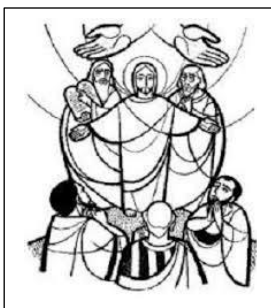


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**Reading Cycle B****Page 151 in the Mass Book****Psalter Week 2****Sunday 25TH FEBRUARY 2024****Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies****peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk**

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SAT	24 TH FEB	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Mary Johnson R.I.P
SUN	25 TH FEB		10.00 am	Pat Mooney R.I.P
MON	26 TH FEB			
TUES	27 TH FEB	REQUIEM MASS	11.00am	PATRICIA MOONEY
WED	28 TH FEB	Weekday in the Second Week of Lent	6.30pm	Laura Timothy R.I.P
THURS	29 TH FEB	Weekday in the Second Week of Lent	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRI	1 ST MARCH	FEAST OF ST DAVID PATRON SAINT OF WALES	10.00am	People of the Parish
		STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION	3.00pm	
SAT	2 ND MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Muriel Callaghan R.I.P
SUN	3 RD MARCH		10.00am	Phyll. Abbe and Alex Cohen R.I.P Pat Mooney 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 Thomas Stenson, Norman Light, John Fitzgerald, Kathleen Simpson, Brian Lepore, John Redican, Dominik Halendy, Michael Fitzgerald, Anna Spiteri, Remundo Salustiano, Mabel O'Hanlon, Shirley James, Philomena Cohen, Aileen Robb, Bill Bowen, Laura Timothy, Margaret Sheila Rees, Angela Hanney, Michael Andrew, Bernard Rowley, Ronald Sloman, William Hall, Dorothy Galliozzie, Fr Jimmy Thomas, Ina Sullivan, John Flynn, Fr Bill, Fr Luke Delaney, Fr Pat Daly, Archbishop Michael McGrath and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Mooney, John Desmond and Abdul Sattar 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 either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Brian Seignott and Fr Bill Lloyd**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : emails are sent to parents of children who are registered for this year's programme. If you find out that you have not received these, please contact Mary marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com. Please check your SPAM in case any emails go in there and please let Mary know that you have received them.

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.

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: Unfortunately the electrics are proving difficult to sort out. Hopefully everything will be up and running soon.

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: £491.80

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

The weekly messages over the next few weeks will consider various aspects of Lent. This week is all about 'change'. When we meet someone we haven't seen for a long while, we often say 'you haven't changed at all'. Of course we don't really mean it, because as every day dawns, our lives are bound to change. The experiences we have, will be different from the ones we had the day before. Life, changes us. Sometimes for the better and sometimes not. Today we hear about four friends who went up a mountain. When we hear 'a mountain' mentioned in the Bible, we know something is going to happen. And sure enough it does. Peter, James and John had probably gone with Jesus on many an occasion to a place of quiet so that they could recharge and pray. What happened on this day was beyond the extraordinary, totally unexpected and completely awe inspiring. Jesus, the person they knew was transfigured before their very eyes. He showed them Himself as they had never seen Him before. To be transfigured means to be elevated, to become thoroughly or dramatically more beautiful. It gave the disciples a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all His glory. Imagine how we would react to this amazing experience, yet Jesus told them to say nothing. When they came down from the mountain could the other disciples see from their faces that they had experienced something wonderful? Would we have been able to keep it to ourselves? It was a taste of what is to come and hopefully one day we too will experience the wonder of the Lord in all His glory.

Jesus comes to us in a wonderful way every time we receive Holy Communion. He wants us to change, to cast forth all the bitterness and unkindness in our lives, to reject the temptations of the world which only thinks of 'self' and for us to become more outward looking, considerate and loving. These are the challenges before us. To make changes in our lives takes courage, persistence and determination. The glory of the Lord awaits us. Our task in this life is to put our faith in Him and to let Him transform us and draw us from our sinfulness into His own life. Lent is a special time to deepen our faith and walk in His ways. This Lent if we only change one thing, it will be one thing for the better. Which thing would you like to change?

Love's Choice

This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,
A little visitation on my tongue,
A wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.
This taste of wine is brief in flavour, flung
A moment to the palate's roof and fled,
Even its aftertaste a memory.
Yet this is how He comes. Through wine
and bread
Love chooses to be emptied into me.
He does not come in unimagined light
Too bright to be denied, too absolute
For consciousness, too strong for sight,
Leaving the seer blind, the poet mute,
Chooses instead to seep into each sense,
To dye himself into experience.

Malcolm Guite

Am I sharing gladly what I have with others, especially strangers and the poor?

Do I have a gracious and patient attitude towards others, especially those who irritate me?

What sin lurks in my life and still plagues me?

How often do I welcome Jesus into my daily life?

Am I listening to God when I pray or do I just have a list of "wants"?

Gwnewch y pethau bychain yn dda



Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus !

Do the small things well

Happy St David's Day !