

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**Reading Cycle A****Page 127 in the New Orange Mass Book****Psalter Week 3****Sunday 25TH JANUARY 2026****Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies****peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk****Safeguarding Rep: C German****e-mail: Cge7618946@aol.com****ST PATRICK'S GRANGETOWN****CARDIFF CF11 7 LJ****Tel No: 20253514****Parish Priest: Canon Michael P Evans****Please leave your phone number and e-mail address****grangetown@rcadc.org****Website www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk****Facebook Page:****Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -****www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk****MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	24 TH JAN	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Jimmy Mackie R.I.P Janet Doyle R.I.P
SUN	25 TH JAN		10.00am	Lloyd Ferreira R.I.P Angelina and Family
MON	26 TH JAN	MEMORIAL OF SS TIMOTHY AND TITUS	10.00am	People of the Parish
TUES	27 TH JAN			
WED	28 TH JAN			
THURS	29 TH JAN			
FRI	30 TH JAN			
SAT	31 ST JAN	THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Bernard Johnson R.I.P + Mary Johnson R.I.P +
SUN	1 ST FEB		10.00am	Millie and Bert Swaffield R.I.P Deceased members of the Union Family

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

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Janet Doyle and Patricia Barry May they rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Jim Driscoll (1925), James Murphy (1981), Joseph O'Hanlon, Neil Williams (1982), Arthur Webber (1983), John Murphy (1985), Ann O'Keefe, Angelina Tanti (1986), Albert Collins (1987), James Jenkins (1989), Roger Walsh (1991), Charles Fry (1994), Alice Parker (1995), Patrick O'Leary, Trevor Stevens, Terence Cross, Spyridion Micallef (1996), Mary Regan (1997), Gerard Mahoney, William Chisholm (1998), Bart Stafford (1999), Joseph McDonald, Mary Jane Allsopp (2000), George Stevens (2001), Winifred Lawson, Bernard Johnson (2003), John Kendrick (2004), Michael Dacey (2005), Nileen Hayes (2009), Elisio Bermudez (2011), Miroslav Ruzicka (2012), Alan Parle (2013), Julia Kulinska, Lloyd Ferreira, Bernard Carter (2014), Paul Ray (2017), Michael Lyons (2018), Rose Bennett (2019), Colin Deans (2020), Victor Camilleri (2021), Teresa Tanti (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. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

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 Janet Doyle, Patricia Barry and a Special Intention**

APOLOGIES: Please accept my apologies for the lack of weekday Masses again this week. I went to Morriston Hospital last Tuesday at crack of dawn, waited 4 hours only to be told that it was off! I have since had a phone call to say that it is now this week. Pray that it is not cancelled again !

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK : Ref: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL (Please see full letter on the noticeboard)

"On Monday 26 January we invite those who can across Wales, to observe a day of fasting, to be in solidarity with those who are most vulnerable to the proposed Bill, and that those intent upon passing it, may undergo a change of heart. Let us all make our voices heard by engaging respectfully with our elected representatives ahead of this important decision for Wales."

LIVE STREAM LINK: A camera and all the tech stuff have been installed.. Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. This should be available on computers, tablets and phones. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 6 rows of the church. If you do not wish to be on the live stream please sit further back.

PARISH REPORTING PROFORMA FOR JANUARY : This is on the Events and Noticeboards at the back of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION after any Mass. just ask Canon Mike.

PIETY STALL: New Year Diaries and Mothering Sunday cards and gifts. New Stock is coming !!

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS These are available at the back of the Church £5.00

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
The Archbishop's December Newsletter is there as well as other interesting items.

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. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

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 the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 17th/ 18th January £ 720. 73

WEEKLY MESSAGE

You have often heard me talk about the Brecon Beacon Mountain Rescuers who told me that in complete darkness a small lit tealight can be seen from a great distance away. Of course I didn't believe them so they took me out one night to prove it. As they left me in the darkness I became disoriented, confused, lost. Which way must I go? Then suddenly I saw a tiny light in the distance. Now I was faced with a choice: do I walk further into the darkness into oblivion or do I walk towards the light? Which would you choose?

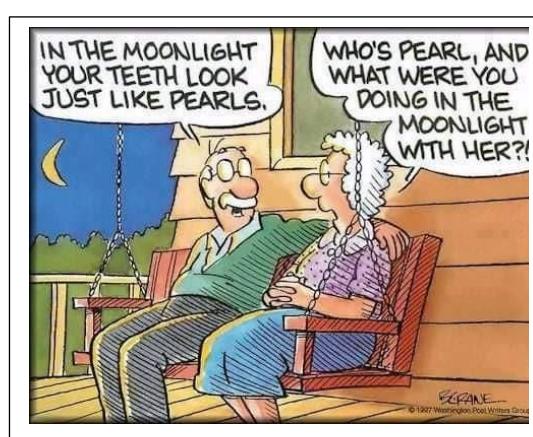
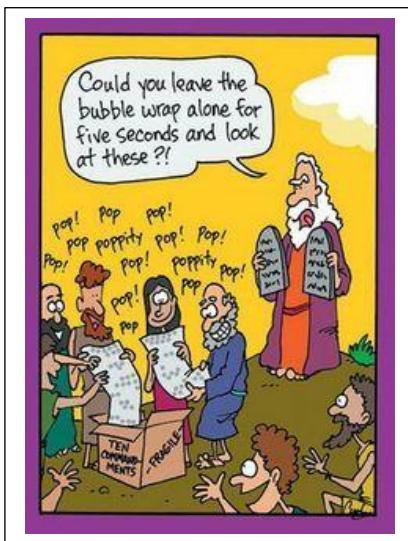
In the reading from Isaiah today we hear that the people walked in great darkness and then in the Psalm we hear that Jesus is our Light and our Salvation. We all know about the importance of light: without it we would not be able to live. But Salvation? What does that mean? It means deliverance, being saved, being rescued. And that is why Jesus came to us: to rescue us and to show us the Way.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life . I am the Light of the World"

In the Gospel we hear how Jesus chose His helpers, ordinary fishermen. He simply asked them to Follow Him, to take a step and follow Him.

He says the same thing to us today, to follow Him, to leave our old way of thinking behind and follow Him on the path that He walks, which will lead us to Salvation. Each day brings a whole raft of challenges, and in some cases disappointments. But He will help us navigate the potholes of life and shine a light on future triumphs. If.... we trust Him and follow Him . He is the Light that shines in the darkness that will guide our steps.

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"Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals."