FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 4
Sunday 28TH JANUARY 2024

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

| SAT | 27 TH JAN | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Bernard Johnson R.I.P Ted Spillane R.I.P |
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| SUN | 28 TH JAN | | 10.00 am | Lloyd Ferreira R.I.P Well Being of Matthew Danks |
| MON | 29 TH JAN | | | |
| TUES | 30 TH JAN | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm | Victor Camilleri R.I.P |
| WED | 31 ST JAN | MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST | 6.30pm | Bernard and Jean Carter R.I.P |
| THURS | 1 ST FEB | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 10.00am | St Antonio |
| FRI | 2 ND FEB | FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | 10.00am | Eugene McCarthy R.I.P |
| SAT | 3 RD FEB | FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Terry and Dorothy Stevens |
| SUN | 4 TH FEB | | 10.00am | Winnie Treseder 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 Colin Deans, Elisio Bermudez, Trevor Stevens, Terence Cross, Winifred Lawson, Nileen Hayes, Michael Lyons, Rose Bennett, Julia Kulinskia, Alice Parker, Spyridion Micallef, Bernard Johnson, Lloyd Ferreira, William Chisholm, Harry Coulthard, Mary Jane Allsopp, George Stevens, Victor Camilleri, Bernard Carter, Michael Dacey, Jim Driscoll, John McKendrick, Pat Davies, Eileen Cleverdon, Terry Stevens, Margaret Demanuel, Angelo Tabone, Edward Evans, Mercedes Jones, Fr Patrick Creed, Fr Thomas Joseph Dove-Nowell, Fr Thomas Keane and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Beatrice Farrugia,, Maureen Desmond, Carmelo Borg, Mary McAleavy, and Pat Mooney 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.

<u>CANDLES</u> 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 Kenneth Evans, Alan Greenslade and a Special Intention

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.

'WALK WITH ME' LENTEN REFELCTIONS. Available from the back of the Church £1.00

<u>ST HELEN'S PRIMARY CAERPHILLY:</u> applicants are being sought for the position of Deputy Head Teacher. Please copy this link for more information https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=27522

WEEKDAY MASSES: Now that the weather is cold most of our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Sacristy

<u>COFFEE</u>, TEA AND CAKE!. Everyone is welcome but please give a monetary donation toward the cost of the refreshments. All donations are most welcome.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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.

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH?</u> 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL: Thank you to all who are helping to support the Fair-Priced Food Shop with donations of tinned goods and toiletries. Goods can be left by the table at the back of the Church and then they will be taken to the School.

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.

<u>PIETY STALL:</u> Easter and Mothering Sunday cards and gifts now on display. Lots to look at. <u>Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step!</u>

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.

<u>GIFT AID</u> 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 20th /21st JAUNARY £559. 21

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

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

In the Gospel lesson today, people noticed the power of Christ and how He taught with authority. He wasn't just saying fancy words, but really knew what He was talking about, and the people were impressed. But they became even more impressed when Jesus put action behind His words.

There was a man who had an unclean spirit inside him which recognized Jesus, because it cried out asking what He was going to do. Jesus told the spirit to be quiet, and made it come right out of the man, restoring him to health and sanity. The people who saw the event take place were amazed. They realized that Jesus did have true authority. He had control even over the powers of evil and darkness. He had the strength to control and teach anyone and anything. However, not everyone who saw Jesus believed this. But those who recognized His authority also recognized His love, and saw that He had authority from God.

And what do we take from this? Well, we know that Jesus does have strength and authority. His words are true and reliable, more so than anything else we could read or hear or imagine. His authority comes from God. And where do we get His words?: from reading the words of Scripture in the Bible. This is our source of information, and we know it is the true word of God. We know that Jesus has power, and that we can trust what He says. We can pray to Him, knowing He cares for us and loves us and hears us. When we rely upon Him, we can have confidence He will provide. We can listen to Him and know that He's in control. Jesus has power and authority in our lives if we invite Him in.

Time passes so quickly: we are almost at the end of January! Christmas is now just a distant memory and before we know it, Easter will be upon us. Soon we will be burning the palms ready for Ash Wednesday and the Booklet with the Lenten Reflections are on sale at the back of the Church. It is such a little book, just right for a pocket or a handbag, but it contains such a wealth of thoughts and opportunities. Lent is a time for repentance, for preparation, for evaluating our lives thus far. Ten minutes a day with the Lord, will be time well spent.

