

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 3

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

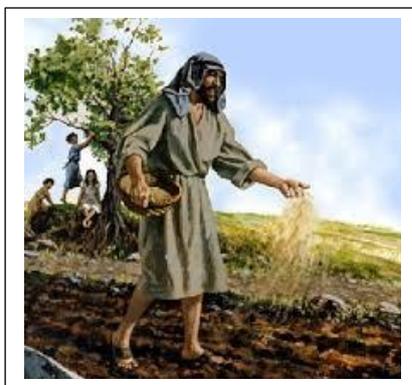
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**MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT (Feast)</b>	<b>Eddie Hall</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (SEA SUNDAY)</b>	

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Kevin Sullivan</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>ST BONAVENTURE (Bishop) Memorial</b>	<b>Emilio Forte</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>16<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>17<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Jim and Maisie</b>

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>William Mooney</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	

**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 pray that they may receive every grace and blessing. We pray especially for the Repose of the souls of Antonietta Attanasio who has died recently. May they Rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for William Manley, Mary (Marlene) Simons, John Leaver and Katina Micallef whose anniversaries occur at this time. Let us not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, as well as a prayer of thanks to those working in our hospitals and care homes. Risen Jesus, Hear Our Prayers.

**CANDLES FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Each week votive candles are lit by you, they last approximately 2hrs. 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. A second candle will be lit for the sick and housebound. Candles for specific people will continue to be lit each week. **This week's candle will be lit for Antonietta Attanasio**

**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.

**WHEN IS THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER? :** Please see later in the newsletter.

**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

**FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, MEETINGS AND CLASSES** At the moment all have been suspended

**CONTACT:** As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So maybe when the isolation comes to an end we can take names and telephone numbers ( if we are allowed by data protection) so contact with the vulnerable can be undertaken. Don't forget to pray for the sick and those who look after them and all who are isolated not forgetting those who are and will continue to suffer through lack of food , water and justice.

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** The readings for the day will hopefully be posted each day as well as other items of interest. There are links on the website which may help you with your devotion.

**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

Holy Mass can also be watched on television on Channel EWTN

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

Well, you came ! so may I thank you for attending the ‘Grand Opening’ of St Patrick’s Church. As expected there were no queues like they had at IKEA but people understood we were offering something far greater than what IKEA or McDonald’s were offering: a one-to-one meeting with the Lord.

***“Come to me and I’ll give you my Peace and Love”***

You can’t buy that in any shop in Cardiff !

For those who came, you saw part of the Church had been cordoned off, and there was hand gel and wipes.... all for your protection. This did not happen on its own accord, rather a number of people cleaned and stayed to help, marshalling parishioners safely in and out of Church.

Any Church building like St Patrick’s is simply a place of meeting, an assembly point. We come as individuals into a building, there becoming a family, giving Praise and Honour, allowing us to be fed by Words and Sacrament ( Body and Blood of Jesus) then being sent to proclaim the Living Lord within the Community.

***“Clothe the naked, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, fight for justice”***

That’s true religion..... Loving God through our neighbours.

***“ To work is to Pray. LABORARE EST ORARE”***

All of the above has been going on here and throughout the Country even though the Church doors have been locked. The work of the Church is and always will continue as a living sign of Christ’s Love for the Children of the Father.

**ST PATRICK’S OPENING TIMES : MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 11.00AM - 12.00 noon**

An expression I’ve used for many years is:

***“Blessed are those who plod on”***

I can relate to those who are plodders, those who pace themselves and I would consider myself to be a ‘Plodder’.

You know the type of person I am talking about, not showy or self-centred, built not so much for speed but for endurance. They have been tried and tested in life, who carry the scars of battle, and will not give up, And may I add not in any way a saint.

***“I chose you, you did not choose me. I chose you in your weakness to bear witness to me.***

***What the world considers weak and feeble, the Lord transforms”***

Over the years I have encountered those who wish to change the Church and the World.

‘I’m going to do this and that. I’m the New Kid on the Block’ and after the first hurdle or disappointment, give up. No stamina or perseverance.

It’s like today’s Gospel, the Sower and the Seed. Those who are distracted, preoccupied with themselves, wither away along with those who spring up and wither for no depth of earth, no stamina or perseverance.

But the ‘Plodders’ preparing themselves to receive the Word of the Lord, welcoming that Word, taking their time in recognising their limitations and shortcomings are the living breathing Seed of Jesus the Sower.

***“Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.***

***Listen to these words of mine and produce the Harvest of Good Works”***

Have you noticed how the evenings are drawing in.... it will soon be Winter and Grangetown will be covered in snow... can’t wait !

One of the many good things that my predecessor Fr Jack Fahy did was to install a heating system. I’ve been in a few Parishes over the years but our heating system here is one of the best.... It’s not pretty to look at, but it works. When we put it on please keep the back doors of the Church closed and the Church will remain warm!

Each year we have it serviced and each year within two days they send us the bill. This year £2, 600, a full service plus a number of items that needed to be renewed.

Since the Church has been in lockdown, I’ve not mentioned money. Many other parishes ask each week for their collection. You know I don’t like asking or talking about money but please if it is possible, consider an increase in your collection when we meet again for Mass. If NO money, No heating---- it’s only a joke !!

May I thank those who have been contributing to the upkeep of the Parish by putting money in envelopes through the Presbytery door. All contributions gratefully received. Thank you.

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!



“ I knew the woodpeckers were a mistake”

Two construction workers were toiling away on a sweltering hot day. Pointing to the supervisor Mick said to Dave “ How come we do all the work while he sits in the shade under a tree and gets all the money?”

Dave replied “ I don't know. Why don't you go and ask him?”

So Mick went over to the supervisor and said “ Hey, how come we do all the work while you sit in the shade and get all the money?”

The supervisor answered simply “ Intelligence”

Mick looked bemused “ What do you mean, intelligence?”

The supervisor said “ I'll show you” He put his hand on the bark of the tree and said “ Hit my hand as hard as you can”

Mick summoned up all his strength and pent-up frustration and prepared to land the hardest punch he could muster. But just before he made contact, the supervisor pulled his hand away, leaving Mick to crash his fist into the tree.

As Mick nursed his sore hand, the supervisor smiled and said “ That's intelligence”

Still smarting, Mick went back to Dave who asked “ What did he say?” With a wry grin, Mick promised to explain. He looked around for a tree but couldn't find one. So he put his hand on his face and said

“ Hit my hand as hard as you can .....

A frog went to buy a new lily pond but he had run out of money, so he went to the bank for a loan. He sat down at a desk and introduced himself as Kermit Jagger, son of Mick Jagger. He was interviewed by a bank official named Patty Whack who asked the frog what he could offer as collateral.

The frog reached into his briefcase and produced a vase, but Patty was unimpressed. “ I'm afraid we'll need something more than that” she told the frog. “ It's just a cheap knick-knack,”

But just to cover herself she decided to show the vase to the bank manager who claimed to know a thing or two about antiques. “ I've got this frog named Kermit Jagger” she said “ and he's brought this vase in as collateral. What do you think?”

The manager registered the name, took one look at the vase and said “ It's a knick-knack, Patty Whack, but give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone.”

Three men with impaired hearing were walking down the street one day in March.

One said “ Windy, ain't it ?”

“ No” said the second “ It's Thursday”

The third man said “ So am I. Let's have a Coke .”

### YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN :

Without health, without wealth; without fame,

without a great name;

without learning, without earning;

without culture, without beauty;

without friends, and without ten thousand other things;

But you can NEVER go to heaven

without

**Jesus**

