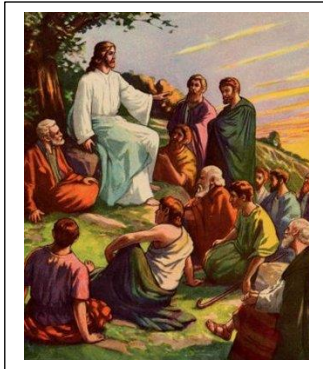


23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
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 Psalter Week 3  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
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THE CHURCH IS NOT OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER THIS WEEK.  
 MASSES IN THE WEEK

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| SATURDAY | 5 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> | 6.30pm  | Curran Family            |
| SUNDAY   | 6 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |  | 10.00am | Mary + Gerard O'Sullivan |

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| MONDAY    | 7 <sup>th</sup> SEPT  | NO MASS                                    |         |                |
| TUESDAY   | 8 <sup>th</sup> SEPT  | <b>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> | 10.00am | Fr Bogdan Wera |
| WEDNESDAY | 9 <sup>th</sup> SEPT  | <b>BLESSED FREDERICK OZANAM</b>            | 10.00Am | SVP            |
| THURSDAY  | 10 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>            | 10.00am | Con Callaghan  |
| FRIDAY    | 11 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | NO MASS                                    |         |                |

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| SATURDAY | 12 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> | 6.30pm  | Mary Connolly and Margaret Rees |
| SUNDAY   | 13 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |  | 10.00am | 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 soul of John Curran who has died recently. May he Rest in Eternal Peace +  
 We also pray for Fr Bogdan Wera, Rose Taylor, Peter Desmond, Margaret Pereira, Eileen Squire, Maria Tanti, Trevor Norman and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Let us not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, as well as a prayer of thanks to those working in our hospitals and care homes.

**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 Gould and Molly and Ron German**

**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.

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL:** This week many of our children will be returning to school after a very long absence. Let us remember them all in our prayers and all the staff at the school who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep thing ticking over by creating on-line lessons and are now making the school as safe as it can be. We wish you all a Happy Return. We also extend a warm welcome to Sarah- Marie Cullen who will be taking up her post as the new Deputy Head Teacher in the School. We wish her many happy years as part of St Pat's staff.

**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.

**MISSIO (RED BOXES)** Thank you to all who have been collecting their small change in the red Missio boxes. Last year (2019) we raised £1977.59. A marvellous effort. If you would like to have one of the boxes please see Gerry McCarthy and if you have one that needs emptying, please bring it along to Mass.

**THANK YOU** A special 'Thank you' to all our 'cleaners' who stay after Mass to sanitise the seats ready for the next Mass. Well done to those in the 6.30 pm Mass, we have a lot of volunteers. It takes about 10 minutes if there are about 4 people. If you would like to volunteer particularly for after the 10.00am Mass it would be much appreciated.

**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

**GIFT AID COLLECIONS;** The ‘Gift Aid’ and non-gift aid envelopes are now available for collection. Please see Pattie or Chris at the weekend Masses to get your box.

**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.

**WHAT’S NEW ON THE WEBSITE:** The readings for the day will hopefully be posted each day as well as other items of interest. There are links on the website which may help you with your devotion.

**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.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-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**

Listening this week to ‘Classic FM’ on the radio took me back to my first year in the infant school, St Joseph’s Neath, Miss Moran’s class. After our dinner ( lunch had not been invented) we would sit and listen to “ Listen with Mother” with Daphne Oxenford. “ Are you sitting comfortably? Then I’ll begin.” This was preceded by some music called the ‘Dolly Suite’ ----- what a memory!

We were waiting to hear the ‘daily story’ but we were also being taught how to sit still and to listen. Sadly children today, along with many of an older generation, find it impossible to sit in silence. Our society does not lend itself to stillness let alone silence. Everyone is on the move, everyone is making a noise, silence is alien to mankind. It’s not a curse that affects only today’s generation, even in the time of Jesus those whom He had called needed to come to a ‘lonely place to pray alone’.

