

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle B

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Psalter Week 1

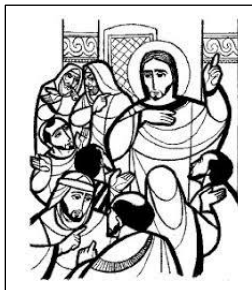
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	28 TH SEPT	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Well Being of Wanda and Jan
SUN	29 TH SEPT		10.00 am	Those who are travelling
MON				
TUE	1 ST OCT	MEMORIAL OF ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	6.30pm	Sick of the Parish
WED	2 ND OCT	MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	6.30pm	Dom Alan Rees R.I.P
THURS	3 RD OCT	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Staff and Children of the School
FRI	4 TH OCT	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	6.30pm	Olwen, Albert and Eddie Hall R.I.P
SAT	5 TH OCT	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Margaret and Tom Roche R.I.P
SUN	6 TH OCT		10.00am	All Missionaries

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.

Let us pray for the soul of **Tommy Kiernan, and Kim Wilson** who have died recently. We pray also for those who have died who have no-one to remember them.

We also pray for Carole Ann Allsopp, Rose Armstrong, Patricia Matthews, Alan Cross, Valerie Edwards, Peter McDonagh, Terence Monks, John Balde, Teresa Harrington, Peter Dorise, Dom Alan Rees, Paul Mallia, John Plevey, Cecilia Davies, Roman Marcinko, David Fitzgerald, Denis Calvin, Margaret Donovan, Fr Terence Anthony Shaw and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 Brigid and Bernard Johnson, Well Being of Lina Malacrino (90th Birthday on Saturday)**

MISSIO: Next weekend we will welcome Fr Bernie Luna (Mill Hill Missionary) to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's Charity for the World Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit. Thank You.

HALF MARATHON: This is next weekend the 5th + 6th October. Parishioners who live in Penarth and Barry will have difficulty getting to the 10.00am Sunday Mass because of road closures (Half Marathon). Grangetown, Canton and parts of the City are completely enclosed. Please check your route so you don't get trapped! You could come to the 6.30pm on Saturday.

HAPPY HOLIDAY: Fr Malachy will be going on holiday this Sunday for three weeks and we wish him lots of joy and happiness, a good rest and safe travelling on his journey to Nigeria. Hopefully he will come back refreshed, but with gloves and warm coat at the ready. Whilst Fr Malachy is away **Weekday Masses will change. Please look at the Parish Website or the Newsletter for details.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There is a meeting every weekend after the Masses of all the parents and candidates who have registered. After Mass please come and sit by St Patrick's Statue to get your attendance form signed and receive the new task for the week. **ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY MASS IS A REQUIREMENT.** Please check your e-mails for any new information and check your Spam or Trash just in case. Mary, Renata or Chris will be at the 6.30 pm Sat, or 10.00am Mass on Sunday). Mary's e-mail is marvstpatricksgrange@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2025 has begun. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, not just a request over the phone, so that he knows who you are.

OPEN EVENING AT MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL: Wednesday 9th October from 5.00pm with talks from the Head Teacher. This is for children in Years 5 and 6. Please look at the poster on the EVENTS Board in the Porch.

PIETY STALL: Calendars and Diaries now in stock. Come early to avoid disappointment. There are lots of cards and religious gifts suitable for all occasions at very reasonable prices. **Take care on the step if you look in the wall cupboards.**

FREE TABLE: On the table in the porch there is a variety of items that are free to a good home... cards .. all sorts.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the last Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: You can receive this Sacrament after any Mass, just let one of the priests know.

CONFIRMATION: We have been given May 11th 2025 for our Confirmations. We already have some names. In 1976 153 children were Confirmed on the same day in St Pat's. We have some way to go to beat that record! So, calling all young people Year 8 and above. Register NOW. Attendance at Weekly Mass is a requirement for all Candidates.

What is Confirmation? Confirmation is one of the seven Catholic Sacraments. It is one of the most important and sacred experiences that members of the Catholic religion can have. The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost and gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

COMING TO MASS: We have noticed that we are seeing lots of new faces in our Congregation. 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. Please make a note of the time Mass starts and if you can, be present for the whole of Mass. Well done to all who come early to 'get a good seat!!'

THE COUNT: Over the next few weeks we will be counting the number of Mass attenders for the Archdiocesan Statistics.

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 indicate if the person is deceased. 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.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 21st/ 22nd September £592.22

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 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

WEEKLY MESSAGE

In Mark's Gospel we often find a clash between Jesus and His disciples. This weekend's Gospel reading is one example of that. The disciples had a somewhat black and white view of people. Only those who were 'one of us', as they put it, could be trusted to do the Lord's work. Jesus had a much more nuanced view of people than His disciples. He could see that even those whom He had not formally called to become one of His disciples could be doing God's life-giving work.

Indeed, He makes the very generous spirited statement, '*Anyone who is not against us is for us*'.

That might be a good principle to take to heart in the times in which we live.

There are a lot of people who are not explicitly for the church, in the sense of practising their faith in the way we have come to understand that, and, yet, they are not against the church or the Gospel either.

The attitude of Jesus in today's Gospel reading encourages us to build bridges with all those who in some way share the church's mission to bring life where there is death, wholeness where there is brokenness, relief where there is suffering.

We can be partners in mission with those who are 'not one of us' in the strict sense. In these times we need the generous vision that Jesus displays in today's Gospel reading, rather than the much narrower one displayed by His disciples. Today Jesus is giving us an important instruction. He is telling us that anyone who is not against us is for us. Typically most human beings know which individuals support them. However, we also know which people may struggle with us, dislike us, or ignore us. We may allow these individuals to disrupt our internal peace and harmony. As human beings, many of us may care too much about what others think of us. Jesus, however, wants His disciples to be truly free. He does not want them to be jealous of others or to covet another's abilities and gifts.

He wants His disciples to appreciate their own gifts and gifts of others as well. Life is not a competition, yet many of us live as if it were. Today if you find yourself being critical of another person's actions, words, and being, **STOP!** Take a moment, breathe, and then change your reactive thoughts and your judgment. You may find that you feel more peaceful, relaxed, and calm. Judgment poisons our minds and our hearts. Release your judgment and relax and be at peace!

