

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

**Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 1**

Sunday 27th AUG 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	26 th	AUG	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Charles Fry and Johanna Newell
SUN	27 th	AUG		10.00am	Kath Flynn +
MON	28 th	AUG			
TUES	29 th	AUG	MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	6.30pm	Sick of the Parish
WED	30 th	AUG	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Kevin and Rose Taylor
THURS	31 st	AUG	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Germaine Ngoy and Family
FRI	1 st	SEPT	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Billy Taylor
SAT	2 ND	SEPT	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Maisie Stenson
SUN	3 RD	SEPT		10.00am	Fr Bogdan Wera

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 William John Pearce, Patrick Driscoll, Frank Said, Eugeniuse Drzyzca Josephine Murray, Rose Taylor, Frances Harrison, Roy Best, Catherine Mander, Kath Flynn, Darran Cross, Maria Woodman, John (Patsy Curran), Carmine Attanasio, Diana Princess of Wales, John Roderick, George Lyne, Victor Davidson, Delphine Luxton, Ellen Gully, Theresa Moreno, Margaret Cox, John Bruncker, James Mackie, Cynthia Cosh, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Billy Taylor (Mary and Tommy's Brother) and Ernie Lawson 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 the Sick of the Parish**

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.

OUR SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY !: On Friday 22nd September there will be an afternoon of festivities in the school starting at 1.00pm. Everyone is invited. If you have any old photos please contact the school.

WARNING : **The Church e-mail is grangetown@rcadc.org** If you receive any e-mails purporting to be from St Patricks or any of our priests, asking for money do not reply. It is a scam. Our real Parish e-mail is above. It goes via the Archdiocese and the rcadc stands for Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff.

WEEKDAY MASSES Please note that Tues and Wed there will be evening Masses and Thurs and Fri will be in the morning.

Tuesday 6.30pm
Wednesday 6.30pm
Thursday 10.00am
Friday 10.00am

FREE BIBLES! : We have been given a quantity of Bibles which are **FREE**. They are on the table at the back of the Church.

WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS: We are very keen to increase the numbers of Altar Servers for the Weekend Masses. Fr Valentine will tell you everything you have to do and it's a great opportunity to take a more active role in the Mass. All ages !!!

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

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Our School is setting 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.

COFFEE OR TEA ANYONE? Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass.

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

PILGRIMAGE WALK TO PENRHYS The Archdiocese is organising a guided pilgrimage walk from Cardiff to Penrhys to raise money for the Priest Training Fund on Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sept. Cost includes guides, storytelling evening and lifts back to starting point each day. £40pp for one day/£60pp for two. Visit www.rcadc.org for further information or contact Cathy Morris on 029 2037 9482 or at Catherine.morris@rcadc.org Places are limited so early booking is strongly advised.

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.

'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners. We are looking at the Gospel of St Mark and you find out all sorts of interesting things en route: what life was like in those times and how people reacted to Jesus. We meet in the Sacristy at 5.00 pm on a Tuesday. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome

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: More New Stock In . A wonderful new selection of Sympathy Cards, Rosaries and Gifts . Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free. **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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 5th/6th AUG - £549.06 12th/13th AUG -- £ 438.79 19th/20th AUG -- £ 600.24

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Today we reach almost the halfway point of St Matthew's Gospel. So it makes sense that Jesus might gather His disciples and say "OK, let's see what you've learned. If you really understand. Who am I?"

We all know Peter's answer. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" What we need to remember is that Jews were brought up from a tiny age to expect the Messiah to be heralded with tumult and destruction and then fanfare. Jesus did not fit this image at all. He was challenging their very understanding of the word Messiah. This question of Jesus is not about giving the right answer, it's about what is in our heart. What do we fundamentally believe, what lies at the core of our existence and what centres our lives.

We all have some centre from which we live. People, things and experiences tend to become our anchor point. They give us our bearings and stability. They not only shape how we live, but more importantly who we become. Sometimes what lies at the centre of our personal world is often thrown out of whack and we struggle to regain our balance once again. However, what should be right at the core of our existence is the true belief in the Lord. Sometimes we settle for something other than Jesus on which to centre our lives, but humanity being what it is, is not going to be able to create a firm foundation on which we can build. Jesus is the true centre and if we seek His help He will always steady the ship and calm the storm.

Today Jesus is asking what the disciples see and hear around them and more importantly what they see and hear within themselves. Jesus is always pushing us to go deeper, to look within and discover that He is there. He renames Simon, and gives him a Greek name, Petros which in English, means 'rock'. With all its frailties, Jesus chooses human life and relationships to be the rock on which He builds His Church. We are not, however, rocks that are immovable or unchangeable. As water slowly forms and shapes a rock over time, so does a life-time of re-centring form and shape us to be Christ's foundation in the world. Look deeper and we will find the Lord. He will encourage us to be the rocks, the very foundation of His Church in the world.

