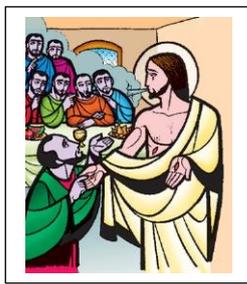


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Reading Cycle B
Page 255 in the Mass Book
Psalter Week 2
Sunday 7TH APRIL 2024**

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	6 TH APRIL	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.30pm	Bernard Johnson R.I.P
SUN	7 TH APRIL		10.00 am	Antonio Cicillini R.I.P
MON	8 TH APRIL	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	6.30pm	People of the Parish
TUES	9 TH APRIL	TUESDAY IN THE 2 ND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Ben Foday R.I.P
WED	10 TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY IN THE 2 ND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Alan Smith R.I.P
THURS	11 TH APRIL	MEMORIAL OF ST STANISLAUS	11.30am	Muriel Callaghan R.I.P
FRI	12 TH APRIL	FUNERAL SERVICE	10.15am	DENNIS DOWLE
SAT	13 TH APRIL	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Gillian Quinn
SUN	14 TH APRIL		10.00am	George Gould and deceased members of the Gould Family Winnie Tresedar R.I.P

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 for Muriel Callaghan, Carmello Camilleri, Bernard McCarthy, Derek Utley, Beatrice Sultana, David Condon, Terence Dorgan, Desmoind Johnson, Maureen Jackson, Shirley Bulpin, Nora Mackie, Anthony Conway, Honora Straughan, Rosario Tannorella, Jonathan Stevens, Alan Smith, Winifred Treseder, Elizabeth Annan, Evelyn Seymour, James Bradley, Guisepe Cordina, Bernard Brocklebank, Vivian Sweeney, Pauline Cocks, Stanley Wayne, Thomas Coles, Hannah Spencer, Christina Thorburn, Bernard Poole, Stuart Young, Bernard Stuart, Edna O'Reilly, John Murphy, Edna Lyne, Helen Mannings and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dennis Dowle, Jimmy Mackie and Valerie Williams who passed away recently. May they rest in peace. Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

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's candles will be lit for the Well Being of Philip Brocklebank, the Repose of the Soul of Marian, and the Well Being of Tony Clarke**

MASSES THIS WEEK PLEASE READ THE TIMES ABOVE. There is NO Mass on Friday

OPEN LISTENING SESSIONS: (Union of the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia). It is important that we get as many views as possible. The next session in the **Archdiocese of Cardiff** will take place on **15th May in the Cornerstone, Charles St Cardiff. at 5.00pm**

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

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

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please 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 (new number) please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

PIETY STALL: New Stock in. Lots to look at. **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. New envelopes are available this week.

QR CODE: Many of you will have seen the poster displaying the QR Code for the Parish. This is another way you can donate to the Parish. You will need a QR Code reader on your Phone.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, or Malachy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 30th /31st MARCH (HOLY PLACES) £248.47

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Most houses are well alarmed nowadays; the computerised alarm has become as basic an item as table and chairs. We also need to have good strong locks; long gone, at least in the cities and towns, are the days when you could just leave the key in the door, and let neighbours ramble in casually for a chat and a cup of tea. We are more fearful about our security than we used to be, and this fear and anxiety has led us to take more precautions to protect ourselves.

In the gospel we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even after an excited Mary Magdalene came to them from the empty tomb announcing that she had seen the Lord, this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them. .. which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord Himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them over their fear. He did this by breathing the Holy Spirit into them, filling them new energy and hope, freeing them from fear and releasing them to share in His mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," He said. In the power of the Spirit they came to life and went out from their self-imposed prison, to bear witness to the Risen Lord.

We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in their hiding place. Any combination of the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" can water down our commitment to following the Lord. Like the disciples in today's gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will for self-preservation can prevent us from doing what we are capable of doing with the Lord's help. The wounds we carry from earlier, failed initiatives make us hesitate to try again. However the Lord does not give up. He will find another way to enter our lives and to fill us with new life and energy for His service. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep Him out. He finds a way to enter the space where we have chosen to retreat and He empowers us to resist what is holding us back. He does require some openness on our part; at the least some desire to become what He is calling us to be. The risen Lord never ceases to recreate us and to renew us in His love. Easter is the season to celebrate the good news.

Just as the disciples were unmoved by the hopeful enthusiasm of Mary Magdalene who had seen the Lord, so Thomas was unmoved by the witness of the disciples who told him they too had seen the Lord. Thomas, it seems, was an even harder nut to crack than the other disciples. He is one of those people who insist on certain conditions being met before he makes a move, "Unless I see, I can't believe." As he had done with the other disciples, the Lord takes Thomas on his own terms. He accommodates Himself to Thomas' conditions and says, "Put your finger here." The Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. Let us pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."



**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**