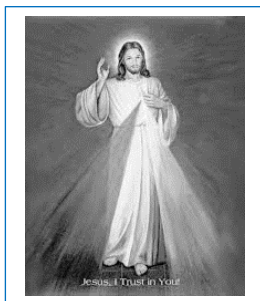


SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY
 Reading Cycle C
 Psalter Week 2
 Sunday 24TH APRIL 2022
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	23rd APRIL	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.30pm	Jack, Maureen and Janet Sexton
SUN	24TH APRIL		10.00am	John and Ann Flynn
MON	25TH APRIL			
TUES	26TH APRIL	Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Angela Osborne
		FUNERAL SERVICE	12.15pm	MATILDA FELICES
WED	27TH APRIL	Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	John Good
THURS	28th APRIL	Weekday 2nd Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Filomena Dimonaco
		FUNERAL SERVICE	12.00pm	(JOANNA) EVE SIMONS
FRI	29th APRIL			
SAT	30th APRIL	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30pm	Shirley Burnett and Baby Cheryl
SUN	1st MAY		10.00am	Helen Evans and Michael Harbottle

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, Thomas Alger, Abbie Cohen, Catherine Kitchen, Christina Leaver, Anthony Delgado, Maurice Kemble, John and Ann Flynn, Colin Brown, Bernard McCarthy, Amari Sharif-Driscoll, Susan Salama, Ellen Pryer, Ellen Chisholm, John Good, Mary O'Keefe, Margaret DeSanti, Margaret O'Callaghan, Mabel Cowley, Florence Hayes, Emma Regan, Catherine Ford, William Jones, Michael Harbottle, Jozef Smolinski, Eileen Young, Helen Evans and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Filomena Dimonaco, Eve Simons (nee Cowhig), Matilda Felices and Alan Smith who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. 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 Brian Seignott and All Souls.** The Votive stands have returned to their places at both side altars. Please place the T-Lights from the top row down and light them with care.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual 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.

SYNOD REPORTS: The Parish Report and the Archdiocesan Report are both available on the Parish Website.

COVID RESTRICTIONS: The wearing of Masks is now not compulsory. However, if you feel happier wearing a face covering, please continue to do so. Still in place: Sanitiser, no kneelers, pews in the centre of the Church still are taped for social distancing. Holy Communion is now in its rightful time in the Mass. Please do not rush to come forward, take your time and come in TWO lines returning to your seats down the side aisle. (Kneelers are still not to be used to facilitate walking through the pews). Masks to be worn whilst singing..... sorry. Please take a paper copy of the newsletter (if you can't access it online) as you come into Church.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES: The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will be celebrated in St David's Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday 14th May. Couples who wish to be included in the Mass Booklet should email flc@rcadc.org by 18th April. Married couples will be invited to make the Renewal of Commitment during the Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS : We congratulate Angelina and Luke who were married last week. We wish them every joy and blessing in the years to come.

MISSIO: 2021 Missio Red Box Donations - in the last year St. Patrick's has raised a superb total of £1,667.10. Thank you for this tremendous effort and please continue to support Missio in your prayers and your donations. I will be emptying Red Boxes during the month of May. If I am not present at Mass, please leave your Box in the Sacristy and not at the back of Church. If you do not have a Red Box at home and would like one, please contact me on the number below. Gerry McCarthy - 029 20650330

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards for First Holy Communion which is coming up in May

NEW COLLECTION BOXES: The new boxes are available from this weekend. 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.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There is a Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25-30th July 2022. More details are on the Parish Website and also www.tangney-tours.com/wnp

WANTED : READERS FOR MASS: A new readers' rota has now been created and we are need more volunteers for both weekend Masses but particularly for the 6.30pm Mass on a Saturday. Please contact Samantha Udry on: Email – SammieJay1491@aol.com

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.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let Canon Mike 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

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. There are links to various Masses on-line. The April Catholic People Publication is available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there also for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

It was during my time as Parish Priest of St Illtyd's Dowlais, that Mother Teresa died. A Community of her Sisters work tirelessly throughout the Heads of the Valleys as well as here among the rough sleepers in Cardiff. She came to the Beda College in Rome: a small diminutive figure of a woman, but a colossus in the world of spirituality. You've heard me say so often that the Church must be seen to be a humble serving Community of believers. As Pope Francis keeps saying we must "Have the smell of the sheep" and Mother Teresa was a living example of a true disciple: she had the "smell of the sheep".

It was some time after her death that she was assailed with doubts. Yes Saint Mother Teresa full of doubt and uncertainty, unbelievable, but true ! After hearing this she went up in my estimation, a fellow pilgrim, looking and searching for the truth.

Today's Gospel introduces us to another of This Man's disciples, Thomas. Thomas, like Mother Teresa could not believe in the Risen Lord.

"Unless I see the holes that the nails made and put my finger into His side, I refuse to believe!"

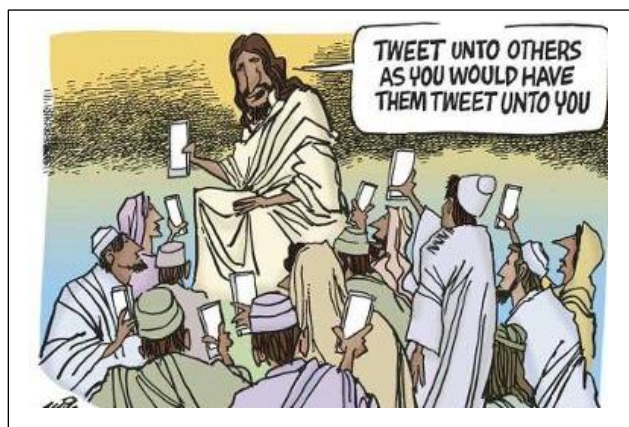
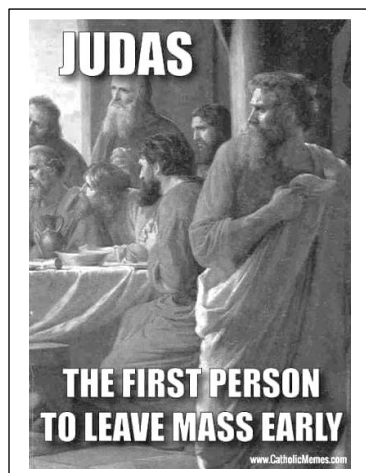
He was in the Upper Room, the same room where they came to eat the Last Supper and the doors were closed for fear of persecution. Not even closed doors could stop Jesus. There He met Thomas full of doubt and uncertainty, not reprimanding or reproving him, but gently and lovingly accepting where Thomas was on his spiritual journey and with words and gestures opened the eyes of his mind so he could see the error of his ways.

"Peace be with you. Doubt no longer, but believe."

I can see myself in Thomas, a man full of doubt and uncertainty. It is not wooden doors that keep the Easter Jesus out, but my stubbornness of heart, my failure to believe in the Living, Loving Jesus.

Let us no longer live in the past, but recognise that Jesus takes our hands in His and like Thomas we cry

"My Lord and My God"



Two guys are standing on a cliff. One of them has a row of budgies attached to his arms; the other has a line of parrots. They both stretch out their arms together and jump. A day later, in hospital, the first guy tells the second, "Well, I can't say I think much of this budgie-jumping craze." "Yeah, and I won't be paragliding again ever."