

12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 21ST June 2020

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MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

SATURDAY	27 th JUNE	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (SOLEMNITY)	Danny Davy
SUNDAY	28 th JUNE		

MONDAY	29 th JUNE	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
TUESDAY	30 th JUNE	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	
WEDNESDAY	1 st JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mary (Marlene) Simons
THURSDAY	2 ND JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Brenda and Bill Potter 65 th Wedding Anniversary
FRIDAY	3 RD JULY	ST THOMAS, APOSTLE (FEAST)	John Good

SATURDAY	4 TH JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	
SUNDAY	5 TH JULY	14 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	John Flynn

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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we pray that they may receive every grace and blessing. We pray especially for the Repose of the souls of Steven Rees, Danny Davy and Patricia Margaret Walling who have died recently. May they Rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for William Manley, Mary (Marlene) Simons and John Leaver whose anniversaries occur at this time. Let us not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, as well as a prayer of thanks to those working in our hospitals and care homes. Risen Jesus, Hear Our Prayers.

CANDLES FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND Each week votive candles are lit by you, they last approximately 2hrs. You will have an opportunity to 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. A second candle will be lit for the sick and housebound. Each week a named member of the Parish will be remembered by the lighting of a candle.

Candles for specific people will continue to be lit each week. **This week's candle will be lit for Patricia Walling**

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: The Welsh Assembly Government has announced that Places of Worship may open for private prayer. There is a strict set of procedures that need to be undertaken before permission is granted from the Archdiocese to enable us to open. When these have been completed and permission is granted, I will let you know. We still need volunteers.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest 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

CONGRATULATIONS: Please remember Brenda and Bill Potter who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th. May the Lord Bless them and their family for their future life together and for all married couples within the Parish. Also congratulations to Canon Mike who celebrates 38years as a Priest on July 3rd. May he receive every Grace and Blessing as he continues his ministry.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, MEETINGS AND CLASSES At the moment all have been suspended

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So maybe when the isolation comes to an end we can take names and telephone numbers (if we are allowed by data protection) so contact with the vulnerable can be undertaken. Don't forget to pray for the sick and those who look after them and all who are isolated not forgetting those who are and will continue to suffer through lack of food , water and justice.

NATIONAL WEEKLY MASS FOR NHS AND CARE HOME WORKERS : A National Weekly Mass, will be celebrated by one of the Bishops of England and Wales, and live-streamed from his Cathedral, for NHS front-line and Care Home workers, the sick and their families each week at 7-00pm. Thursday 2nd July .Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/>

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE: The readings for the day will hopefully be posted each day as well as other items of interest. There are links on the website which may help you with your devotion.

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

Holy Mass can also be watched on television on Channel EWTN

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

A friend of mine once told me that I'm very good at saying the wrong thing; upsetting people, and putting my foot in it ! I wonder if that's a gift or a handicap or an extra gene in my DNA.?

A long time ago Archbishop Murphy phoned me in Rome and told me I was to be ordained by the Pope, Saint John Paul II. I asked 'why me and where would this take place?' He told me to be in Manchester at Heaton Park 31st May 1982, and I would be flying the flag for the Archdiocese and for Wales. Michael, true to form said "NO !" The Archbishop exploded, and a mushroom cloud could be seen rising above Cardiff reaching the College gates in Rome. He was not a happy bunny !

I've since been told that if I had said 'Yes' I would have been allowed to wear a red top button on my cassock ---- that's not me! To finish the story, he told me I was to leave Rome and return to Cardiff for the Pope's visit to Cardiff, which I did. The date he gave me for my ordination would be July 3rd Feast of St Thomas, your friend and mine.. Doubting Thomas. I'm always wary of Priests and the laity who say they have never doubted. They are not living in the real world. Even Jesus doubted, not sure if His Father was there, had He deserted Him? Left Him alone to suffer and die?

***“ Father, take this doubt, (this Cup) away from me,
Strengthen me, not as I wish but as you want me to do”***

He never took the doubt away, he allowed the Lord to suffer fear, desolation and despondency. Many times I'm assailed with doubts. I look at the many problems that people face each day and question " Where are you? Why do you allow this suffering?" Greater minds than mine have tried to answer such questions. I'm no theologian, only a man who happens to be a priest living in the same world as you.

