

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Reading Cycle B
 Psalter Week 2
 Sunday 17TH JANUARY 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	16TH JAN	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernadette
SUNDAY	17TH JAN		
MONDAY	18TH JAN		
TUESDAY	19TH JAN	Weekday of Ordinary time	Olwen and Albert Hall
WEDNESDAY	20TH JAN	Weekday of Ordinary time	Nikos Suerers
THURSDAY	21ST JAN	ST AGNES (Memorial)	John Good
FRIDAY	22ND JAN		
SATURDAY	23RD JAN	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
SUNDAY	24TH JAN		

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.

Please remember Fr Bill Isaac in your prayers that he may be restored to good health.

We pray especially for the Repose of the soul of Fr Jim McKnight who died recently. May he rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for Giovanni Buhagiar, Miguel Felices, Kathleen McCarthy, John Lopatagui, Elizabeth Cowley, Stephen Holihan, Maria Collins, Phyllis Doolan, Horace Wood, Kathleen Watt, Terence Morissey, Denis Straughan, Alan Greenslade, Gionnie DeSanti, Kathleen Casey, Nora John 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.

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 Leslie Brown**

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside of the envelope.

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

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.

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

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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Well, my friends, this coming week will see us enter the third week of January. It will soon be Christmas! Each day brings us joy and sorrow. For some, there is great trepidation of getting out of bed, afraid of what the day might bring, and there are others even before sunrise who are ready and able to experience the adventure which lies ahead. Whoever you are, just be thankful you're alive. So, live the moment, not dwelling on past mistakes or contemplating your future, but living each moment with a sense of purpose and expectation.

Today's first reading is one which I've read many times, about the old priest Eli who was full of wisdom and knowledge and his apprentice, Samuel. Eli had been a priest for many years and was given the help of Samuel.

Samuel was there to learn and to ask questions of the wise, old man.

It was during the night that Samuel heard a voice : **"Samuel"** " Here I am" he replied

He thought it was Eli calling him, but it was not. " I did not call you, Samuel. Go back"

Samuel was to hear the voice three times and on the third occasion Eli told him

" Now go back and when you hear the voice, say ' Here I am Lord. I'm here to do your will.'"

The call was to service, to serve the People of God.

I pray you don't hear a voice in the night, because if I did I would be out of bed as quick as a flash.

All of us are called by that inner voice of the Lord, called to Service. There are many ways to serve the Lord, through our neighbours, but what is important is the acceptance of the Call.

" Here I am. I come to do your will"

Life has taught me that there are many people who do not hear that inner voice of the Lord, but hear the cries and the helplessness of others, and are willing to help those less fortunate than themselves.

What is important is that we do something. Doing nothing is NOT an option. No matter how small an action, you've achieved greatness. That's when you're able to sleep and jump out of bed the following day ready to continue the good works.

"Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

AMERICA 2021 We all saw the distressing scenes last week in Washington DC of the 'mob' attacking not so much a building but what it represented: Liberty, Justice and the legitimate home of the American People. Let us not forget to pray this coming week for the U.S.A, that a divided country may be healed. Joe Biden, is the second Irish-American Catholic to be inaugurated as the President of the U.S.A and I hope and pray that unlike John F Kennedy there will not be an attempt on his life.

Let us pray that Joe Biden will be given the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and like Samuel of old say :

" Here I am Lord. I'm here to do your will".



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: The new diary for 2021 is now open. 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.

A kangaroo kept getting out of his enclosure at the zoo. After recapturing the kangaroo, the zoo-keeper put up a ten-foot fence. Again, the kangaroo was out the next morning, roaming around the zoo. So the fence was extended to twenty feet. But again the kangaroo was out the next morning. Frustrated, the zoo officials built a fence forty feet high.

A camel in the next enclosure asked the kangaroo, "How much higher do you think they'll go? The kangaroo said "About a thousand feet, I guess -- unless somebody starts locking the gate."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

An enormously wealthy 65-year-old man falls in love with a young woman in her twenties and is contemplating proposing.

"Do you think she'd marry me if I tell her I'm 45?" he asks a friend.

"Your chances are better" said the friend

"if you tell her you're 90."

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 as bad as you think. Every marriage has its first fight.!"

"I know. I know" said Daphne

"But what am I going to do with the BODY?"

