

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE /MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle A

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Psalter Week 4

Sunday 15TH MARCH 2026

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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| SAT | 14 TH MAR | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY MOTHERING SUNDAY | 6.00pm | Josephine Page R.I.P Margaret McCarthy R.I.P Angela Venables R.I.P |
| SUN | 15 TH MAR | | 10.00am | ALL MOTHERS |
| MON | 16 TH MAR | REQUIEM MASS | 12.00pm | PAULINE LUKAWECKYJ |
| TUES | 17 TH MAR | FEAST OF ST PATRICK | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| WED | 18 TH MAR | Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent | 9.00am | David Richards R.I.P |
| | | FUNERAL SERVICE | 11.30am | SHEILA DONOVAN |
| THURS | 19 TH MAR | NO MASS TODAY | | |
| FRI | 20 TH MAR | Weekday in the Fourth Week of Lent | 9.00am | John Moore R.I.P |
| | | FUNERAL SERVICE | 10.30am | JASON FRANCIS MICALLEF |
| | | STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 3.00pm | |
| SAT | 21 ST MAR | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | 6.00pm | Jimmy Mackie R.I.P Gillian Quinn R.I.P |
| SUN | 22 ND MAR | | 10.00am | Lu and Pat Mooney R.I.P Giuseppe and Civita D'Alessandro R.I.P |

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Rosina Tanti, Michael McDonald, Janet Doyle, Sheila Donovan (nee Hodge), Pauline Lukaweckyj, a Special Intention, Dila Gjoni, Tina Lucas and Jason Micallef May they rest in eternal peace.

This week we also pray for Nicholas Joseph Cleary (1980), Edward Dunleavy, Albert Burnett (1981), Catherine O'Reilly, Helen Gayney, Emily Dineen (1983), Arthur Whelan (1985), Daniel Flynn, Lilian Baker (1986), Christopher McDonnagh (1987), Anthony Dacey, Charles Roche, Patrick Fitzpatrick (1988), Kathleen Chappell, William Moorcraft, Patrick Philip, Vera Jones (1990), Patrick Feeny, Ann Bruncker, Mary Kennedy (1991), Christina Sullivan, Robert Stevens, Margaret Dunscombe, Julia Williams (1993), Rosa May Harrison, Daniel Feehan (1994), Margaret Cotter (1995), Sheila Roberts, Helen Curthoys, Kathleen Rawlings (1996), Audrey McKendrick (1997), Hugh Daver, Josephine Chadwick (1998), Margaret Murray (2003), Constance Matthews (2005), Sheila Lovell (2006), Helen Condon (2008), Grace Robinson, Bernard Moorcraft (2011), Timothy Ryan (2014), Kathleen (Popsy) Roberts, Charles Bulpin (2015), Bernard Glasson, Terence Dorgan (2021), Filomena Dimonaco (2022), Terry Burnett (2023), James Mackie (2024) Angela Venables (2025), and all whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

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.

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 candles will be lit for Jason Francis Micallef, Gillian Quinn, Well Being of Leon and Family. Jeffrey and Family and Clare Chelms**

SVP CAMINO PILGRIMAGE: Chris Hinds is busy in training, so if you see her striding purposely forward around Grangetown and Cardiff Bay, please wish her well. She will be walking 76 miles, from Baiona on the border between Portugal and Spain to Santiago in North West Spain. You will be able to track her progress on the Parish Website. She starts the Pilgrimage on April 11th. Not long to go!! She is still taking donations for our SVP.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: On Tuesday last week a group of our children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers. Anyone who would like to receive this Sacrament as part of Lenten preparations please see Canon Mike after any of the Masses. There are guidance leaflets at the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION Each Friday during Lent at 3.00pm. All welcome.

NORWEGIAN CHURCH CARDIFF BAY EXHIBITION: This is the latest of series of exhibitions that have been created over the past few years in the Dahl Gallery at the church, exploring the Norwegian and Scandinavian heritage of the Church and the economic benefits of migration to Cardiff Bay over past centuries. The organisers are looking for pictures, stories and artefacts they can include in the exhibition. They have items promised from Islamic communities and the Foundation for Jewish Heritage. They are also talking to the Evangelical Alliance. The Heritage Officer who is co-ordinating the exhibition is Dr Thomas Husøy-Ciaccia thomas@norwegianchurchcardiff.com mob 07460 351047 and is happy to provide more information.

