

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 11TH APRIL 2021

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SATURDAY	10 TH APRIL	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.30pm	Jonathan Stevens
SUNDAY	11 TH APRIL		10.00am	Ben Foday
MONDAY	12 TH APRIL			
TUESDAY	13 TH APRIL	Tuesday in the 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am	
WEDNESDAY	14 TH APRIL	Wednesday in the 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am	Ellen Chisholm
THURSDAY	15 TH APRIL	Thursday in the 2 nd Week of Easter	10.00am	John Coll
FRIDAY	16 TH APRIL			
SATURDAY	17 TH APRIL	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Kevin Sullivan
SUNDAY	18 TH APRIL		10.00am	George Gould

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 ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the repose of the souls of Canon William Isaacs, Terence Dorgan, Bernard Glasson, Michael Bourge, Margaret Rosina Petrie, Sheila Patricia Flower, and HRH Prince Philip who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace+

We also pray for Jonathan Stevens, Winifred Tresedar, Elizabeth Annan, Evelyn Seymour, James Bradley, Guiseppa Cordina, Bernard Brocklebank, Vivian Sweeney, Pauline Cocks, Stanley Wayne, Thomas Coles, Hannah Spencer, Christina Thorburn, Bernard Poole, Stuart Young, Bernard Stuart, Edna O'Reilly, John Murphy, Edna Lyne, Helen Mannings, George Gould, Patricia Reilly, James Bevan, Arthur Nowland, Sarah Jenkins, Bernard Moorcraft, Helen Paul, Florence James, Douglas Murphy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

THANK YOU: All our Easter Services went well thanks to your co-operation in following all the restrictions that we have to have in place. Unfortunately it looks as though these restrictions are going to be in place for some time yet. A big thank you to all those who act as cleaners and stewards for all our services, because without your help we would not be able to open at all.

NEW COLLECTION BOXES: These are now available from the back of the Church. If you pay Income Tax and you do not already Gift Aid your collection and you would like to do so, please do not take a box, but take a form so that a new numbered box can be allocated to you. There is absolutely no cost to you and we can claim back 25p extra for every £1 you give. Just fill in the form and give it to Pattie Johnson so that this can be arranged and you will be given a box with a new number.

CANDLES 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. **This week's candles will be lit for the Well Being of Maureen Buley, and Philomena, Abe and Alex Cohen**

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.

2020 MISSIO RED BOXES: in the last year, despite our Church being in 'lockdown', St Patrick's has raised £1021.96. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and donations. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me at Mass or on the telephone number below. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of April. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box with Christine and not at the back of the Church. Thank you: Gerry McCarthy 02920 650 330

COLLECION FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS <https://rcadc.org/sick-and-retired-clergy/> This will take place next weekend. There will be a bucket ready for your donations as you come into Church. Thank you for your kindness.

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

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.

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

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?

Catholic People: **NEW APRIL EDITION**

Caritas: April/May Bulletin

'One year On: Book of Remembrance: Letter from Archbishop Stack

Divine Mercy Meditation <https://divinemercury.life/divine-mercy-prayers/>

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'"

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

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

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

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

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.

ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution.

CONFESSIONS: 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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

It was during my time as Parish Priest of St Illtyd's Dowlais, that Mother Teresa died. A Community of her Sisters work tirelessly throughout the Heads of the Valleys as well as here among the rough sleepers in Cardiff. She came to the Beda College in Rome: a small diminutive figure of a woman, but a colossus in the world of spirituality. You've heard me say so often that the Church must be seen to be a humble serving Community of believers. As Pope Francis keeps saying we must "Have the smell of the sheep" and Mother Teresa was a living example of a true disciple: she had the "smell of the sheep". It was some time after her death that she was assailed with doubts. Yes Saint Mother Teresa full of doubt and uncertainty, unbelievable, but true! After hearing this she went up in my estimation, a fellow pilgrim, looking and searching for the truth.

Today's Gospel introduces us to another of This Man's disciples, Thomas. Thomas, like Mother Teresa could not believe in the Risen Lord.

