

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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**MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>		<b>William Mooney</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mary Downey</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> JULY</b>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE (FEAST)</b>	<b>Kath Williams</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> JULY</b>	<b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN (FEAST)</b>	<b>Mary O'Sullivan</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> JULY</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Roger Provoost</b>

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> JULY</b>	<b>ST JAMES , APOSTLE (FEAST)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> JULY</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	

**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 souls of Antonietta Attanasio and David Hassan who have died recently. May they Rest in Eternal Peace + We also pray for Albert Flynn, Kevin Sullivan, Jeffrey Plevey, Roger Provoost, Margaret Slaughan, Audrey Keane and Mary O'Sullivan 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. Risen Jesus, Hear Our Prayers.

**CANDLES FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Each week votive candles are lit by you, they last approximately 2hrs. 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. A second candle will be lit for the sick and housebound. Candles for specific people will continue to be lit each week. **This week's candle will be lit for William and Elizabeth Prosser**

**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.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY 11.00AM- 12.00 NOON**

**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

**FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, MEETINGS AND CLASSES** At the moment all have been suspended

**CONTACT:** As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So maybe when the isolation comes to an end we can take names and telephone numbers ( if we are allowed by data protection) so contact with the vulnerable can be undertaken. Don't forget to pray for the sick and those who look after them and all who are isolated not forgetting those who are and will continue to suffer through lack of food , water and justice.

**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.

**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

**Holy Mass can also be watched on television on Channel EWTN**

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

When I was in London I came across Max Bygraves who was visiting his old school in Bermondsey. Do you remember one of his catch phrases? “ I want to tell you a story..” Again on the radio and TV we were introduced to great storytellers “ Are you sitting comfortably? Then I’ll begin.” Some people have the gift of story-telling. One person who had the gift was Jesus. He gripped people’s attention and they were engrossed by everything He said. This Sunday’s Gospel is full of stories, we call them Parables, stories of everyday people and events with a Heavenly meaning. He talked about fishing, farming, people losing everyday objects , rifts within family life ( Prodigal Son) and last week’s story... about sowing the seed.

***“I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.”***

One of this week’s parables is about good and bad people who inhabit our world. People have asked since the beginning of time and will continue to ask... Why does God allow some to get away with diabolical liberties at the expense of the vulnerable and defenceless. ‘ Can’t God intervene?’ they ask, like some Cosmic Policeman, take them away and lock them up .

History is full of examples and you and I have experienced this at first hand. The answer given by St Augustine of Hippo 5<sup>th</sup> Century AD in his book ‘ The City of God’ on such things as the ‘Suffering of righteous people and the existence of evil’ is long complicated and perplexing. Jesus cut to the chase and simply said, that those who live by the word of the living God will eventually inhabit the ‘City of God’ and they will be rewarded, and those who sow the darnel “ Bad Seed” will no longer be classed as citizens of the ‘City of God’.

I can hear you say “ Why should the innocent suffer?” I don’t know. If I ever meet with the Great Story-teller in the next life I will ask Him.

Till then as Our Lady said to Bernadette, “ *I might not be able to make you happy in this life but it is assured in the next.*” So we must all live together in our world and I pray that those who live a life of luxury and grandeur will come to recognise their duty towards those less fortunate. We can only dream and pray for a miracle .

Taking time out from our busy lives or just giving ourselves a chance to be restful and quiet away from the noise and media is something we all should try. Those who came to Church for Private Prayer in the last two weeks have had that opportunity. The chance to sit in quiet reflection before the Lord, to give Him the opportunity to talk to us in the silence of our hearts and for us to listen, is an experience not to be missed. Thank you to those who came. Everyone is welcome. The Church is open again this week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.00—12 noon.

Many have asked ‘When is Mass starting again?’ There are lots of procedures that have to be undertaken and arrangements to be made so that we can have permission from the Archdiocese. I will let you know as soon as possible.



## LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

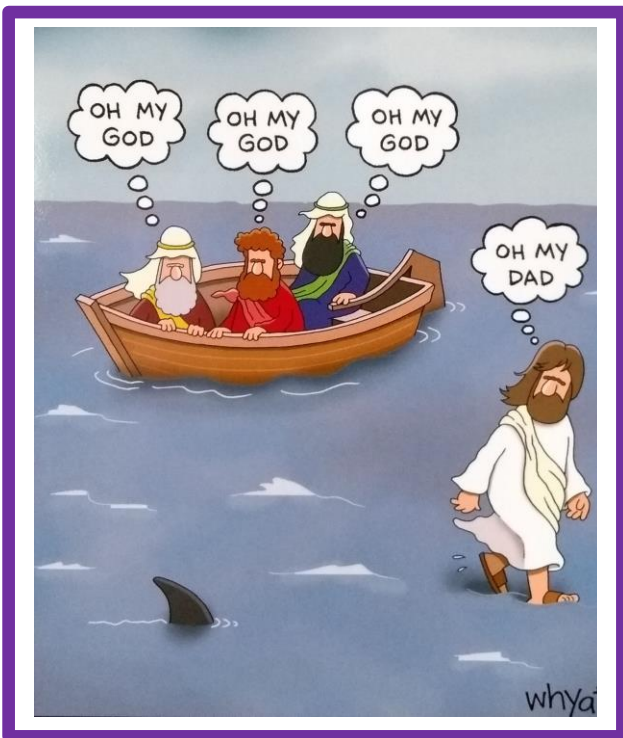
When the band began playing at an embassy function, a drunken politician asked. " Beautiful lady in red, will you waltz with me ?"

" Certainly not. First you are drunk. Second, it is not a waltz but the Venezuelan National Anthem. And third, I am not a beautiful lady in red , but the Papal Nuncio "

Policeman : " I'm , afraid I'm going to have to lock you up for the night."

Man : " What's the charge?"

Policeman: " Oh there's no charge. It's all part of the service."



The new priest was nervous about hearing confessions, so he asked an older priest to sit in on his sessions. After the young man had heard several confessions, the older priest asked him to step out of the confessional so that he could give him a few suggestions.

The older priest advised: "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand"

The new priest tried out the gesture.

" That's good" said the old priest.

" Now try saying things like ... " *I see, yes, go on*" and "*I understand, how did you feel about that ?*"

The new priest repeated what his colleague said and nodded sagely.

The old priest concluded : " Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying " *You're kidding ! What happened next?*"

