

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2021

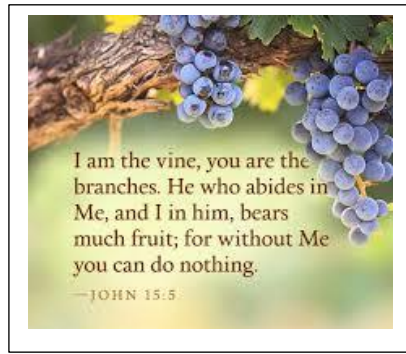
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SATURDAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.30pm	Helen Evans Claire-Marie Stevens
SUNDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY		10.00am	Sexton and Cowley Families
MONDAY	3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY			
TUESDAY	4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Tuesday in the 5 <sup>TH</sup> Week of Easter	10.00am	Elaine Palfrey and Michael Harbottle
WEDNESDAY	5 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Wednesday in the 5 <sup>TH</sup> Week of Easter	10.00am	Lynette and Brian Int
THURSDAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	Thursday in the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	10.00am	Antonio and Angelina Tanti and Family
FRIDAY	7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY			
SATURDAY	8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.30pm	Bradley Family
SUNDAY	9 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		10.00am	Ben Foday Evelyn Seymour

### 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 ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the repose of the souls of Ava Tudsze (Margaret Latham's Mother), Bernard McCarthy, and Colin Brown who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace+

We also pray for Michael Harbottle, Jozef Smolinska, Eileen Young, Helen Evans, Olwen Parle, James Brown, James Nolan, John Jeremy, Christopher Monks, Emmanuel Camilleri, Betty Mills, Carmela Miggiano, Gloria Mayor, Anthony Mahoney, Millie Dorgan, Cecilia Davidson, Frances Jones, Myra Millar, Ed Welsh, Phyllis Evans, Peggy Rein, Denis McNamara, Patrick Sullivan, Leon Thomas, Armando Cugno, Antonia Andrade, Cyril Callow, Patricia Callow, Mary Walling 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.

**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 Ellen and David Feehan and Arthur Nowland**

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

**LETTER FROM MR PETER KNIGHT (Head Teacher of St Patrick's Primary)** Please read further on in the newsletter.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Prayers and Good wishes for Fr Tim McGrath who celebrates his 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary.

**2020 MISSIO RED BOXES:** in the last year, despite our Church being in 'lockdown', St Patrick's has raised £1021.96. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and donations. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me at Mass or on the telephone number below. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of April. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box with Christine and not at the back of the Church. Thank you: Gerry McCarthy 02920 650 330

**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.

**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

**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.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.

### **WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?**

**Catholic People:** APRIL EDITION

**Caritas:** MAY- JUNE BULLETIN

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

Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'"

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

**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

**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.

**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. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution. Thank you to everyone who has used this as a way to support our Parish.

**CONFESSIONS:** For those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation ( Confession), I will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

**NEW COLLECTION BOXES:** These are now available from the back of the Church. If you pay Income Tax and you do not already Gift Aid your collection and you would like to do so, please do not take a box, but take a form so that a new numbered box can be allocated to you. There is absolutely no cost to you and we can claim back 25p extra for every £1 you give. Just fill in the form and give it to Pattie Johnson so that this can be arranged and you will be given a box with a new number.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

This weekend we begin the Month of May and for Catholics, it's the Month dedicated to Our Lady. This Saturday is also the Anniversary of my Mother's death. Each year I remember my Mother, at whose bedside I sat sixteen years ago, when Jesus fulfilled His promise: " Helen, I'm going to prepare a place for you in My Father's House. I shall return to take you home."

He took her home, brought her from her bed of pain and suffering and placed her into the arms of Mother Mary, His Mother, Our Mother. " Plant Mair"

