

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 8TH JANUARY 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	7 TH JAN	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Brahim Family
SUN	8 TH JAN		10.00am	Lu Mooney +
MON	9 TH JAN	FUNERAL SERVICE	11.45am	GLORIA WEBBER
TUES	10 TH JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Joseph Long and Holy Souls
WED	11 TH JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Antonio and Angelina Tanti and Family Andrew Maggs
THURS	12 TH JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Souls
FRI	13 TH JAN			
SAT	14 TH JAN	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Conceicao Camacho
SUN	15 TH JAN		10.00am	George and Margaret Stevens

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.

We also pray for Carmelo Scavaglieri, Eugene Leonard, Eileen Union, Daisy Mooney, Philip Crean, Irena Tutka, Eugene Sheridan, Kathleen Cockwill, Bernard Stafford, Margaret O'Sullivan, Fr Andrew Maggs, Margaret Spriggs, Olwen Hall, John Collins, Joan Daly, Joseph Malfati, Rosemary Healey, Mary Fitzgerald, Thomas Coutanache, Robert Mills, Eileen Fairney, Catherine Norman, Patrick Greene, Barbara Murray, Denis Cook, Dorothy Rendell, Joseph Doyle 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Gloria Webber and Pope Benedict who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

CANDLES You can 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 the Well-Being of Ada Dattero, and a Special Intention**

If you choose to light a T-Light (20p each) please start from the top row down on the votive stands and light them with care.

POPE BENEDICT: 1927-2022 "Since he was a young man, Pope Benedict's encounter with Jesus Christ gave the whole of his life a new horizon and a definitive direction. We give thanks to God for his life of witness to the truth of the Gospel. May he now enjoy an eternal face to face with the Lord whom he served so faithfully." Archbishop Mark

THANK YOU: I wish to thank you for your attendance this Christmas and New Year particularly when St Patrick's was cold. The Gas Board cut the Gas off as they were afraid of an explosion and we have seen a number of deaths from gas leaks these past few weeks. It's better to feel the cold than the heat of one mighty bang resulting in death!

For those who visited the church you would have seen how the church and sanctuary were decorated tastefully and in particular our Christmas Tree and Crib. These focused our attention and drew us closer to the message of the Angels to come and pay homage. Many people mentioned the simplicity of style of the flowers and candles around the high altar. So to those who gave time and effort I wish to thank you.

Finally I'm now able to take the wife and kids to Barry, even push the boat out and head for the warm waters of Aberavon with your generous Christmas Offerings cards and gifts... 3 bottles of Tizer and 2 bottles of Dandelion & Burdock.

I remain with God's help and the NHS, your friend and priest for many more years

WEAR WARM: Sadly our heating system is still out of action, so please dress warmly when you come to Church.

DOORS: Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners. We are looking at the Gospel of St Mark and you find out all sorts of interesting things en route. We meet in the Sacristy at 2.30 pm on a Tuesday. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: The first meeting is this week. Parents who have registered their children to receive the sacraments should have received an email with further information. There is a new attendance sheet. Please return your completed one and collect a new one when you attend Mass. Please contact Mary Taylor marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com if you haven't received this email. Thank You

ARCHDIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2023: These are on sale as you come into Church £3.00

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), may do so at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 02921 843230 (new number)

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards. **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS: The diary for 2023 is now open. Please give your requests to Pat Johnson or Chris German. Please try to ask well in advance of the date you would like.

ONLINE DONATIONS: On the Home page of the Website is a link to enable you to donate directly to St Patrick's. Many of us are not using cash as much as we once were and if this is helpful please try it. Gift Aid can be automatically added with no cost to you.

GIFT AID If you pay Income Tax, St Patrick's can collect Gift Aid with no cost to you at all. This is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. All you have to do is sign a consent form. Please consider this.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 24TH /25TH December (Gift Aid) £149.00 31/ 1/ January 2023 -- £604.41

FACEBOOK : Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

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

PARISH WEBSITE Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. The Caritas Bulletin for **JANUARY** When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message. Also the Christmas Message from Pope Francis and the Catholic People Newspaper for **DECEMBER**

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Well it's the second week of a New Year and I expect you've broken the Promises you made New Year's Eve . As they say tomorrow is another day , a fresh start , making amends but this time recognising your limitations not setting yourselves unachievable goals then feeling you are a failure , a no-hoper a disappointment.

My parents and God Parents made promises on my behalf at my Baptism . . . did you know I was there but can't remember a thing . . . and this Sunday we all have an opportunity to renew these promises but this time WE make them not God Parents and if we have broken them as on New Year's Eve "Today" , let alone Tomorrow is that fresh start .

This weekend the Church throughout the world calls to mind the Baptism of Jesus . We find ourselves not at the stable watching the shepherds come out of the hills or the grand entrance of the Three Wise Men but standing observing John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah on the bank of the River Jordan .We have jumped thirty years from the infant to the Man Jesus about to set out on his journey proclaiming the Good News .

Even though you and I have broken our Baptismal Promises to follow Jesus and imitate Him in word and deed, He does NOT look upon us as failures or losers but speaks those wonderful words each day of our lives...

" This child is my beloved , my favour rests upon them . . "

These words were "Heard" at the Jordan from the Father of the Son when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus . That dignity given to Jesus is given to us , that Power given to Jesus is given to us and as Jesus was sent , commissioned to live Gospel values so with us .

You've heard me talk about the question asked of Pope Francis " What was the most important day of your life . . . Becoming Pope ? . Becoming a Cardinal ? . . . What was it ?

"The day of my Baptism for then I became part of the Church ,
brothers and sisters of Jesus and children of the Father .
A co-worker with the Lord "

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