

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD/VOCATIONS**

Reading Cycle C

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 8TH MAY 2022

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	7 TH MAY	4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Bradley and Stenson Families
SUN	8 TH MAY		10.00am	Margaret Rose Murray
MON	9 TH MAY	Weekday in Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Martha Spillane
TUES	10 TH MAY			
WED	11 TH MAY	REQUIEM MASS	11.30am	GEORGE WILTON
THURS	12 TH MAY	Weekday in Fourth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Ida Cardinale
FRI	13 TH MAY	5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson
SAT	14 TH MAY			
SUN	15 TH MAY	10.00am	Jenny Derbyshire	

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, Peggy Rein, Denis McNamara, Patrick Sullivan, Leon Thomas, Armando Cugno, Antonia Andrade, Cyril Callow, Patricia Callow, Mary Walling, Philip Hall, John O'Brien, James Walker, Vincent Meletti, Patricia Dooley, Giovanni Mallozzi, Martha Spillane, Patrick Webber, John Henry Davies, Roy Larcombe, Sarah Richards, Imogen Milford, Josie Mary Kennedy, Paul Croll, Brigid Johnson, Catherine Whitehouse, David Bennett, Dolores Bianchi, John Thomas, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of George Wilton and Ida Cardinale who have died 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 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 Jean Carter and Maria Edwards.** The Votive stands have returned to their places at both side altars. Please place the T-Lights (15p each) from the top row down and light them with care.

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

SYNOD REPORTS: The Parish Report and the Archdiocesan Report are both available on the Parish Website.

SYNOD ACTION: Social Media : Are you a member of our parish **Facebook** page? The Facebook page has been established for quite a long time and has over 400 members. Canon's weekly message and the newsletter are shared each week, as well as Parish news and other information. Join us on: Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown - www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange

COVID RESTRICTIONS: The wearing of Masks is now not compulsory. However, if you feel happier wearing a face covering, please continue to do so. Still in place: Sanitiser, no kneelers, pews in the centre of the Church are still taped for social distancing.

At the time to receive Holy Communion, please wait in your seats until you are invited forward, row by row, starting from the back of the Church, returning to your seats down the side aisle. (Kneelers are still not to be used to facilitate walking through the pews).

Masks to be worn whilst singing..... sorry. Please take a paper copy of the newsletter (if you can't access it online) as you come into Church.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Unfortunately this celebration has had to be postponed. More information when a new date has been arranged.

MISSIO: 2021 Missio Red Box Donations - in the last year St. Patrick's has raised a superb total of £1,667.10. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and your donations. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of May. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box in the Sacristy and not at the back of Church. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me on this number. Gerry McCarthy - 029 20650330

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards for First Holy Communion which is coming up in May.

NEW COLLECTION BOXES: The new boxes are available from this weekend. 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.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There is a Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25-30th July 2022. More details are on the Parish Website and also www.tangney-tours.com/wnp

WANTED : READERS FOR MASS: A new readers' rota has now been created and we need more volunteers for both weekend Masses but particularly for the 6.30pm Mass on a Saturday. Please contact Samantha Udry on: Email – SammieJay1491@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let Canon Mike know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

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 and there are links to various Masses on-line. The latest edition of the Catholic People Publication is also available. 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. There is now a link to the Parish Facebook page and Twitter. As this is the month of May, there is information about various devotions to Our Blessed Lady and also online recitation of the Rosary.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

"Simplicity, Humility Service and a good Dollop of HUMOUR": the ingredients needed to be a Priest in the Church of today. From the outset, this recipe will NOT make the Perfect Priest because all who are called are flawed in one way or another. The men Jesus called were not perfect but accepted the Call to Serve with a simple and humble heart. Jesus could see in these men something that others failed to recognise. The great Renaissance Artist & Sculptor Michelangelo could take an ordinary piece of marble and with an 'inner vision' over time chip away until something of great beauty, something extraordinary came into being. It's the same with the Lord, for He takes the man into His hands and chips away forming and reforming him over time.

This weekend the Church asks us to Pray and contribute financially for those studying and those already serving the people of God "I came to serve not to be served". I have said many times the Message of Christ remains the same. The Institutional Church must always change and adapt in a broken world where people are crying out for something the world cannot give: a Message of Good News.

The Priest must also change, asking Jesus each day to chip away the hardness and unsympathetic nature which so easily can be found within our hearts. An example of one who helped to Reform the Church of his time and changed himself in the process, very close to that Simple Humble Servant of the Lord, Francis Bishop of Rome and the SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, is the man Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone known to you & me as Francis of Assisi. This long process of change came when he 'Heard the Voice of Jesus' . . . " Francis go and rebuild my Church". That he did, but started with himself, continually changing.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a time to look at one's own vocation. We are all called to serve one another, maybe not as Clergy or Religious but to live out one's own Christian identity given to us at our Baptism. People are worried about the lack of vocations to the Priesthood. Have you thought the Lord might be asking us to look at the Institutional Church and that Parishes and Parishioners are trying to solve the problems of the 21st Century with 19th Century tools? Is the Spirit who gives vocations asking us to reassess the problem and how to tackle it? There was a song sung in the 1960's by Bob Dylan "The Times --- they are a-changin'

I know that I have changed since my Ordination. I'm bruised, dented and scarred like a child's teddy bear, not kept in plastic on the top shelf but doing what I was called to do to love and to be loved. A Teddy that has an arm or an eye missing is a Teddy that is loved and was there when needed. This is one way of looking at Priesthood, the Theology of Presence, just being there!

Pray for all people to hear God's call to Serve, and pray for those who are serving. I ask that the Lord will give me the Health, Strength and another Dollop of Humour to remain with you, the People of St Pat's as your friend and Priest.

There are two names which have, over the centuries, been among England's most popular names for new-borns -- until a sharp collapse in recent decades. And it is perhaps little wonder, as figures show that people called Michael and Emma are the most likely to end up in prison.

Likely lads and lasses Top 10 names for prisoners

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| 1. Michael (1,777) | 1. Emma (57) |
| 2. David (1,744) | 2. Kelly (55) |
| 3. Daniel (1,517) | 3. Sarah (52) |
| 4. John (1,437) | 4. Lisa (46) |
| 5. Paul (1,388) | 5. Samantha (43) |
| 6. James (1,256) | 6. Michelle (41) |
| 7. Mark (1,176) | 7. Rebecca (39) |
| 8. Christopher (1,165) | 8. Claire (37) |
| 9. Andrew (1,056) | 9. Joanne (36) |
| 10. Anthony (963) | 10. Natalie (32) |

