

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

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**COVID 19** AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY

SATURDAY SUNDAY	27 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 28 <sup>ST</sup> FEB	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	People of the Parish
MONDAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	FEAST OF ST DAVID	People of the Parish
TUESDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH	Weekday of Lent	
WEDNESDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup> MARCH	Weekday of Lent	Fr Bill Lloyd (Anniversary)
THURSDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	Weekday of Lent	Timothy Keenan
FRIDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	Weekday of Lent	
SATURDAY SUNDAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Joan Cowley

### **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 Anna Spiteri, Mabel O'Hanlon, Shirley James, Philomena Cohen, Aileen Robb, Michael McAndrew, Bernard Rowley, Ronald Sloman, William Hall, Dorothy Galliozzie, Cecilia Coles, Ina Sullivan, John Flynn, Shirley Burnett, Jeremiah Loughlin, Kathleen Flower, Charles Magill, William Goodman, Joan Cowley, Thomas Toolan (Joyce), Michael Kennedy, Andrea Cruise, Margaret Welch, Philip Hawkins, Pasquale Lapore, Stacey Butler, Fr Bill Lloyd 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.

**FR RAY O'SHEA.** The Requiem Mass for Fr O'Shea will be on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11.30pm. Live streamed from St Brigid's Church. Please pray for the repose of his soul. <http://3churches.org/streamed-masses/>

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** will be 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](mailto: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 Shirley and Baby Cheryl Burnett** 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

**'JABBED !'** I had my first vaccination this week and as I was leaving, the Nurse said to me .....

"This is not a passport to a life of Wine, Women and Song... that comes after your second vaccination!"



**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?**

**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.**

**REMINDER** "I WAS THERE." Mai Davies reunites three people with very special memories from the day when Pope John Paul II came to Cardiff in 1982 Radio Wales Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm (Frank Hennessy, Carys Whelan and Canon Mike Evans)

See below for more information

**'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.**

**LOCKDOWN:** As I said last week, this lockdown is for your benefit, to protect you, those who clean the Church after each Mass and for me. The whole of Wales is in lockdown so we in St Patrick's will continue to follow what is asked of us.

If you have had the 'jab' please keep to the rules so that we all may be protected.

**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**

Some people dwell on the negative rather than the positive. They can never see the good things they have achieved, but rather the things not achieved. During this past year we have been challenged and have risen and faced difficult and formidable issues. Maybe we have set ourselves unachievable targets and when we fail we feel humiliated and despondent. It's been a hard road but we have plodded on, one step at a time. That's Greatness. Not all of us are called to climb Mount Everest, but we are able to climb the obstacles which confront us each day of our lives.

Saint David spoke to his Community in simple and reassuring words:

"Remember my friends, in this life, be joyful in the Faith and do the little things well."

David is remembered for his simplicity and humility, achieving greatness in the little things and that's what we are called to do. If we can carry out the Lord's work in the spirit of Simplicity, Humility and Joy, then we have achieved Greatness.

David was born around the coast of Ceredigion in West Wales around the year 500 AD, the only Patron Saint of these Islands who was born, worked and died in his own country. He was a Bishop Monk who proclaimed the Good News to the people of his time. Sadly the country of Wales no longer listens to the voice of David calling them to a life of service and humility. He found peace and fulfilment in a simple life, living each day in the Presence of the One true God, recognising the hand of the Creator God in the beauty of the natural world. He asked his followers to listen to the Good News of God's only Son, Jesus. All this could be ours. It's our birth-right as followers of David. So be joyful in the simple things you've achieved these past few months and will continue to carry out.

Saint David, Pray for the People of Wales.

## I WAS THERE

### 'When Pope John Paul II came to Wales'

**Radio Wales: Thu 4 Mar 2021, 6:30pm**

Mai Davies reunites those who could say 'I Was There' at a moment in Welsh history. She asks her guests to recall the **Papal visit of John Paul II in 1982**.