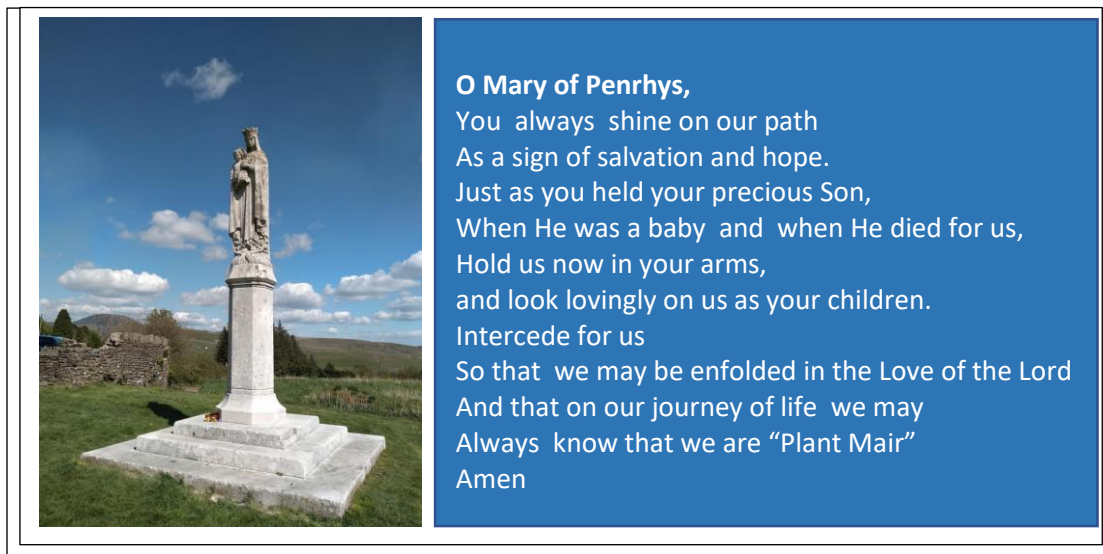
As you know, I was Parish Priest of Tonypany and within the Parish I had the housing estate of Penrhys, built on a mountain overlooking the valleys of Rhondda Fach and Rhondda Fawr. Well before houses were built in the 1960's, Penrhys, since the 15<sup>th</sup> Century was a place of Pilgrimage, one of the holiest sites in Christian Wales. Grangetown was part of Margam Abbey and here the Cistercian Monks would tend their sheep. Penrhys was a Grange of the Cistercian Abbey of Llantarnam ( home today of the Sisters of St Joseph), near Cwmbran.

At Fynnon Fair, Mary's Well, which runs down the mountainside, and is still active today, people would bring their sick to be cured. Legend has it that a statue of Our Lady 'appeared' in the branches of an Oak Tree. A statue was venerated until it was taken away during the time of Henry VIII and burnt in London. What was left of the shrine was destroyed by Henry's men. In 1953, a modern statue was placed there by Archbishop Michael McGrath and the Miracle of Penrhys is that the statue still stands, unchanged, as Mary looks lovingly upon her Children.

Sadly there is no official day in the Church calendar to honour Our Lady of Penrhys. As my Mother died on May 1<sup>st</sup>, I've looked upon this day as the "Feast of Our Lady of Penrhys"

May Mary of the Rhondda look gently upon us, our families and friends, and hold gently in her arms all those who have departed this life.

Our Lady of Penrhys, Pray and Stay with us.



Dear Parents and Parishioners of St. Patrick's,

As part of our improvement plans for the new academic year, we would love to develop our outdoor provision. We want to offer our pupils a safe green space and cycle track for outdoor learning, forest schools, cycle lessons and wellbeing activities.

The Lottery offers funding of up to £10,000 for projects where people and communities are working together and using their strengths to make positive impacts on the things that matter to them the most. They are prioritising projects that:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest stage

In order to submit a successful application for the funding of our project, we would like to know how our plans to develop our outdoor space could make a positive impact on community groups in the parish. We would like to offer our space and school hall to groups such as Guides, Brownies, Gardening Groups etc should we be successful in securing adequate funding. You may wish to re-establish a group that is no longer up and running, or set up a new group that would benefit from access to such facilities. We are particularly interested in welcoming retired members of our parish and how our children might benefit from their experience and skills.

Please complete the questionnaire by clicking on this link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3a5zFb\\_hrh22QBOjgPY8qaVmy4M7MVrcs8SEibtFJDLRtTQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3a5zFb_hrh22QBOjgPY8qaVmy4M7MVrcs8SEibtFJDLRtTQ/viewform)

Your input is appreciated and will be a key component in ensuring that our application for funding is considered.

Thank you for your continued support.

Peter Knight, Headteacher

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

**IF THE UNIVERSE HAD  
COME AS A FLAT PACK,  
IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN  
GOD A LOT LONGER THAN  
6 DAYS.**



After the Christening of his baby brother in Church, Little Johnny cried all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him what was wrong and finally, the boy sobbed, " That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"

Did you hear the one about the man who opened a dry-cleaning business next door to the convent? He knocked on the door and asked the Mother Superior if she had any dirty habits.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and then He rested.  
Then God created man, and then they both rested.  
Then God created woman, and since then, neither God nor man have ever rested.

After the fall, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. As they were passing the locked gates of the Garden of Eden, one of the boys asked, " What's that?"  
Adam replied " Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

**I'M SO CREAKY THESE  
DAYS I GET WD-40 ON  
PRESCRIPTION.**

