

**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2021

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*Happy New Year 2021*

**COVID 19 AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY**

SATURDAY SUNDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> JAN 3 <sup>RD</sup> JAN	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	Ted Spillane, Tina and Leon Figueri ,Golden Wedding Anniversary
MONDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME</b>	Albert Millar
TUESDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME</b>	
WEDNESDAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity)</b>	People of the Parish 2021
THURSDAY	7 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME</b>	
FRIDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME</b>	Joan Cowley
SATURDAY SUNDAY	9 <sup>TH</sup> JAN 10 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	Lu 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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we pray that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the Repose of the souls of Ivor Taylor, Janet Underwood and Domenico Malacrinno who died recently. May they rest in Eternal Peace +

We also pray for Eileen Forrester, Alice Northcote, Genette Hughes, Patricia Price, Emilio Forte, Carole Hoddinott, John McCluskey, Joan Smith, Raymond Howells, John Thompson, Jeannette Paxton, Raymond Aviles, Carmelo Scavaglieri, Eugene Leonard, Eileen Union, Daisy Mooney, Philip Crean 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 George Mackie and Eddie Hall**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Tina and Leon Figueri who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them every Grace and Blessing and many more years of Happy Marriage.

**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.catholicv.org/masses/catholicv-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**

Speaking to the American People in 1932, President Roosevelt said, “ The only thing we have to fear, is ‘fear’ itself...”

A vast number of people are fearful of the future. For them, there is no future, they are afraid of the coming New Year. To remain in a state of fear and anxiety is to close our ears to the voice of the Christian message.

*“ Today a Saviour has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord.....  
For the People who walk in the valley of deep shadow ,  
a light has shone, the light to enlighten all peoples.”*

I write these few lines after returning from “ Bethlehem” and the Bells ring in 2021, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I encountered the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who welcomed me and reassured me of their Continual Love and Concern for each of us, for we are FAMILY. They told me they must continue their journey into the unknown, and have asked us to join them. Yes, it's not going to be an easy journey, but we cannot stand on the threshold of the New Year and not move forward.

I sat at the entrance of the Parish Crib and wept for the past year.... of the times I failed the Lord and you., my short-sightedness, stupidity and foolishness. But Our Lady like any mother, wiped away the tears, held me in her arms , kissed me and told me I was loved, because I am precious in her eyes along with Jesus, Joseph,..... FAMILY.

That kiss, that embrace, those kind encouraging words were for all of us . Like the Angel bringing the Message of Christmas I bring you as the New Year Messenger, the Message of Hope, Love and Re-assurance.

We must be New Year Messengers and share with others:

*“ I bring you news of Great Joy”*

As I walked away from the Holy Family, I saw in the distance, the arrival of the Three Wise Men, bearing Gifts, not of Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh, but of Expectation, Future and Hope. I encountered a fourth Wise Man plodding along on a donkey bringing the gift of Vaccine. Remember the donkey is not a race horse, sleek and fast, but a plodder and reliable, who in time will bring the gift of healing. So, patience, my friend. It's on its way !

I wish to end with the words of the Queen's father, George VI . The World was over-run with the start of the Second World War. No hope or future , a war that brought misery and despair. So on the eve of 1940 he spoke these words trying to inspire and energise a fearful and depressed nation.

**“ We shall remain undaunted in the face of war. I said to the Man who stood at the Gate of the New Year**

**“ Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown” and he replied**

**“ Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.**

**That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way”**

Blessings with a smile

Your friend and Priest

Michael Patrick

Have a safe and Happy New Year

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**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.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** I always look forward to the First Mass of the New Year. I celebrated the First Mass of 2021 and in the tradition of previous years brought a lighted candle in honour of Our Lady and prayed for you and all people within the Parish and beyond , living or dead.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** The 'wife' thanks you for your generous Christmas Offerings. We are now able to put a deposit on a time-share in Merthyr Tydfil.

