

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

‘LAETARE SUNDAY’

‘Mothering Sunday’

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 14TH MARCH 2021

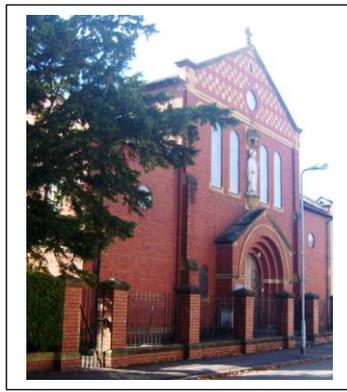
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SATURDAY SUNDAY	13 TH MARCH 14 TH MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) “Mothering Sunday”	All Mothers
MONDAY	15 TH MARCH	Weekday of Lent	
TUESDAY	16 TH MARCH	Weekday of Lent	Timothy Keenan
WEDNESDAY	17 TH MARCH	FEAST OF ST PATRICK	People of the Parish and Paul Mallia
THURSDAY	18 TH MARCH	Weekday of Lent	Well Being of Terry Feehan
FRIDAY	19 TH MARCH	FEAST OF ST JOSEPH (Solemnity)	
SATURDAY SUNDAY	20 TH MARCH 21 ST MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm 10.00am Bernadette and Tom

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 soul of Norman Light who passed away recently. May he rest in eternal peace+ Please remember Fr Bill Isaac in your prayers that he may be restored to good health.

We also pray for Ellen Feehan, Lily Higgins, Anita Walaron, Margaret Owens, Hugh Daver, Constance Matthews, Grace Robinson, Kathleen (Pospy) Roberts, Christina Sullivan, Robert Stevens, Margaret Dunscombe, Rosa May Harrison, Danie Feehan, Timothy Regan, Charles Bulpin, Sheila Lovell, Bernard Moorcraft, Margaret Murray, Margaret Cotter, Sheila Roberts, Helen Curthoys, Audrey McKendrick, Helen Condon, Kathleen Rawlings, Julia Williams, Josephine Chadwick 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been opened in St David's Cathedral. for those who have died during the past year as a consequence of Covid 19. If you would like to include anyone in this book please e-mail Fr Daniel Stanton in the Cathedral at cathedral@rcadc.org or contact Chris German on 02920340776 who will forward the names to Fr Daniel. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

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.

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 Maureen Corrigan**

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

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?

Caritas: March /April Bulletin

Message from Pope Francis for Lent and some wise words on Fasting.

Lenten Message from Archbishop George Stack

Reflection on an individual Stations of the Cross and a link to join in with the complete Stations of the Cross.

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

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.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

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

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please 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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This weekend we have 'Mothering Sunday', a time when we think of our Mothers, those living and those who have died. This is a time when we can say 'Thank You' for what they have done for us. Also this coming week, we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron of our Parish. There is a common theme which I hope to explain in these few words.

'Mothering Sunday' is about one's "Mother Church" and ours is St Patrick's in Grangetown. During Medieval times when all these islands were Catholic, you were expected to travel back to your Mother Church, the place of your Baptism to confess your sins in preparation for the Feast of Easter. Sadly the Religious significance has been lost. Now it is all about flowers, chocolates and cards.

Many of you wish to return to your Mother Church to meet as a family, the Family of God under the protection of St Patrick. Sadly we've not met for a number of months and that yearning to congregate is deep within our hearts. Most of us have shed tears, as we miss our families, friends and relations. Soon we will meet and the tears of sorrow will become tears of joy. It has been a time of exile, a journey into the wilderness, a journey towards the Promised Land.

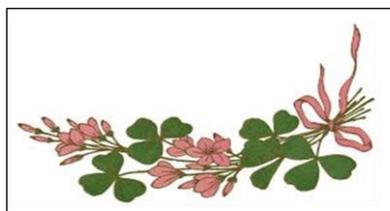
Patrick was an exile, taken from his family and friends by Irish Pirates. He too suffered the loss of his community, a community of Believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News. He lived an austere and harsh life away from his 'Mother Church'. He knows what each of us is yearning for because he experienced it. He is close to each of us, he is our brother in Faith.

As I celebrate Mass this Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare Sunday" and the Feast of St Patrick, I'll remember all women, especially those going through some difficult times, mothers alive and those who have died. These I will bring to Mary Our Mother and St Patrick.

