

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**Reading Cycle B
Page 162 in the Mass Book**

**Psalter Week 4
Sunday 10TH MARCH 2024**

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	9 TH MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) (MOTHERING SUNDAY)	6.30pm	Thomas Roche R.I.P Patrick + Nessa McCarthy Wedding Anniversary
SUN	10 TH MARCH		10.00 am	All Mothers
MON	11 TH MARCH			
TUES	12 TH MARCH	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	6.30pm	Bernard Barrett R.I.P
WED	13 TH MARCH	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	6.30pm	Arit Ita Idedevo and All Travellers
THURS	14 TH MARCH	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	Sick of the Parish
FRI	15 TH MARCH	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	People of the Parish
		STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION Followed by PENITENTIAL SERVICE	3.00pm	The Church will remain open until 6.30pm
SAT	16 TH MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Bernard Barret R.I.P
SUN	17 TH MARCH		10.00am	Lu Mooney R.I.P Filomena Dimonaco R.I.P

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 Sheila Amor, Stephen Ray, Catherine Rayer, William Hasson, James O'Brien, Mary Johnson, Nancy Mayled, Audrey Prew, Terence Bailey, Ellen Fitzgerald, Ivy Barry, Ann George, Sarah West, Lilian James, Ellen Feehan, Lily Higgins, Anita Walaron, Margaret Owens, High Daver, Constance Matthews, Bernard Glsson, Grace Robinson, Kathleen (Popsy) Roberts, Christina Sullivan, Robert Stevens, Margaret Dunbscombe, Rosa May Harrison, Daniel Feehan, Timothy Regan, Charles Bulpin, Sheila Lovell and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Desmond, and Bernard Barrett who passed away recently. May they rest in 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 at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Kenneth Cock, a Special Intention, the Well Being of Baby Ananis, and the Well being of Tina and Leon Figueri**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This week a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask that you remember them in your prayers and that they will feel confident to receive this Sacrament regularly.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As part of our preparation for Easter, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 15th March after Stations of the Cross at 3pm. For those who haven't been for a while there will be a guidance sheet to refresh your memory. For those who are working, the Church will remain open for this Sacrament until 6.30pm God is always wanting us to turn back to Him so He can give us His Grace. For God, the door is always open!

OPEN LISTENING SESSIONS: (Union of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia). It is important that we get as many views as possible. The next session in the **Archdiocese of Cardiff** will take place on **15th May in the Cornerstone, Charles St Cardiff. at 5.00pm**

OUR CAFÉ: At Last !!! Power has been restored. All are welcome to our vastly illuminated café. There will be a St Patrick's Day Raffle, so don't forget to buy your tickets and keep them safe. You may win a prize.

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 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.

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

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

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 (new number) please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

PIETY STALL: New Stock in! Easter, Mothering Sunday and St Patrick's Day. Lots to look at. **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.

QR CODE: Many of you will have seen the poster displaying the QR Code for the Parish. This is another way you can donate to the Parish. You will need a QR Code reader on your Phone.

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 2nd /3rd March £ 627. 23

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE This week's theme is all about Mothers. The more observant among you will notice that this Sunday as well as being Mothering Sunday it is also called Laetare Sunday. We are about half-way through Lent and Laetare is the Latin word for Rejoice and comes from the opening words in the Latin Mass. (Years ago Masses were celebrated all in Latin and the priest had his back to us! How things have changed!)

There are traditions associated with Mothering Sunday which date back as long ago as the 16th century. It is told that this was the day when people were encouraged to return to worship in their 'mother church' where they had been baptised. People who usually attended the local parish church, would make a longer journey to the 'mother church' or cathedral of the Diocese. Girls in domestic service would bake to show their mothers their new skills in the form of a gift, traditionally a simnel cake. On this day, many who were in service were allowed time off from domestic duties to visit their mothers and their families. Today Mothering Sunday is a popular day when Christians choose to use the occasion to think about all things which concern motherhood. We give thanks for the Church as Mother, and Mary as the mother of Jesus. We remember that God cares for us like a mother and last but not least we give thanks for our own mothers. Mothering Sunday is always the fourth Sunday in Lent and it is a time of special thanksgiving. This day is one of joy, when flowers abound and when people are allowed time off from the penitential season. Today is not meant for commercialism or to make money. Let us today give thanks for our Mothers, those near and those far, those who are with us and those who have passed away. Let us thank them for their love, their support, and for, quite simply, being a mother. Mary Our Mother stood with Jesus right through His life. She cradled Him when He was a baby, she watched as He was cheered into Jerusalem and she stood beside Him grieving as He died. But even in death His thoughts were for her wellbeing as He placed her into the care of the Apostle John.

Today's readings remind us of the importance of living out our faith through good works and service to others. We are called to be witnesses to the love of the Lord in the world, to reflect His light and to share His message of hope with all whom we encounter. We are called to action, to play the role that Pope Francis says we all have in saving each other.

As we go about our daily lives today, give a smile to someone, say hello, bring a bit of joy into someone's life, and say a prayer of thanks for your Mum.

A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all Mothers and Children
and for the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving
because they have no mother.

Be close to those who are struggling
because they have no children.

Be close to those who are sad
because they are apart from those they
love.

Let your love be present in every home,
and help your church to have eyes to see
and ears to hear the needs of all who
come.



Hail, Holy Queen,

Mother of Mercy. Hail our life,
our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.