

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**
Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 2
Sunday 1ST OCT 2023
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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| SAT | 30 TH | SEPT | TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Tom Stenson R.I.P |
| SUN | 1 ST | OCT | | 10.00am | Philip Hutchinson R.I.P. |
| MON | 2 ND | OCT | | | |
| TUES | 3 RD | OCT | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm | Paul Mallia R.I.P and Dom Alan Rees R.I.P. |
| WED | 4 TH | OCT | MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI | 6.30pm | Jimmy Conway R.I.P. |
| THURS | 5 TH | OCT | ST MARIA FAUSTINA | 6.30pm | Margaret and Thomas Roche R.I.P |
| FRI | 6 TH | OCT | ST BRUNO | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| SAT | 7 TH | OCT | TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Antonio Eleotere Camacho R.I.P |
| SUN | 8 TH | OCT | | 10.00am | Antonia Beid R.I.P. |

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 Peter McDonagh, Terence Monks, John Balde, Teresa Harrington, Peter Dorise, Dom Alan Rees, Paul Mallia, John Plevy, Cecilia Davies, Roman Marcinko, David Fitzgerald, Denis Calvin, Margaret Donovan, Aileen Dorgan, Joan McCarthy, Winifred Summers, Mary Beddoes, John Chappell, James Hayes, Helen Owen, Eileen O'Donovan, William Roberts, Lillian Galleozzie and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Malachy's Father, Antonia Beid, Terry Herring (from the choir), Jimmy Conway, Margaret Gould, and David Ryan who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

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 Albert and Mary Millar and a Special Intention**

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.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY: Next Sunday is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners, their families and those who work to support our brothers and sister affected by the criminal justice system. There will be a second collection at the Masses next weekend and if you want to gift aid your collection please take an envelope from the table at the back of the Church. You can find out more by visiting www.prisonadvice.org.uk Fr Valentine is Chaplain in Cardiff Prison.

OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: We hope to say the Rosary and possibly have exposition 30 minutes before Mass during this month.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024 We invite parents /carers of Baptised Catholics in Y3 or above to register their children to enrol in this year's preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available from church after weekend Masses. These must be collected and returned by parents / carers. Regular attendance at the weekend Masses is a requirement and Mass attendance sheets will be provided. These will need to be signed on a weekly basis. Further information about dates etc will be provided at a later date. Thank You.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE! Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass. We made £78 in our little raffle. Thank you everyone who supported us.

OPEN EVENING MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL: Wednesday 4th October from 5.00pm with talks from the headmaster at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Deadline for applying for a place is November 20th 2023.

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2024 has already begun and the closing date for applications is Monday 20th November. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For primary schools, the application process does not start until November. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com

If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, so that he knows who you are.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY , MASSES WILL BE 6.30PM

ST ILLTYD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS. A year of celebrations to mark 100th year as a Catholic School in Cardiff begins on **Thursday 5th October at 7pm.** The original school was based in Splott. Archbishop Mark will be the main celebrant at the Mass which will be in St Alban's Church, Swinton St, Cardiff CF24 2NT. Several De La Salle Brothers will be present and past pupils who are priests are warmly invited to concelebrate. Past Pupils are also invited. There will be light refreshments in the Hall after the Mass.

ARCHDIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS : Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary? Or at a significant stage in your marriage, e.g. new baby, illness, empty nesters, retirement, bereavement etc... The Archdiocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is being celebrated for ALL married (and engaged) couples in **St David's Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 12 noon**, and you are all invited. You might also consider having your anniversary date included in the Mass booklet and share photographs to form part of a reflective presentation. For more details, to share information and to express your wish to attend, please contact Joanne White via flc@rcadc.org; you can still be included even if you are unable to attend in person and the Mass will be livestreamed via the Cathedral website.

There is also the National Mass for Altar Servers in St David's Cathedral on Saturday Oct 14th. At 12.00 Noon

LOUDfence: A LOUDfence event involves tying brightly coloured (LOUD) ribbons and messages of support in public spaces to show support for ALL victims and survivors of abuse. We invite you to join us at the Wales LOUDfence event beginning with a Mass led by Archbishop Mark at St David's Cathedral, Charles Stree on Saturday Oct 21st at 12.00 Noon. Throughout the week tie ribbons in support of survivors of abuse with our team and share your services.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Come and find out about the Gospel of St Mark. We meet at 5pm on a Tuesday in the Sacristy. We finish in good time for Mass at 6.30pm. Walk down the garden side of the Church and come through the side door.

NEWSLETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Each week there is a new newsletter.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Our School has set 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.

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

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) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

PIETY STALL: NEW STOCK IN A lovely selection of votive candles (battery operated) and statues. Come and have a look. Also some freebies on the table as you come into Church.

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 Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Today's Gospel is very familiar to us. It is the parable of the man who had two sons. The father told his first son to do the work that was needed in the vineyard. The first son absolutely refused to do as his father requested. We can easily imagine the father's reaction: he was not pleased with this son's refusal! Later, however, the son changed his mind and did go to work in the fields. What was it that caused him to change his mind? We simply don't know.

The father then went to his younger son and asked him to work in the vineyard. The younger son told his father that he would go and work in the fields. However, the younger son did not follow through. After his father left him, he changed his mind and decided not to work in the vineyard. Who knows what he did instead! Did he feel guilty for not doing what he said he would do?

We too may at some time, have been in the position of both sons. At times we may feel that God is asking us to enter into a task or situation that we truly do not want to deal with. Initially we also may refuse or at least hesitate to say yes. Hopefully with time and grace we may come to a place of acceptance and say yes to what God seems to be asking of us. It may take us some time to get to that place of acceptance but God promises to give us the strength to do what He asks. We all have God within. May we pray for the grace to trust Him in these moments! He will not disappoint!