“Unless I see the holes that the nails made and put my finger into His side, I refuse to believe!”

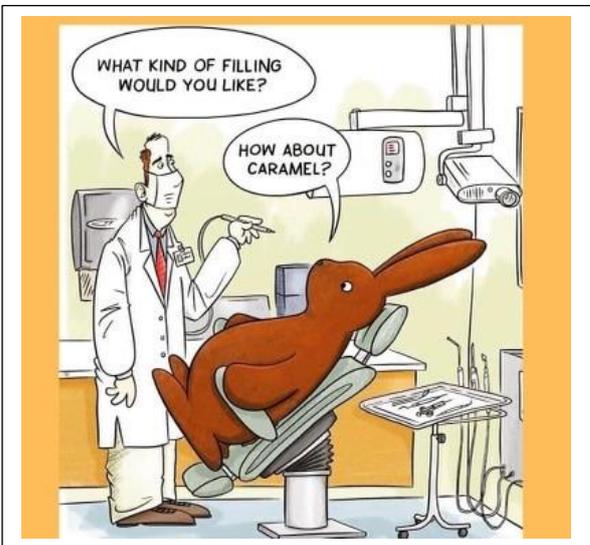
He was in the Upper Room, the same room where they came to eat the Last Supper and the doors were closed for fear of persecution. Not even closed doors could stop Jesus. There He met Thomas full of doubt and uncertainty, not reprimanding or reproving him, but gently and lovingly accepting where Thomas was on his spiritual journey and with words and gestures opened the eyes of his mind so he could see the error of his ways.

“Peace be with you. Doubt no longer, but believe.”

I can see myself in Thomas, a man full of doubt and uncertainty. It is not wooden doors that keep the Easter Jesus out, but my stubbornness of heart, my failure to believe in the Living, Loving Jesus.

Let us no longer live in the past, but recognise that Jesus takes our hands in His and like Thomas we cry
“My Lord and My God”

LIFE'S LIKE THAT!



Three friends die in a car crash, and find themselves at the gates of Heaven. Before entering, St Peter asks each of them a question.

“ When you were in your casket and friends and family were standing there mourning you, what would you like to hear them saying about you?”

The first man says “ I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man.”

The second man says “ I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and a teacher who made a huge difference in our children.”

The last man replies “ I would like to hear them say : LOOK! HE'S STILL MOVING!”

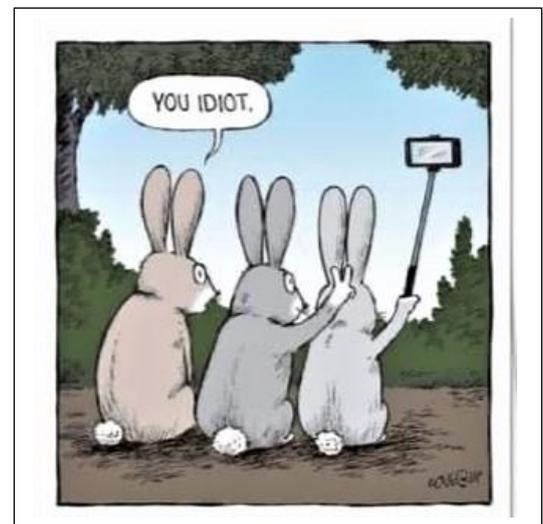
One day an inebriated Catholic ice fisherman drilled a hole in the ice and peered into it when a loud voice rang out from above, “There are no fish in there”

The man walked several yards and drilled another hole. Again the voice boomed out, “There are no fish in there.”

Then the man stumbled 50 yards away and drilled another hole. For the third time, the voice yelled “ I told you, there are no fish in there!”

Finally the fisherman looked up into the sky and asked “ God, is that you?”

“ No, you idiot” the voice said “ I’m the skating rink manager”



Sister Mary who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting housebound patients when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, a petrol station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a petrol can and then buy some petrol. The attendant told her that the only petrol can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with petrol and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with petrol, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the petrol from the bedpan into her tank, two men watched from across the street. One turned to the other and said “ If that thing starts, I’m turning Catholic !”