I'm unable to travel to the place of my Baptism, St Joseph's, Neath but St Patrick's has become my home. I miss Neath, I miss my Mother and I miss you, my 'Grangetown Family'. So wherever you are, may St Patrick Bless, Protect and encourage us all during this difficult period.

Your friend, Priest and adoptive son of Grangetown

Michael Patrick.



RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH

Our intention is to open up for public Mass, next Saturday (6.30pm) and Sunday (10.00am) (20th and 21st March)
Please remember that during these Masses ALL restrictions will still apply.
This being the case we will also resume our weekly Masses of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am.

Palm Sunday (27th 28th March): We intend to have the weekend Masses again with restrictions and there will be changes to the Liturgy.

Mass of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday: This will be celebrated, but unlike other years the Blessed Sacrament will not be taken to the Altar of Repose and there will be no Service of Watching.

Good Friday: This Service will start as usual at 3.00pm, however, we are limited in what we can do so there will be a shortened form of the Liturgy.

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Again, the Liturgy for both of these services will be shortened.

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidance which has been sent to all Parishes and we are obliged to follow their directions along with the rulings from Welsh Assembly Government.

It was easy to close the Churches during these past few months but remember it was for your safety that I closed St Patricks. The dilemma has been in the re-opening: should I ? If so, when ? We must take into consideration the health and safety of you and the stewards and cleaners who are at each service. So in anticipation I thank you for your co-operation and the stewards who are willing to assist at these services.

Finally, I hope next week to explain to you, via the newsletter and during Mass, more details of what will take place during the Holy Week Services.

Booking a place: If you intend to be present at any of the services of Holy Week, a booking system similar to what we had at Christmas will be in place. There will be no tickets as such, but because of number restrictions you will need to book a place. Please give your name to Chris at the back of the Church.

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Book of Remembrance

One year On : Remembering Our Loved Ones

On 23rd March 2021 we will reach a significant milestone in the country's fight against Coronavirus: for it was on this day that we entered the first of the lockdowns. With these words of the Prime Minister, our lives radically changed, and the era of a 'new normal' was ushered in:

"From this evening I must give the British people a very simple instruction - you just stay home".

Since then, we as a nation have lost over 121,000 lives, with the total here in Wales exceeding 5,000. These are no mere statistics: each number is a life, each life is a memory, each life is a family trying to grieve in such exceptional circumstances.

On Monday, 23rd March, I will celebrate a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. David's Cathedral for all the faithful departed who have died as a consequence of the pandemic.

I have opened a Book of Remembrance at the Cathedral, and I invite you to send in the names of your loved-ones who have died over the last year as a result of the pandemic.

The Book of Remembrance will be given place of honour at the Requiem Mass before the Pascal Candle at the Requiem Mass. If you would like the name of your loved one included in the Book of Remembrance, please email Fr. Daniel at cathedral@rcadc.org

The Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral 12:45pm on Monday, 23rd March. Due to limited numbers able to be safely present at the Cathedral, those who may wish to attend will need to reserve a seat by telephoning Fr. Daniel Stanton at Clergy House on 029 20 23 14 07. There are thirty-four spaces available in the Cathedral for yourself or your bubble. These seats will be reserved on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The Requiem Mass will also be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

With every Blessing Archbishop George Stack

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.

Happy St Patrick's Day

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me,
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

ST. PATRICK DRIVES THE SNAKES OUT OF IRELAND



Paddy went into St Mary's Hospital for major surgery. In the recovery room, the nurse came in and said " So, Pat, how will you be paying for your surgery?"

" Sure and I don't know" said Pat

" Do you have any insurance?" the nurse asked

"No" said Pat

" Do you have any money?" she asked

"Not a penny" said Pat

" Do you have any relatives who might be able to pay for this surgery?"

"Only me spinster sister in New Mexico; she's a nun"

" Nuns aren't spinsters, Pat, they're married to God" the nurse said.

" Fine" replied Pat. " then sure and you'll be sending the bill to me Brother-in-law".

The Catholic teacher asks

"Now Little Johnny, tell me honestly, do you say prayers before eating?"

"No, sir" Little Johnny replied

" I don't have to. My Mum is a good cook"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that not only had he died but also the local church had already scheduled his funeral Mass.

He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.

" Finney, did ye see the paper?" asked Gallagher " Sure and they say I died"

" Sure and I saw it" replied Finney " Where are ye calling from?"

First trip booked for 2021

**Hopefully off to Iceland
in May**

**If that goes well,
probably looking at Asda
in June and Tesco in July.**

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