

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading Cycle C

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022

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### MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Jim and Maisie Winifred Gardner
SUN	3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL		10.00am	Jean Carter Anne and Terry O'Brien 50 <sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary
MON	4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL			
TUES	5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	Muriel Callaghan
WED	6 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent	10.00am	McCarthy Family
THURS	7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE Commemoration	10.00am	Maria Conceicao
FRI	8 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	WAY OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION	3.00pm	
SAT	9 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	6.30pm	Bernard Johnson
SUN	10 <sup>TH</sup> 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 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, Frances Prosser, James McCarthy, Michael Hurley, Yolanda Da Mota, Wladyslaw Struck, Marjorie O'Leary, Sheila Flower, Joan Patten, Muriel Callaghan, Carmelo Camilleri, Bernard McCarthy, Derek Utley, Beatrice Sultana, David Condon, Terence Dorgan, Desmond Johnson, Maureen Jackson, Sheila Bulpin, Nora Mackie, Anthony Conway, Honora Straughan, Rosario Tannorella, Jonathan Stevens and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Filomena Dimonaco who has died recently. May she 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 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 Brian Seignott and Jean Carter**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT:** As usual 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.

**ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS - THE CATHEDRAL.** On Saturday 9th April, the Saturday before Holy Week, St David's Cathedral will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 10.30am and 5.15pm. A team of priests from the Cardiff parishes and beyond will be available

**THE MASS OF CHRISM WITH THE BLESSING OF OILS** and the Renewal of Priestly Vows will take place at St. David's Cathedral on Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 11:30am.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and weather permitting the plan is that we will gather in the garden by the side of the Church and process through the main door into the Church. If you would prefer to wait in your pew for Mass to begin, then please do so. You can collect a palm from in the Porch.

**COVID RESTRICTIONS:** The wearing of Masks is now not compulsory. However, if you feel happier wearing a face covering, please continue to do so. Still in place: Sanitiser, no kneelers and taped off pews, 7 Day candles only.

Holy Communion is now in its rightful time in the Mass. Please come forward in TWO lines and return to your seats down the side aisle. (Kneelers are still not to be used to facilitate walking through the pews).

At the end of Mass, please use the nearest exit, either of the porches or the main door. For safety, use the grab handle as you go down the steps and please DO NOT stop to chat near the doors or the steps. There is plenty of room once you have cleared the exit.

Also we might have a hymn or two. **If you take a hymn book please return it to the bookcase by the main door OR leave it on the table by the porch door.** Masks to be worn whilst singing..... sorry. Please take a paper copy of the newsletter (if you can't access it online) as you come into Church.

**PIETY STALL:** There are lots of lovely things to help you with your devotions as well as Easter Cards and gifts.

**NEW COLLECTION BOXES:** The new boxes are available from this weekend. 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.

**WANTED : READERS FOR MASS:** A new readers' rota has now been created and we need more volunteers for both weekend Masses but particularly for the 6.30pm Mass on a Saturday.

If you feel able to volunteer for this please contact Samantha Udry on: Mobile – 07813 360635 Email – SammieJay1491@aol.com

**WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** There is a Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25-30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. More details are on the Parish Website and also [www.tangney-tours.com/wnp](http://www.tangney-tours.com/wnp)

**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.

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

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let Canon Mike 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

**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. There are links to various Masses on-line as well as a link to an online Stations of the Cross.. The March Catholic People Publication is available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there also for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

Last weekend's Gospel was of the Prodigal Son: the Father seeking his lost Son, going in search of his child, the one who thought 'the grass was greener on the other side'. The child eventually came to realise that he had made a mistake and if you remember I told you on one occasion I 'did a runner' eventually finding I had made a mistake. The thrust of the story was the Father looking and eventually finding his child, not to chastise or reprimand, but to cry tears of joy and forgiveness " let us celebrate for my son has come back, he was lost but now he's been found"

The theme of Forgiveness is found again in this Sunday's Gospel. A lady of 'easy virtue' was caught and was to be stoned for her actions but would I be right in saying it takes TWO to commit adultery? It was and still is easy to condemn and in this case a WOMAN was condemned but what about the MAN, he seems to have walked away leaving his lady friend to 'face the music'?

It's so easy to condemn, to point the finger, but Christ embraced her, forgave and showed mercy and asks each of us to follow His example. He only made one comment " My friend I don't condemn you but go home and SIN NO MORE "

Five weeks ago on Ash Wednesday as the Ash was placed upon our heads the words were spoken "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" in other words SIN NO MORE !

What is important today and every day is the seeking out of the understanding, tolerant Lord, recognising one's own faults and not reviling our fellow pilgrim for stumbling. I stumble and fall like any person but like the lady, continually seek out the ear who will listen and a mouth that does not condemn but encourages.

This past week our young children encountered such a person in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Explaining simply "DO NOT BE AFRAID" Why are you afraid to seek the Lord's Forgiveness? Why do so few within St Patrick's come to Confession? I'm there waiting for your call at the end of Mass each weekend to SIT, LISTEN, HEAL and FORGIVE.

So like 'my Lady Friend' have courage, be bold and undaunted and maybe then Lent will have been a positive experience.

**WAY OF THE CROSS and BENEDICTION : EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH LENT AT 3.00PM**

