

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Reading Cycle C

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Psalter Week 1

Sunday 18TH MAY 2025

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	17 TH MAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	18 TH MAY		10.00am	Stanley Brown R.I.P Gabriella Mavilia R.I.P Pope Leo XIV
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	20 TH MAY	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Eastertide	6.30pm	Anna and Paul Buhagiar R.I.P
WED	21 ST MAY	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Denis and Sheila Amor R.I.P
THURS	22 ND MAY	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Holy Souls
FRI	23 RD MAY	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH	10.00am	All the Churches in the Diocese of Cardiff -Menevia
SAT	24 TH MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	George Mackie R.I.P
SUN	25 TH MAY		10.00am	People of the Parish

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

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Paolo Cavarra and Gabriella Mavilia who has died recently. May he rest in eternal peace.

We also pray for John Gill, Adrian Moreno, Anna Buhagiar, Tracey Cengiz, Kathleen Nolan, Frederick Bermingham, Maria Almeida, James Cowhig, Mary Phillips, Sonia Hall, Shirley Philp, Hubert Baron, Bernard Cottier, Margaret Rees, Mary Ellen Taylor, John Kelleher, John Bowen, Eileen James, Leanna Brocklebank, Denis Amor, Anthony Monks, Catherine Jennings, Elizabeth Power, Frances Dwyer, John O'Connor, George Mackie, Fr John Rohan and all those whose anniversaries occur 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's candles will be lit for the Well Being of Tom and Mary Taylor, and Catherine Downey

If you choose to light T-lights, please make a donation towards their purchase.

NEW POPE: This Sunday 18 May, Pope Leo XIV will be formally installed in St Peter's Square with a Mass for the beginning of his pontificate. The papal inauguration now involves the formal bestowal of the pallium, a white woollen band adorned with crosses that's worn with the papal vestments — a symbol of the pope's universal jurisdiction. He will also be presented with the Fisherman's Ring that has been specially cast for him.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY: This Sunday we will have the Crowning of Our Lady's Statue. Hopefully before each of the weekday Masses we will say the Rosary.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION MASSES: Thank you to all who attended the last two Sunday Masses when we celebrated with several of our young people as they took the next steps on their Faith Journey. Please remember them in your prayers and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them on the right path.

TRAINING FOR NEW PRIESTS: Last weekend we had a retiring collection to support the training costs of new priests. However, many people said they had forgotten so we are going to have another go. Priests are called to live simple lives, yet high-quality training comes at a significant cost. On average, the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia invests £189,000 (2019 figure) in the formation of each seminarian over seven years. However, following ordination, a priest may offer over 40 or 50 years of dedicated service, making this investment profoundly worthwhile. Please donate and if you can Gift Aid your donation that would be good. The 'buckets' will be out this weekend and next weekend.

PENTECOST PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Last year we had special Bidding Prayers which were said in many different languages, reflecting our truly multicultural Parish Community. If you would like to be involved, please see Chris.

RED MISSIO BOXES 2024 THANK YOU! In 2024 St. Patrick's raised **£1,307. 04.** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you so much for your kindness and support to help Missionaries. Please remember them in your prayers and continue to help these projects. I will be collecting Red Boxes for emptying, commencing in May. If I am not about please hand them to Christine and they will be put in the safe for me to collect later. Once again many thanks to you all. Gerry McCarthy.

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR MASS: Masses at the weekend are at **6.30pm on Sat and at 10.00am on Sun.** In order for you to say you have been to Mass you do need to be present for the **WHOLE** of Mass, not just the last few minutes. If you were going to a friend for a meal you would make every effort to be on time. Every Mass you are invited to the table of the Lord, so please don't be late.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

PIETY STALL SALE: New display of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information if you are interested in joining the Knights. This is an all male organisation.

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

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

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact one of the priests.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 10th/ 11th May £711. 89

WEEKLY MESSAGE

In his first address Pope Leo XIV, who is fluent in multiple languages, including Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese, expressed a desire for a Church that is *'engaged with the modern world and always looking for peace, charity and being close to people, especially those who are suffering.'*

This Sunday at 10.00am in Rome, he will be formally installed as our new Pope. He will receive the Papal Pallium, and the Fisherman's Ring. This ring, also known as the Piscatory Ring, is a gold signet ring symbolizing his role as the successor of St. Peter, a fisherman. It was traditionally used to seal official documents, but now serves as a symbolic emblem of papal authority and is worn on the right hand.

This Sunday Jesus says to us that we are "To love one another as I have loved you" Loving each other is not always easy to do. An American journalist, after watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' Mother Teresa replied: 'Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.' Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

Love asks the best from us, and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross wrote 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

This is the message of Jesus. "Love one another as I have loved you"

