

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 3
Sunday 22ND JANUARY 2023
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	21 ST JAN	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Rosario Camacho
SUN	22 ND JAN		10.00am	Special Intention
MON	23 RD JAN			
TUES	24 TH JAN	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES	10.00am	Fr Brian Gray (25 th Anniv. Of Ordination)
WED	25 TH JAN	FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	10.00am	Fr Patrick Creed
THURS	26 TH JAN	MEMORIAL OF SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS	10.00am	Joseph Long and the Holy Souls
FRI	27 TH JAN			
SAT	28 TH JAN	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Rosario Camacho
SUN	29 TH JAN		10.00am	Special Intention

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 Kathleen Watt, Terence Morissey, Denis Straughan, Alan Greenslade, Gionni DeSanti, Kathleen Casey, Norah John, Alan Parle, Joseph McDonald, Miroslav Ruzicka, Charles Fry, Patrick O'Leary, Gerard Mahoney, Paul Ray, Mary Regan, Bartholomew Stafford, Colin Deans, Elisio Bermudez, Trevor Stevens, Terence Cross, Winifred Lawson, Nileen Hayes, Michael Lyons, Rose Bennett, Julia Kulinska Alice Parker, Spyridion Micallef, Bernard Johnson, Lloyd Ferreira, William Chisholm, Harry Coulthard, Mary Jane Allsopp, George Stevens, Victor Camilleri 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. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin Smith and Glynn Roberts who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

CANDLES You can 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 Alan Smith, the Well-Being of Bernard Barrett and Alan Greenslade** 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.

GOOD NEWS! Heating is back on !!!

DOORS : Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

'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 2.30 pm on a Tuesday. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

STELLA MARIS GROUP: Stella Maris invites you to our thanksgiving Mass for seafarers and fishers on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 12:45 pm at St David's Cathedral - 38 Charles Street, CARDIFF CF10 2SF. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole, with a reception afterwards with our chaplains and volunteers. Please RSVP via Roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or phone 0207 901 1931

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents who have registered their children to receive the sacraments should have received an email with further information. There is a new attendance sheet. Please return your completed one and collect a new one when you attend Mass. Please contact Mary Taylor marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com if you haven't received this email. Thank You

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2023 : These are on sale as you come into Church £3.00

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.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number)

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts and also Easter Cards and Gifts **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS: Please give your requests to Pat Johnson or Chris German and try to ask well in advance of the date you would like.

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.

FACEBOOK : Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

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

PARISH WEBSITE Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. The Caritas Bulletin for **JANUARY** When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message. Also the Christmas Message from Pope Francis and the Catholic People Newspaper for **DECEMBER**

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This coming week a good friend of mine celebrates twenty five years of Priesthood. His name is Brian Gray and is the Parish Priest of St Cadoc's Llanrumney, St John Lloyd Trowbridge and Blessed Sacrament, Rumney.

Like the men in today's Gospel he heard the voice of Jesus calling him to proclaim the Gospel . . .

"As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw Peter and Andrew, then he called to them to follow Him . . ."

Hearing the call is one thing, acting upon it is another. There is a time in one's life where you must discern what the Lord is saying. Think how a Pearl is created: a piece of grit enters the shell of the Oyster, an irritant, but in time something of beauty is formed, The Pearl of Great Price.

It was the same with Brian and those who discern the Lord's voice in their lives. A "piece of grit" enters the soul and eventually it produces that "Pearl of Great Price", a man dedicated in preaching and living out the Good News of the Gospel. What is funny is that when Brian offered himself to serve within the Archdiocese of Cardiff, Archbishop Ward decided that Brian should come to live with me, first in Tonypany, then Barry. I was to encourage, direct and help form this young man.

Over the years young couples have confided that they feel inadequate in "Bringing up" an infant. They are scared of making mistakes, doing or saying the wrong thing, even feeling scared of holding the child in case they drop it. I found myself in that position, worried even scared of making mistakes, not sure if my "parental skills were adequate. It was a learning curve for both of us.

You've heard me talk about the African Priests who were sent to be moulded and shaped by me. They were to learn from me but it was I who learnt from them. When I look back to that time with Brian, I realise that we learnt from each other. In a way we complemented one another. My talents were not his nor his mine.

It was the same with the Fishermen, Andrew and Peter: each in his own way gifted the Church.

Brian came from Belfast and during term time started Pre-Seminary training at St Paul's Dowlais under the watchful eye of Nick James, then to St John's Seminary at Womersley. Brian became part of my family in Neath and would visit and stay with the family. He was ordained Deacon with me in St Michael's Barry and Ordained to the Priesthood in Maesteg. He has been a faithful servant of the Lord and has shown a very sharp mind often "tearing me to shreds" in some deep theological argument.

Both his parents have passed away now but his mother was present at his Ordination and in later life left Belfast and came to live at Nazareth House in Cardiff.

Another who helped Brian in the first years of his Priesthood was his great mentor Canon Tom Dunne who had a devoted Housekeeper, Catherine O'Brien. Catherine is still caring for Brian, so she will be first in the queue for a halo "Arise St Catherine"

Well, my thoughts prayers and friendship go with my prodigy because he knows where all the skeletons are buried.

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