

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 2

Sunday 2ND APRIL 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	1 ST APRIL	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Terry Burnett
SUN	2 ND APRIL		10.00am	Special Intention
MON	3 RD APRIL	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10.00am	Pope Francis
		SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	6.00- 6.30pm	
TUES	4 TH APRIL	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK . CHRISM MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL	11.30am	
WED	5 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10.00am	Muriel Callaghan
THURS	6 TH APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00pm	Bernard Johnson
FRI	7 TH APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	
SAT	8 TH APRIL	EASTER VIGIL	7.30pm	All Parishioners
SUN	9 TH APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00am	People of the Parish

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 Joanna (Eve) Simons, Frances Prosser, Archbishop Ward, Canon Bill Isaac, Canon Reidy, Fr Sean Clancy, James McCarthy, Michael Hurley, Yolanda Da Mota, Wladyslaw Struck, Marjorie O'Leary, Sheila Flower, Joan Patten, Muriel Callaghan, Derek Utley, Carmelo Camileri, Bernard McCarthy, Beatrice Sultana, David Condon, Terence Dorgan, Desmond Johnson, Nora Mackie, Shirley Bulpin Maureen Jackson, Anthony Conway, Honora Straughan, Rosario Tannorella 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 Betty Knight, Terry Burnett (Snr) and Michael Conway who passed away 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 two Special Intentions**

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.

CAUTION: We love having children in Church and seeing them explore, however please can I ask parents to be mindful of the hazards; especially supervise your children around the candles, kneelers, steps, the toilet and in the garden. It only takes a second for an accident to happen.

HOLY WEEK: This week is the most Holy Week in the year. **TOMORROW MONDAY 3rd APRIL, at 6-6.30 pm** we will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Exposition**. During the past few weeks we have been hearing much about turning back to the Lord and asking His forgiveness for the times when we have gone our own way. If you haven't taken up the chance to receive the Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a good while, this is your chance. Hopefully, there will be two priests and opportunities for face-face or in the Confessional. What better way to start Holy Week.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU! This weekend we say "Goodbye and Thank You" to Peter Knight who has been Head Teacher of St Patrick's these past four years. He now takes on the role of Deputy Director of Catholic Education within the Archdiocese.

Peter is a gifted teacher and administrator and with his talent and love of music will be an asset for the many Catholic Schools found within this part of Wales. I know of his deep Faith, and unswerving loyalty to the Church, and hope this will be shared with those who he encounters these next few years.

On a personal note, we've become good friends and share each other's joys and sorrows but as I said during the Thanksgiving Mass, Peter like all Teachers are sowers of God's Word and before it grows and matures he must leave and "sow the seed in another field".

We must also welcome our new Head Teacher, Sarah-Marie Jones who I know will show the same dedication and commitment to Jesus of the Beatitudes and share with both children and staff a love for the School, Parish and the wider community.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents please make sure that Mass is attended each week, home tasks are completed, **and please try be on time for classes**. From time to time you will be contacted by e-mail, so please reply so we know it has been received. marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com. Thank You

APPEAL FROM CHURCH CLEANERS: We have a fantastic group of volunteers who clean our Church regularly, but lately they have had to contend with, sweet wrappers, drinks cans, chewing gum (YUK!) lots of crumbs, crisps and used tissues (Double YUK!) Please do not bring eatables into the Church and if you do use tissues..... please take them home.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: : 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 - Come & Join Us!
A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board 4* accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Price: £660.
Bookings available now via Tangney Tours.

LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners and this week we will be looking at the Lenten Season. This is a discussion group, not a prayer group and we find out 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. When the nights get lighter we may try to meet in the early evening. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

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: New Stock In !Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are new beautiful Easter Cards and Gifts. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free.
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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 25th/27th March £ 578. 94

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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This weekend we start Holy Week when we follow Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, to be followed by Maundy Thursday

“ Come and Eat, Come and Drink, THIS IS MY BODY. THIS IS MY BLOOD”

The Christian world comes together to stand at the Cross with Jesus as He offers Himself to His Father on Good Friday. We stand with Mary, bewildered and mystified in the depths of despair at the suffering and death of her Son, like her, not comprehending the true meaning of Holy Week.

Jesus is eventually placed into the arms of His Mother, no longer the infant but the lifeless body of Jesus the Man, the Pieta.

The ugliness and the grotesque image of the suffering and death of the Lord gives way to the New Life of the Risen Lord, Darkness no more, only Everlasting Light.

**“ Hosanna to the King of Kings. Welcome Jesus, Messiah to Jerusalem.
Hosanna in the Highest”**

Take this opportunity to come with Palm branches to wave in welcome as Jesus comes among us. I understand that there may be some who are unable to join the faithful in this wonderful celebration, but maybe you could take a palm for them, so that they too can welcome Jesus into their homes. What Palms are left will be burned and recycled and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday 2024.

At every funeral that I have officiated at since my ordination I've taken a Palm Cross and placed it into the grave or left it on the coffin when leaving the Crematorium. My Mother always placed the 'New Palm' behind the Calendar and I expect you do the same.

Lent is coming to its end and if you've failed to follow Jesus into the desert on His Penitential Journey take this opportunity over these next few days, as it's never too late to follow in the footsteps of the Lord.

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An old priest was dying. He sent a message for a banker, and a lawyer, both parishioners, to come to his home.

They were ushered up to his bedroom in the presbytery.

The priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. Grasping their hands, he sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling.

For a time no-one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were flattered that the priest would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled: the priest had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness and avaricious behaviour that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said “ Father, why did you ask us to come?”
The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly
“Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go.”

A man is driving in America, when he picks up a Navajo man hitchhiking. They are making small-talk when the Navajo notices a brown paper bag with something in it. The driver notices his glance and explains. 'That's a bottle of wine. I got it for my wife'.

The Navajo man nods solemnly 'Good trade'.

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Three weeks after her wedding day, Daphne called her mother. 'Mum' she wailed 'John and I had a dreadful fight' 'Calm down' said her Mum 'It's not half as bad as you think. Every marriage has to have its first fight.'

'I know, I know' said Daphne. ' But what am I going to do with the BODY?'

