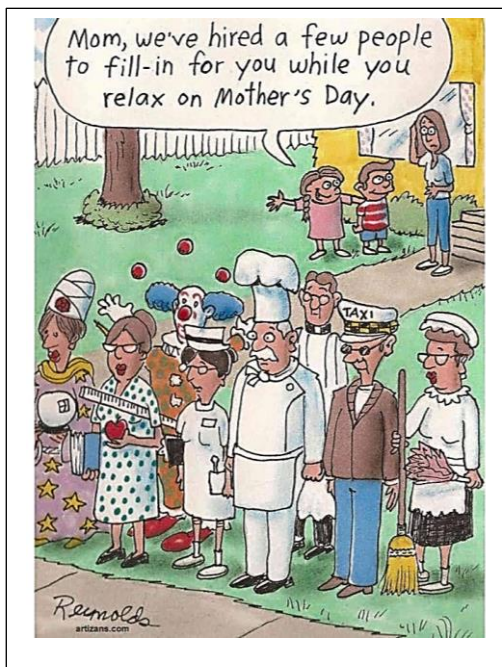
What I remember about our Family Home was my Grandmother and when she died, my Mother . These two strong women made those four walls a loving and caring home . All families are complicated, some more than others, each having their secrets, family stories, some funny, some sad . But no one was ever turned away, told to move on. This was "Mam's House" but you were "Family" and you were welcome even though you had failed to visit for some time .

This weekend is "Mothers' Day" an opportunity for you to visit the Family Home, known to many as St Pat's . The reason we shut the front door and handed the key to the council in Neath was simply that there were no longer any of the family alive. It had served its purpose, given love, saw people born, live and die and so for our family the final chapter had come to its end .

Through our Baptism we become children of the Father , Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. Are we going to hand back the keys to "Our Family Home" ? It is where we started our Journey of Faith and will finally end our earthly journey as we return from whence we came . Both my Mother and Grandmother were upset, never angry, whenever we failed to visit . On our return to Neath there was always a hug and a smile of welcome, and this is what awaits you, a Hug and a Smile of Welcome

Blessings and thanks to mothers alive or resting in the arms of Mother Mary, Mother of us all .

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There was once a 94 year old nun back in the 1890s , whose worn out body began to surrender .Her doctor prescribed for her a shot of whiskey three times a day, to relax her. However, not to be lured into worldly pleasures, she huffily declined. But her Mother Superior knew the elderly sister loved milk. So she instructed the kitchen to spike the milk three times a day. Eventually the elderly pious one reached her final hour. As several sisters gathered around at her bedside, the Mother Superior asked if she wanted to leave them any words of wisdom. " Oh yes" she replied " Never sell that cow."