

FOURTH SUNDAY ON ADVENT**Reading Cycle A**

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Psalter Week 4**Sunday 21ST DECEMBER****Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies****peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk**

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e-mail: Cge7618946@aol.com**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK****ST PATRICK'S GRANGETOWN****CARDIFF CF11 7 LJ****Tel No: 20253514****Parish Priest: Canon Michael P Evans****Please leave your phone number and e-mail address****grangetown@rcadc.org****Website www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk**

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SAT	20 TH DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm	Bernard and Brigid Johnson R.I.P Deceased members of the Desmond Family
SUN	21 ST DEC		10.00am	William Mooney R.I.P Stanley Brown R.I.P Domenico Malacrino R.I.P
MON	22 ND DEC	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Advent	9.00am	Luciana Gomes R.I.P
TUES	23 RD DEC	NO MASS		
WED	24 TH DEC	FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS VIGIL	6.30 pm	Fr Jack Fahy R.I.P
THURS	25 TH DEC	SOLEMNITY OF THE -NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRI	26 TH DEC	FEAST OF ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR	11.00am	Mary McAleavy R.I.P
SAT	27 TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS , MARY AND JOSEPH	6.00pm	Terry Feehan R.I.P
SUN	28 TH DEC		10.00am	Margaret Gould R.I.P Ben Foday R.I.P Phyll, Abbe Cohen R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Colin Lyons and Terry Feehan May they rest in eternal peace.**

This week we also pray for Kathleen Deacy (1982), Leonard Palmer (1983), Thomas O'Leary, Ellen Payne (1986), John Cronin, Catherine Bulpin (1988), Maureen Schembri, William Connors, Martin Daley, Betty Rees, Rose Curley (1989), John Stevens, Margaret Fowler (1990), Francis Jenkins (1993), Charles Donaldson, Richard Mulhall (1994), Ivy Davies (1995), Thomas Spear (1996), Roy Prew (1997), Lawrence Jones (1999), Patricia Middleton (2003), Vivian Taylor (2005), Daniel Callan (2007), Fr Jack Fahy (2008), Betty Muscat, Terese Ramos (2011), Carol Micallef, Mary Carroll (2012), William Woodman (2014), Brynley Hudd (2015), John Smith (2016), Julia Bossano, Sheila Harding (2018) Domenico Malacrino (2020), Avril Barnes Desmond, Hugh Hendry Mackie (2021), Brenda Knight (2022), Hubert Stanley Brown, Maureen Desmond Page, Mary McAleavey (2023), and all whose anniversaries we remember 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 candles will be lit for Elizabeth, Fred and Baby Freddie, Dorothy and Ernie Johnson, Eileen and Fred Calford and the Lukaweckj Family
T-lights are 20p each.

ARCHBISHOP MARK: made his first visit to St Patrick's to celebrate Gaudete Sunday Mass with Canon Mike. When it came to his homily he invited all the children to sit on the carpet in front of the altar and then surprised everyone when he sat down on the carpet to join them. What a special moment. He talked about the meaning of his crosier (shepherd's staff), the role and the importance of a shepherd and how in a way we are all sheep and Jesus is the Good Shepherd who always looks after us, particularly if we wander away from His protection. Children from the School said the Prayers of Intercession and brought up the gifts at the Offertory. After Mass Archbishop Mark, his mother and brother joined some of the Parishioners in the Café for refreshments. Some photos of his visit are on Facebook and the Parish Website. May he and his family have a very Happy Christmas and may he come to visit us again soon.

LIVE STREAM LINK: A camera and all the tech stuff have been installed, and Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. This should be available on computers, tablets and phones. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 4 rows of the church. If you do not wish to be on the live stream please sit further back.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike. Guidance sheets are available at the back of the Church.

PIETY STALL: Christmas Stock: Crib sets, cards, candles, gifts and lots more. Also some Calendars. Come and see !!

DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE: Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses There is a box at the back of the Church.

PARISH WEBSITE: This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses and the focus at the moment is on Christmas. Find out more, www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk The Archbishop's December Newsletter is there as well as other interesting items. We also now have a live stream of the Church Services.

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.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

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

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 7th December £ 547. 67 ---- 14th December £ 738.35

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This Sunday we enter into the fourth week of Advent leading to the Feast of Christmas on Thursday December 25th. What a journey it's been for us, and for Mary and Joseph. For them it would have been challenging enough, but for an expectant mother riding on a donkey on the roughest of pathways, the journey must have seemed endless. The way to Bethlehem was physically very demanding: treacherous tracks, fearful robbers, all in the heat of the mid-day Sun and very cold nights. After many set-backs they arrived, afraid, not of the imminent birth of the child but of Herod. Thank God they did not give up, even when they found they were without shelter. Great emphasis is placed upon Jesus and Mary, but the 'Quiet Man' Joseph, the dependable one was at the front guiding, encouraging, supporting, always being positive when all around were finding it hard to continue.

Our journey has brought us to the Crib, for today all roads lead to Bethlehem. Joseph, with the pregnant Mary, heard the encouraging words of the Angel and now the world rejoices at the Birth of the Saviour.

So this Christmas let us with gratitude and deep appreciation continue our journey as did Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

These gifts are to be shared with all of God's Children, they are both life-enhancing for the whole world.

They say "All Roads lead to Rome" but for us, friends and family "All Roads lead to Bethlehem" As we Journey Towards the Stable, the "House of Welcome" we find a place of refuge, of welcome and of security, It's Home. We are Family.

Like any organisation every parish has its volunteers, the "Back room Workers" You might not see them but they are unsung heroes. I'm afraid to start naming them in fear of leaving any one out. This Parish cannot function without you. There are some of you who are capable of helping out, but afraid to volunteer, please come forward as "many hands make light work!" And to those who have, a sincere Thank-You.

As I take stock of the past year, I find I have taken many a wrong road, a road that has taken me away from the "Straight Highway of the Lord" I must ask not only the forgiveness of Him but of you my fellow pilgrims, my fellow companions. There have been times when I've not been the most genial travelling-companion but that part of the Journey is in the past. What is of importance is that is that we encounter the Great Gift of the Holy Family full of understanding and sensitivity and share it with each other. I'm proud to be a fellow traveller and with God's help will Journey with you into the New Year. Let St. Patrick's be a Parish alive with the word of the Angels.

"Glory to God & Peace to People of Good will" God is with us, let us rejoice, Emmanuel...

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you all. Your friend and priest -- Michael Patrick

