

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 1st JANUARY 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	31 ST DEC	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	6.30pm	Paul Ryan
SUN	1 ST JAN		10.00am	People of the Parish
MON	2 ND JAN			
TUES	3 RD JAN	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS	10.00am	Margaret Rose Murray
WED	4 TH JAN	WEEKDAY BEFORE THE EPIPHANY	10.00am	Paddy McGill
THURS	5 TH JAN	WEEKDAY BEFORE THE EPIPHANY	10.00am	Emilio Forte +
FRI	6 TH JAN	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	10.00am	People of the Parish
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	11.45 am	GLORIA WEBBER

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 Dorothy Brahim, Angela Reilly, Brenda Wilson, Kenneth Stevens, Aneurin Wood, Bert Payne, Kenneth Collins, Pauline Flowers, Ted Spillane, Eileen Forrester, Alice Northcote, Genette Hughes, Patricia Price, William Timothy, Emilio Forte, Carole Hoddinott, John McCluskey, Joan Smith, Raymond and Maureen Howells, John Thompson, Jeannette Paxton, Raymond Aviles, Carmelo Scavaglieri, Eugene Leonard, Eileen Union, Daisy Mooney, 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 Michael Burns, Terry Webber, 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 Michael Burns and the Burns Family**

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: Pope Francis has asked that we remember Pope Benedict in our prayers who passed away on December 31st. He was 95 years old.

WEAR WARM: 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: 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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS: Please see the Website

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

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.

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 !

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.

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 **DECEMBER**. 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

We are very selective in what we hear and during these past few days a verbal invitation heard by the whole world as well as here in Grangetown to "Come to the Manger": an invitation given by the Angels to visit and encounter the Infant Jesus . How many of you listened to these words and found the Infant with open arms in welcome ? If not it's never too late to come home to the "House of Welcome " "What gift can I bring when I visit Jesus , Mary and Joseph ?"

The greatest give you can offer Him is yourself. With true Humility we offer Him our lives in service for our Brothers and Sisters . As Jesus went on to say many years later that . . . *"I came into the world to serve NOT to be served"* Maybe we can make this our New Year's resolution , SERVICE , SIMPLICITY, HUMILITY .

This weekend we start a New Year , the start of an adventure , a journey of discovery , not knowing what lies ahead of us . For some , there is fear of the future because of the past. They carry burdens of the mistakes made during the past year , which hinder them from moving forward . LET THEM GO ! Hand them over to the Lord , for this is a time of opportunity of renewal and regeneration

Next Friday, January 6th , is the coming of the Three kings/Wise Men , Magi , people on a journey of discovering the truth , for their journey is our journey . They are Pilgrims searching through a world of doubt and uncertainty but what gave meaning to their pilgrimage was the encounter with Jesus , for we are told they left the Infant by a different route . Here is an opportunity for us to redirect our life , look at the future with Hope and confidence knowing we journey as a family directed by the love and teachings of the Jesus of the Beatitudes

Whatever this year brings. remember I travel the same road with its twists and bends; I will experience the same highs and lows; I will share joys and sorrows for I am both your Priest , Friend and fellow Pilgrim , Michael Patrick.