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART – A SIX-WEEK PROGRAMME for LENT: LED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK

Please look at the Parish Website for the links.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: If you use envelopes please collect your new box. These start after Easter. Thank you to all who have signed up for this. There is no cost to you and it means the Parish can collect an extra 25p from the Tax Man for every £1 you give

LIVE STREAM LINK: Church Services can be viewed live on the Parish Website. Parishioners are reminded that the live stream is always active in the Church and covers the Altar and first 6 rows of the church.

PIETY STALL: Easter Cards have arrived!! Also Mothering Sunday gifts half price.

DONATING TO THE PARISH ONLINE: Please see the link on the Home Page on the Parish website

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses There is a box at the back of the Church.

PARISH WEBSITE: This is updated every day. There is the reading for the day, and a reflection, the latest newsletter, times of Masses. There is also a link to the online stream. Find out more, www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk

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.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines on the Parish Website and on the Parish Noticeboard First Aid Box is in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? 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 Ward details if possible. 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 contact Canon Mike.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 7th/8th March £ 767.34

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

In 1947 my family moved from a dilapidated worker's cottage opposite one of many Tin Works found in Neath, to a new council prefabricated house in Cimla. According to the council, this new property had a life span of ten to twenty years, but today they are still there, standing proud and giving shelter to many families and it was from there all the family left either to be married or buried.

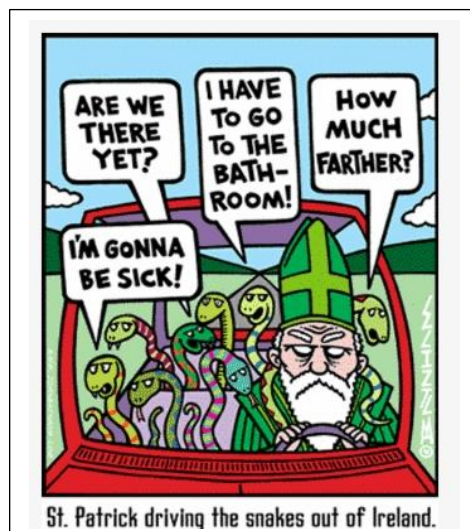
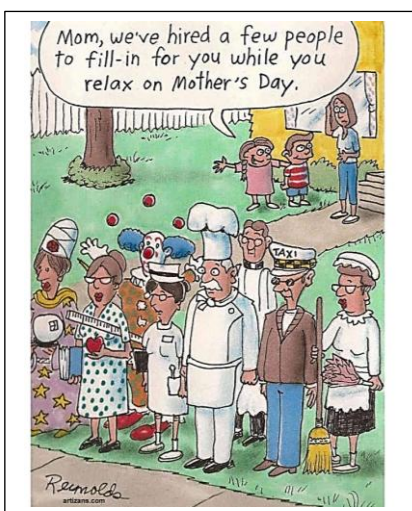
What they moved into was a House, but it became a Home. It might not have had the fancy gadgets of today but it had a warm welcome for those who came through the front door. After the death of the last remaining member of the family the council asked that we empty the house and return the key for the next family. Before I headed to the council offices I went round the Family Home remembering both happy and sad memories, the laughter and tears of family life.

What I remember about our Family Home was my Grandmother and when she died, my Mother. These two strong women made those four walls a loving and caring home. All families are complicated, some more than others, each having their secrets, family stories, some funny, some sad. But no one was ever turned away, told to move on. This was "Mam's House" but you were "Family" and you were welcome even though you had failed to visit for some time.

This weekend is "Mothers' Day" an opportunity for you to visit the Family Home, known to many as St Pat's. The reason we shut the front door and handed the key to the council in Neath was simply that there were no longer any of the family alive. It had served its purpose, given love, saw people born, live and die and so for our family the final chapter had come to its end.

Through our Baptism we become children of the Father, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. Are we going to hand back the keys to "Our Family Home"? It is where we started our Journey of Faith and will finally end our earthly journey as we return from whence we came. Both my Mother and Grandmother were upset, never angry, whenever we failed to visit. On our return to Neath there was always a hug and a smile of welcome, and this is what awaits you, a Hug and a Smile of Welcome

Blessings and thanks to mothers alive or resting in the arms of Mother Mary, Mother of us all.



There was once a 94 year old nun back in the 1890s, whose worn out body began to surrender. Her doctor prescribed for her a shot of whiskey three times a day, to relax her. However, not to be lured into worldly pleasures, she huffily declined. But her Mother Superior knew the elderly sister loved milk. So she instructed the kitchen to spike the milk three times a day. Eventually the elderly pious one reached her final hour. As several sisters gathered around at her bedside, the Mother Superior asked if she wanted to leave them any words of wisdom. "Oh yes" she replied "Never sell that cow."