

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF  
OUR LORD**

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Psalter Week 2  
Sunday 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	28 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	6.00pm	Margaret McCarthy R.I.P Angela Venables R.I.P
SUN	29 <sup>TH</sup> MAR		10.00am	Phyll and Abbe Cohen R.I.P
MON	30 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10.00am	People of the Parish
TUES	31 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK CHRISM MASS IN ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL	11.00am In St David's	NO MASS IN ST PATRICKS
WED	1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10.00am	Christina Lewis R.I.P
THURS	2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7.00PM	Muriel Callaghan R.I.P
FRI	3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY	3.00PM	
SAT	4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)	7.30PM	People of the Parish
SUN	5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY; THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	10.00am	People of the Parish

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:**

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Rosina Tanti, a Special Intention, and Eileen McNeill (nee Driscoll) May they rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Annie Hall (1976), Thomas Williams (1980), Eliabeth Aranaz, Winifred Miller (1982), Muriel Callaghan (1984), Elizabeth Cross (1985), Sydney Lewis, Peter White (1986), Vera McAndrew (1989), Edward Roberts (1990), James O'Brien, Jade Roche (1991), Henry Jones (1992), Margaret Ann Madigan (1993), Wladyslaw Struck (1996), James O'Leary, Joseph Bradley, Joan Patten (1997), Gemma Hanlon (1998), Marjorie O'Leary (2001), Frances Prosser (2003), Leslie Allsopp (2006), James McCarthy, Michael Hurley (2008), Michael Curmi (2010), Yolanda Da Mota (2013), Edith Palmer (2015), Guiseppe Ianucci, Bernard Largo (2016), Roy Deans (2018), Spiro Tani (2019), Michael Bourge, Shelia Flower (2021), Matilda Felices, Joanna (Eve) Simons (2022), Patrick Driscoll (2023), Valerie Williams (2024), Beryl Collie, Fr Martin Mulroy (2025) and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time. 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.

**CANDLES** You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week candles will be lit for a Special Intention**

**SVP CAMINO PILGRIMAGE:** Chris Hinds starts the Pilgrimage on April 11<sup>th</sup>. **2 weeks** to go !! She will be walking 76 miles, from Baiona on the border between Portugal and Spain to Santiago in North West Spain. You will be able to track her progress on the Parish Website. We have reached and exceeded the Fundraising Target set by the SVP National ( £1500) ! WOW! A big 'Thank you' to all who have given so generously.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.** Anyone who would like to receive this Sacrament as part of Lenten preparations please see Canon Mike after any of the Masses. There are guidance leaflets at the back of the Church.

**HEART SPEAKS TO HEART – A SIX-WEEK PROGRAMME for LENT: LED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK**

Please look at the Parish Website for the links.

**"THE CHOSEN"** is a groundbreaking, multi-season historical drama series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, seen through the eyes of those who met him. Download the link <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> and start at series 1. Well worth watching.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** If you use envelopes please collect your new box. These start after Easter. Thank you to all who have signed up for this. There is no cost to you and it means the Parish can collect an extra 25p from the Tax Man for every £1 you give

**LIVE STREAM LINK:** Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 6 rows of the church.

**PIETY STALL:** Easter Cards have arrived!! Also Mothering Sunday gifts half price.

**DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE:** Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

**OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES:** THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses There is a box at the back of the Church.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses. There is also a link to the online stream. Find out more, [www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)

**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 indicate if the person is deceased.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** 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 Ward details if possible. Chaplaincy 02921 843230 Please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion contact Canon Mike.

### WEEKLY 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.

Take this opportunity to come with Palm branches to wave in welcome as Jesus comes among us. I understand that there are many unable to join the faithful in this wonderful celebration, but maybe take a Palm from previous years, Bless yourself and welcome Jesus into your homes. What Palms are left will be burned and recycled and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday 2027.

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

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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A priest was finishing up a homily about temperance. With great expression he said “ If I had all the beer in the world, I’d take it and throw it into the river.”

The congregation nodded approval and shouted “Amen”

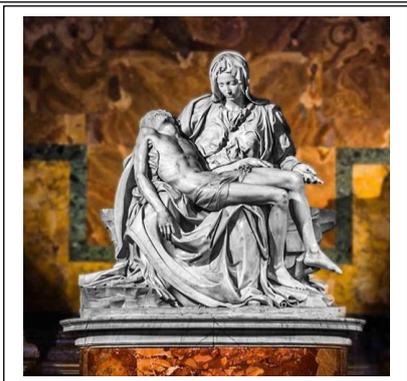
“ And, if I had all the whiskey in the world” said the priest “I’d take it and throw it into the river”

The congregation said again “Amen”

As the priest sat down, the music minister stood and announced “For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365:

“Shall we gather at the River”

And the congregation all sang “Amen”.



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.”