

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 2
Sunday 5TH April 2020
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MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

SATURDAY	4TH APRIL	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Muriel Callaghan , Paul Chidgey Winifred Gardner
SUNDAY	5TH APRIL		

MONDAY	6TH APRIL	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Bernard Johnson Frs William Morris, Felix Connolly Patrick Kerrisk
TUESDAY	7TH APRIL	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Maria Figueira, Pedro Figueira and Family
WEDNESDAY	8TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	
THURSDAY	9TH APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	10TH APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY	

SATURDAY	11TH APRIL	PALM SUNDAY : THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Maisie and Jim People of the Parish Bishop Thomas Brown
SUNDAY	12TH APRIL		

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 and that they may receive every grace and blessing. To all our parishioners who are indisposed you are sorely missed..
 We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Dolores Casal-Muniz who has died recently. May she Rest in Eternal Peace. +

CANDLES FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND Each week votive candles are lit by you, they last approximately 2hrs. 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. A second candle will be lit for the sick and housebound. Each week a named member of the Parish will be remembered by the lighting of a candle.
 Candles for specific people will continue to be lit each week. **This week's candle will be lit for the People of the Parish and all those who are sick**

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, MEETINGS AND CLASSES At the moment all have been suspended until further notice.

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

WAY OF THE CROSS: Our usual service for the Way of the Cross has been suspended. However, there are many on-line sites which would enable you to accompany Jesus on his Journey to the Cross.

Eg https://archive.org/details/The_Stations_of_the_Cross

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

Holy Mass can also be watched on television on Channel EWTN

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Hello and greetings from Grange Gardens. I've not abandoned you, even though we've not seen each other these past few weeks. As you've heard me say so often " We are family " and I feel responsible for each of you within the family of St Patrick's.

Each day I enter the Church into the presence of Jesus and plead with Him to care for you, and for all the people within Grangetown and beyond. I talk with Him from the heart, but if I heard Jesus talking to me, I would run !

Cast your minds back to the Gospel of Ash Wednesday. It talks about praying .

" And when you pray, go to your room and when you shut the door, pray to your Father who IS IN THAT PLACE"

Yes, the Lord is there. He is in your home, he is in your heart. There is no need to come to Pentrebane Street. Just recognise the presence of the One True God. The Church is only closed when you close your mind and heart to the Lord. You are the Church and Jesus lives in you.

I am lucky that I *can* live on my own. This has been my life for over 35 years. For others there is a feeling of being unwanted, forgotten, out of sight, out of mind. As I said in the last two newsletters since the Coronavirus Outbreak, pick up the phones and chat. Sadly I don't have your number but you have mine. I'll even pay for the call ! You'll not get that in any other parish !.

Sadly there are some who look for remedies to alleviate being lonely, turning to drink or drugs. The problem will still be there when you wake with a mighty hangover.

As I write these words others might be living through Hell in an abusive relationship. You've no place to run.. you're stuck in the house.

And for those who have children, some like screaming banshees roaming around not listening to you, you have my sympathy.

As a man who happens to be a priest, I feel ineffectual, inadequate, and I want and wish I could change the problems you carry, but I can't. I can only be with you, help you to carry them. The Theology of Presence. " Being There".

So look upon me as Veronica or Simon who was there for Jesus , so I'm there for you on your journey . Phone, write or talk to someone if not to me during these times of confinement and share your burdens . " You are precious in my eyes, I've not deserted you."

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday. Why not use last year's Palm, holding it in your hand and welcome Jesus into your home which becomes Jerusalem.

"All Glory, Praise and Honour, Welcome Christ the King"

I'll be saying Mass at 10.am for your intentions – the St Patrick's Family.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass will be celebrated, the Last Supper, where a place will be kept for you.

" Eat and drink. This is My Body, This is My Blood". Amen I believe.

GOOD FRIDAY

Follow Jesus on the Way to the Cross. If you have a Crucifix, why not hold it in your hand and kiss it at 3.00pm with me and the whole Church.

EASTER SUNDAY

This is the Day that the Lord rose from the Dead. Alleluia !

Alleluia is our song.

We are an Easter people, a people of Hope, of Joy, a people who have a future.

Again, I'll celebrate Mass on Easter Morning at 10.00am.

The Easter Candle will burn in the Church. The Light of the Risen Lord.

So why not place a candle on the kitchen table, your Easter Candle.

The Light of the Lord has come into your home.

May the Blessings of Easter be with you.

Michael, your friend and priest.



In the Lord we find Joy

**Pope Francis Prayer to Mary
during the coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of
the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus'
pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of all People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our
sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross.

Act of Spiritual Communion

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion. By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Two Mothers

*Long time ago, so I have been told,
Two angels once met on streets paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown," said the one to the
other
"I see that on earth, you too, were a mother.*

*And by, the blue-tinted halo you wear
"You, too, have known sorrow and deepest
despair..."
"Ah yes," she replied, "I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."*

*"But tell of your child." "Oh, I knew I was blessed
From the moment I first held him close to my breast,
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "I felt the same way."*

*The former continued: "The first steps he took-
So eager and breathless; the sweet startled look
Which came over his face – he trusted me so."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "How well do I know"*

*"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,
So stalwart and kind – and it gave me so much joy
To have him just walk down the street by my side"
"Ah yes," said the other mother,
"I felt the same pride."*

*"How often I shielded and spared him from pain
And when he for others was so cruelly slain.
When they crucified him – and they spat in his face
How gladly would I have hung there in his place!"*

*A moment of silence – "Oh then you are she –
The mother of Christ"; and she fell on one knee.
But the Blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.*

*"Tell me the name of the son you love so,
That I may share with your grief and your woe."
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
"He was Judas Iscariot: I am his mother."*

Author Unknown



LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

- Why did the skeleton cross the road? To get to the Body Shop.
- Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? Because he didn't have the guts.
- Why did the chicken stop in the middle of the road? She wanted to lay it on the line.
- Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide.
- Why did the sheep cross the road? Because it was tied to the chicken.
- Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the Shell station.

A rat catcher told the doctor " I was putting down some poison when one of those little blighters bit me on the finger"
" Which one ?" asked the doctor.
" How should I know? Rats all look the same to me."

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A man walked into a doctor's surgery and the receptionist asked him what he had. " Shingles" he replied.
So she took down his name, address and medical insurance number, and told him to take a seat.
A few minutes later a nursing assistant came out and asked him what he had. " Shingles" he answered.
So she took down his height, weight and complete medical history, and told him to wait in the examining room.
Ten minutes later a nurse came in and asked him what he had. " Shingles" he said.
So she gave him a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.
Fifteen minutes later the doctor came in and asked him what he had.
" Shingles" he replied. " Where?" asked the doctor
" Outside in the truck. Where do you want them ?"

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The doctor told his patient " I want you to take one of these orange pills with a glass of water first thing in the morning, then I want you to take one of these yellow pills with a glass of water immediately after lunch, and I want you to take one of these green pills with a glass of water last thing at night."
" What exactly is the matter with me" asked the patient. The doctor said " You're not drinking enough water. "

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A doctor was driving his four-year old daughter to pre school when she picked up a stethoscope that he had left on the back seat and began playing with it. Glancing in his mirror, he smiled at the thought that perhaps his daughter would eventually follow in his footsteps.
Then the child spoke into the instrument " Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

A few weeks into the lockdown, and my wife's suddenly taken up gardening, but she won't tell me what she is planting...