Each week between the first and second readings we have the Responsorial Psalm. These were written thousands of years before the Birth of the Lord. He heard these words when He came to the Synagogue. They had been handed down to His generation and now we listen to the same words thousands of years since they were written.

*“ O that today you would listen to His voice. Harden not your hearts .....*

*Come in, let us bow down and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us.”*

You have heard me talk about the ‘Holy Silence’, coming into the presence of the Lord, bowing down before the God who made us. There is no need to talk, it’s learning how to be still and silent. As Newman said “ Heart speaks unto Heart”. He looks at you, you look at Him, an adoring love !

Why don’t you try to sit and listen to the voice of the Lord. The lonely place we’ve been summoned to is not a mountain top or an open field but to open our hearts. Hearts that are hardened will soon become hearts of welcome to that transforming presence of the living, loving Lord, the cause of Joy.

*“ Let us come before Him, giving thanks in silence. Let us hail the Lord,”*

Jesus speaks very softly.  
You can’t hear Him if you are  
talking all the time.



## Just a few reminders.

Thank you to all who come to Mass and are complying with the rules and regulations that have been put in place to keep you safe

**When you have chosen your seat, please do not decide to sit somewhere else because your original place will have to be sanitised before someone else can use it.**

**When it is time for Holy Communion which is at very end of Mass, please wait until the steward invites you to come forward. Even if you are not receiving, please join the line.**

**PLEASE USE TWO LINES TO COME FORWARD AND TRY NOT TO WEAVE FROM ONE SIDE TO ANOTHER.**

After you have received Holy Communion please leave the Church through either of the porch doors. You will not be able to return to your place so please take your bag with you when you go up for Communion. Also if you need to see me for any reason please sit in one of the transept pews so that the exit is unobstructed.

Be careful on the steps as you go through the porch. There is one step into the porch and two more as you step outside.

A steward be there with a bucket for the retiring collection.

Please leave the grounds of the Church and maintain Social Distancing at all times.

### **LIFE'S LIKE THAT!**

A drunk staggered to the men's toilet in a large restaurant. Meandering back, he suddenly stopped and put his hand on a woman's shoulder.

The woman recoiled in horror.

"Excuse me" he said "Did I step on your foot about five minutes ago?"

"Yes" she snapped "You certainly did!"

"That's good" he said "I knew my table was around here somewhere."



Among a group of tourists travelling Ireland, one woman was constantly complaining. The bus seats were uncomfortable; the food was terrible; the weather was too hot; the weather was too cold; the hotels were awful -- to her mind everything was wrong.

When the group arrived at the site of the famous Blarney Stone, the tour guide said

"Good luck will be following you all your days if you kiss the Blarney Stone. But unfortunately, it's being cleaned today and so no-one will be able to kiss it. Perhaps we can come back tomorrow."

"We can't be here tomorrow" moaned the unpleasant woman. "We have some other boring tour to go on. So I guess we can't kiss the stupid stone."

"Well now" said the guide "it is said that if you kiss someone who has kissed the stone, you'll have the same good fortune."

"And I suppose you've kissed the stone?" sneered the woman

"No ma'am" replied the guide, beginning to lose his patience with her, "but I have sat on it!"

A clergyman was walking along a country road when he saw a young farmer struggling to load a huge pile of hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off.

"It's a baking hot day" said the clergyman "and the sweat's pouring off you. Why don't you rest for a while?"

"No I can't" said the farmer "My father wouldn't like it."

And he continued loading the hay.

"But surely" continued the clergyman "everyone is entitled to a break. Here, have a drink of water."

"I'd better not" said the farmer. "My father wouldn't like it" And he continued loading the hay.

"Your father must be a real slave-driver" said the clergyman. "Tell me where he is and I'll give him a piece of my mind"

"He's under the load of hay."