

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle C
Psalter Week 3

Sunday 10TH JULY 2022

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	9 TH JULY	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Jim and Maisie Stenson Mary Ellen Taylor
SUN	10 TH JULY		10.00am	Spillane Family
MON	11 TH JULY			
TUES	12 TH JULY	FEAST OF ST JOHN JONES (Welsh Martyr 1598)	10.00am	People of the Parish
WED	13 TH JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Colin Henneberry, and Sean Kearney (Priests of Cardiff)
THURS	14 TH JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Kevin Sullivan +
FRI	15 TH JULY			
SAT	16 TH JULY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Emilio Forte and Patrick Cowley
SUN	17 TH JULY		10.00am	William Mooney+

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, Eileen Hayel, David Hasson, Martin Gillespie, Violet O'Leary, Katina Micallef, Albert Flynn, James Leonard, Monique Farrah-Madden, John Roberts, Frederick Cottrell, Kevin Sullivan, Caroline Rowley, Paul Driscoll, Beatrice McVay, Brian Amor, Julia McNeil, Eileen Bridge, Lily Chick, Brian Darling, Joan Wallis, Trevor Stevens, Frederick Tannetta, George Mannings, John Downey, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Cowley and Catherine Cruise who died recently. May they rest in eternal 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 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 Anna and Seb and the Well Being of Cath Milton.** Please place the T-Lights (**20p each**) from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

KEEPING SAFE: From time to time we need to remind ourselves about keeping ourselves safe. It seems that Covid 19 in one form or another is going to be with us for a long time, so hand sanitiser and spare masks will continue to be available as you enter Church. But there are other areas where we must take care. If you are visiting the Piety Stall please be mindful of the step up to the glass display cases. Also as you enter and leave the Church there are steps. There are hand rails to assist your ascent and descent, so please use them. Some people have begun to use the kneelers so please put them in the upright position at Communion Time so that there is a clear pathway for walking through the pews. And lastly candles..... start at the back please.

RELICS OF ST PHILIP EVANS AND ST JOHN LLOYD: The relics will be taken to the schools bearing their name and also visit St David's Cathedral Wednesday July 13th where Mass will be celebrated 11.00am and 7.00pm. Please see the website for more information about these saints who were executed at Gallows Field (now the junction of City Road and Richmond Road, Roath).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023 Baptised children currently in Y2 or above will be invited to enrol for the Sacramental group to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in Spring / Summer 2023. Registration forms will be available from the beginning of Sept 22. Children and their families will be expected to attend weekend Mass regularly if they wish to be part of the programme.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Canon Mike will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

SYNOD ACTION: Social Media : Are you a member of our parish Facebook page? The Facebook page has been established for quite a long time and has over 400 members. Canon's weekly message and the newsletter are shared each week, as well as Parish news and other information. Join us on: Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown - www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a Twitter account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door and mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let Canon Mike 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 02921 843230

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

PARISH WEBSITE Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections and there are links to various Masses on-line. The **JUNE** edition of the Catholic People Publication is also available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries. There is now a link to the Parish Facebook page and Twitter.

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MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Last weekend I celebrated 40yr of Priesthood 39 more years than what the Rector and Archbishop Murphy thought I would achieve . . . I'm still here, ready, willing and able to carry on serving the Lord through His Church . Many times I've sat thinking , " What has the Lord planned for me ?" no good pondering trying to understand the mind of the Lord let alone the mind of the new Archbishop !

I've also sat and thought about the past, of the good and bad times which have had me both crying and smiling. Again a waste of time because the past is a foreign country.

What the Lord is asking of me is to live in the present, to serve and love Him through my neighbour "A lawyer asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life , Jesus spoke to him tenderly ,

' You must love the Lord your God with all your heart mind and soul and your neighbour as yourself' "

These words come from today's Gospel and if we continue, we hear Him tell the story of The Good Samaritan, a story which people throughout the world have both heard and lived either as a person of indifference, walked on, leaving another person in need, been a victim of cruelty and abuse or being " The Good Samaritan " stopping to help another person in trouble . Which one are you ?

During my life I've played all three roles and I wish to share one of each which occurred during my time as a Priest . Let me start as Michael the victim . It happened early one evening when two people tried intimidating me to hand over cash which I had taken from a cash machine. From verbal to physical. No one came to my aid. Those around me, nicely dressed, going about their business walked on trying NOT TO NOTICE . The "Good Samaritan" came in the shape of a "Rough Sleeper" who scared off my assailants then picked me up and offered to buy me a coffee .

The second story shows me in a bad light. I did not show anger or force to another person but turned away when asked for help in St Mary's Street in Cardiff . I've told you the story of the woman from a doorway shouting at me for not only failing to give her money but ignoring her as though she did not exist .

The third story is the hardest to tell . It involves doing good. Me performing an act of charity... Michael Evans the Good Samaritan ! Is it false modesty that we don't wish to talk about the kind acts of charity which we have all performed throughout the course of our lives? I like talking about my old friend Veronica who we hear about helping the man Jesus on His Way to the Cross . When she opened her front door and saw this man carrying a burden she realised she was incapable of taking the cross away . She had the choice of slamming the door shut ignoring his plight or doing something . What she did was a simple act of charity. She took a cleaning rag and walked towards him offering in word and deed comfort to this person . That's what we are called to do each day of our lives to use the gift of speech to encourage and make a simple gesture of love and respect to others with a hug or something similar .

So yes , I have performed "Acts of Charity"

So as I move forward as a Priest, I have come to recognise my faults and failings but also recognise my many gifts and talents which I Thank God for. I know I'm a different man to what I was when the Archbishop ordained me 40yrs ago . I have physically, emotionally and spiritually changed over the years but still need the gentle touch and encouraging word of Jesus. I must change often : be reshaped daily into the image of Jesus of the Beatitudes and filled with the Spirit of Understanding , becoming aware of other people's needs, being able to hear the cry of the Helpless and being the Voice of the Voiceless , topped off with a Big Dollop of Humour .

So let's walk , pray and encourage each other as I head to my 50th .