Some of you are doubting if we will ever be released from lockdown. Will I have a job when this is over? Will our children ever be allowed back to full-time education? And will our physical and mental health hold out?

This is why I bring you back to Our Lord. He, like us understood what it was to doubt, to fear. Thomas again is another pointer, not afraid to doubt but allowing the Lord to touch Him, to restore him.

“ Doubt no longer, but believe.”

Jesus took Thomas in his frailty and sent him to preach the Gospel in Goa, India. People there could relate to him, he was like them, he understood where they came from. The Lord chooses the weak and makes them strong in bearing witness to Him. So you, like me, like Thomas are called to witness to the Lord.

“ Touch me, give me your hand. May this help you to doubt no longer but believe”

So, Lord , on the Feast of Thomas I ask for your Blessing on my Priesthood. You chose me, not me choosing you. Bless those who doubt, may they encounter You, meet You, touch You and hear You.

“ My Lord and My God”

PS. Please pray for me, that I may remain as human and humble a priest for many more years in the Service of Christ and His Church.

Michael

RETURN TO SCHOOL

For many of you, you've been away from school for over three months, children, teachers, kitchen staff, cleaners and caretaker. Now we can start school once again. The school we left is not the school we'll return to. Each class room would hold 20/30 children, some sitting at desks, listening, some reading in the corner, and others running round causing chaos, like me in my school days !

Some children and teachers are afraid to start back, afraid of the virus which is still about. Mr Knight is not sure that he's put into place every resource available to him for the safety of all who come through the school gates, but we must all have faith and trust that the school will only be safe and secure if everyone, from the youngest child to the oldest teacher play their part in opening up St Patrick's Primary School. We must all follow the rules given to us for the safety of all and that means **YOU !!**

We are all afraid and uncertain of the future. Patrick was a shepherd, not sure what lay ahead of him but he had courage and trust. So I pray we will follow Patrick's example and start to build a new, strong and fearless Parish School.

*Father: Your Son Jesus was afraid, not sure what was ahead of Him.
He walked and talked encouragement to the men starting their journey to Emmaus.
May He talk and encourage us on our journey back to school. Amen*

Private Prayer

We could open this church building for private prayer --- but we won't

Why not? Because if you came here to pray we'd have to :

- Make you wash or sanitise your hands at the door
- Instruct you to wear a mask
- Ask you if you had covid symptoms, underlying health problems or got a flu jab.
(and turn you away if the answer to any of those was 'yes')
- Tell you which seat you could sit in
- Warn you not to sing
- Make sure you left by a different door
- Then clean and sanitise everything you have touched

Alternatively, you could

- Sit in an armchair at home with a cup of tea
- Sit on the Parade and watch the birds
- Walk along the sea front
And talk to God just as easily.

You don't need special words, a special place, special objects or special people to talk to God.

He loves you and He's listening. So just do it.

The church building is still shut.

The ears of Heaven are NOT.

A mother was anxiously awaiting her twenty-something daughter's return from overseas travel. As the passengers stepped off the plane, the mother noticed that standing right behind her daughter was a man dressed in feathers, with exotic markings all over his body and carrying a shrunken head. As they came through the barrier, the girl introduced him as her new husband.

The mother threw up her hands in horror. "You never listen to me, darling!" she shrieked. "I said for you to marry a RICH doctor. A RICH doctor!"

The navigator of the QE2 was steering the ship through dense fog. Suddenly he turned to the captain and said "Sir, I think something is wrong with our compass."

Why do you say that?" asked the captain. "Because we've just been overtaken by a number 36 bus."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT!



A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an elderly lady and an old gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing exotic destinations around the world. The agent had enjoyed a good week and the dejected pair looking in the window filled him with a rare sense of generosity. So he called them into his shop and said "I know that on your pension you could probably never hope to have a foreign holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer.

He then asked his secretary to write two return flight tickets and book them into a five-star hotel. The pair gladly accepted the offer.

About a month later the lady returned to the shop. "And how did you enjoy your holiday?" asked the travel agent.

"Oh it was wonderful" she said. "The flight, the hotel, the resort, they were all excellent. That's why I'm here: I've come to thank you. But one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?"