Huge crowds gathered in Cardiff on June 2nd, 1982 to see the Pontiff become the first reigning Pope to visit Wales. Addressing 150,000 people at Pontcanna Fields, the Polish-born pontiff began the Mass in Welsh. The Pope's message: "Bendith Duw arnoch" - "the blessing of God be on you" - was received with rapturous applause.

Three people who were there on that historic day share their memories and reflections. Broadcaster and singer-songwriter **Frank Hennessy** recalls how he was asked to compose and perform an official song of welcome for the Pope.

"For me it was a great day," Frank remembers. "There was a lot of excitement running up, and relief that it went well. I can still remember every minute, every second of the day. I suppose it was the highlight of my career."

Retired teacher **Carys Whelan** recalls how she was asked to give a reading at the Papal Mass: "It gave me goose pimples, I couldn't believe they wanted me to do it," she says. "I lost so much sleep before the big day. I went to a boutique in Bridgend to get myself a good dress. It usually did wedding dresses. They were fascinated with me as I had to get a smart dress for the Pope! I did the Welsh reading - from the Second Epistle of Peter, about coming to the mountain of God. Another time I had to read it at Mass a few years later and I couldn't read it. I was overcome with emotion. It all came flooding back to me."

And **Canon Mike Evans** - then a young Deacon - remembers how he served on the altar that day right next to the Pontiff: "I was there at the Pope's side the whole way through. I have really happy memories of the day - the youth mass at Ninian Park was incredible."

## ***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](mailto: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

## Happy St. David's Day



**Live Streamed St David's Day Mass from St David's Cathedral. Monday 12.45**

<https://www.cardiffcathedral.org.uk/>

O Almighty God,

Who in Thine infinite goodness has sent Thine only-begotten Son into this world to open once more the gates of heaven, and to teach us how to know, love and serve Thee, have mercy on Thy people Who dwell in Wales. Grant to them the precious gift of faith, and unite them in the one true Church founded by Thy Divine Son; that, acknowledging her authority and obeying her voice, they may serve Thee, love Thee, and worship Thee, as Thou desirest in this world, and obtain for themselves everlasting happiness in the world to come.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for Wales.

Saint David, pray for Wales.

Saint Winifride, pray for Wales.



There was a photograph in the Western Mail showing Westgate Street two weeks ago on the day of the Ireland / Wales game..... empty ! It's an experience trying to walk from the Angel Hotel towards the main entrance of the Arms Park.... thousands of people on the day of the game. Another game this weekend and again the Arms Park ..... empty. Maybe I could turn up as a Groundsman and gain entry. Wales play England, so let's see if God was born in Merthyr or Maidenhead. Remember.... It's only a game.

Most of you recognise Bill Lloyd, a well-loved and respected priest who served within the Parish of St Patrick's. His anniversary is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, so Mass will be celebrated as I remember a good friend from Neath. The three 'Young Clergy' Ian Thompson, Billy and Myself, all priests from the Parish of St Joseph's, Neath.



## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

An Englishman, Irishman, Welshman and Scotsman were captured whilst fighting in a foreign land, and the leader of the captors said

"We're going to line you up in front of a firing squad and shoot you all in turn.

But first, you each can make a final wish."

The Englishman responds "I'd like to hear 'God Save the Queen' just one more time to remind me of the auld country, played by the London All Boys' Choir, with Morris Dancing to the tune"

The Irish man replies "I'd like to hear 'Danny Boy' just one more time to remind me of the auld country, sung in the style of Daniel O'Donnell, with Riverdance dancers skipping gaily to the tune.

The Welshman answers "I'd like to hear 'Men of Harlech' just one more time to remind me of the country, sung by the Treorchy Male Voice Choir."

The Scotsman says quickly "I'd like to be shot first".

What do you call an Englishman holding a bottle of champagne after a Six Nations Game?

Waiter

Rhys: "Doctor, I can't stop singing the Green, Green Grass of Home"

Doctor: "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome"

Rhys: "Is it common?"

Doctor: "It's not unusual."