THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading Cycle A Psalter Week 3 Sunday 12TH MARCH 2023 Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies <u>peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk</u>

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	11 TH MAR	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Thomas Roche
SUN	12 TH MAR	FAMILY MASS	10.00am	Filomena Dimonaco
MON	13 TH MAR	Weekday in the Third Week of Lent	10.00am	Maria Jose / Joan Cowley
TUES	14 TH MAR	Weekday in the Third Week of Lent	10.00am	Kenny Cock
WED	15 th MAR	Weekday in the Third Week of Lent	10.00am	Maria Conceicao Camacho
THURS	16 TH MAR	Weekday in the Third Week of Lent	10.00am	Paul and Nicholina Mallia
FRI	17 TH MAR	FEAST OF ST PATRICK (School Mass in Church)	10.00am	Parishioners of St Patrick's
		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	3.00pm	
SAT	18 TH MAR	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'MOTHERING SUNDAY'	6.30pm	Kenny Evans, Maura and Bryn Howells
SUN	19 TH MAR	MOTHERING SUNDAY	10.00am	All Mothers

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 Audrey Prew, Terence Bailey, Ellen Fitzgerald, Ivy Barry, Ann George, Sarah West, Lilian James, Ellen Feehan, Daniel Feehan, Lily Higgins, Anita Walaron, Margaret Owens, Hugh Daver, Constance Matthews, Bernard Glasson, Grace Robinson, Kathleen (Popsy) Roberts, Christina Sullivan, Robert Stevens, Margaret Dunscombe, Rosa May Harrison, Timothy Regan, Charles Bulpin, Sheila Lovell, Bernard Moorcraft, Margaret Murray, Terence Dorgan, Margaret Cotter, Sheila Roberts, Helen Curthoys, Helen Condon, Audrey McKendrick, 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 Bernard Stroude, Sherryann Gould, Angela née Hannay and Mrs Knight who passed away 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 a Special Intention and the Agyemang 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.

<u>CAUTION</u>: We love having children in Church and seeing them explore, however please can I ask parents to be mindful of the hazards; especially supervise your children around the candles, kneelers, steps, the toilet and in the garden. It only takes a second for an accident to happen.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to the 19 children who received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation during the week. They now continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion. We ask that you remember them in your prayers as they continue on their spiritual journey.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents please make sure that Mass is attended each week, home tasks are completed, and please try be on time for classes. From time to time you will be contacted by e-mail, so please reply so we know it has been received. <u>marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com</u>. Thank You

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 - Come & Join Us! A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board 4* accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Price: £660. Bookings available now via Tangney Tours.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be said on the Fridays of Lent at 3.00pm. All welcome

PASSION PLAY: Friday 17th March at 7.00pm in St David's Cathedral. Tickets are £5.00 and under 16's are free. Highly recommended.

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. Please take extra care on the steps and pathways as you enter and leave Church.

<u>'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP</u>: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners and this week we will be looking at the Lenten Season. This is a discussion group, not a prayer group and we find out what life was like in those times and how people reacted to Jesus. We meet in the Sacristy at 2.30 pm on a Tuesday. When the nights get lighter we may try to meet in the early evening. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</u> 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)

<u>PIETY STALL:</u> Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are new beautiful Easter and Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts .New stock will be arriving soon. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free. **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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 4th/ 5th March £705.30

FACEBOOK : Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -<u>www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk</u> 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. Now, during Lent, there is a link to an online Stations of the Cross and a each day a different 'Station' has a reflection. The Caritas Bulletin for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** is also available and also the Catholic People Newspaper for **FEBRUARY**. 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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

As we read our newspapers and listen to the TV news broadcasts we see great conflicts throughout the world. There are millions affected by wars, famines, people on the move, running from injustice, trying to feel wanted and accepted as people not being made scape goats, no longer refugees but hoping to settle, put down roots and contribute to building a more prosperous and just society.

I often talk of "The Journey" people on the move, looking and searching for something . For some it's freedom and justice and a deeper meaning to life , and in our case "The Journey to the Promised Land " This weekend's First Reading is of the Jewish People journeying from slavery to freedom . Moses leading them into the wilderness . At first they were happy to move forward not knowing how long it would take, let alone where the journey would take them . If you've ever been in a car with children within a short time a little voice will be asking . . . "How much longer ?. . . I wish to go back " complaint after complaint. That's what Moses heard from the people, complaint after complaint

"Tormented by thirst the people complained against Moses 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?'... The Lord directed Moses to strike the rock at Horeb then water appeared for the people and animals to drink ... "

We talk about "Holy Water " but I say **THAT ALL WATER IS HOLY**. The most precious gift for life both within the animal and human world. NO Water NO Life ! Today we fight over oil, tomorrow it will be water, for water sustains life.

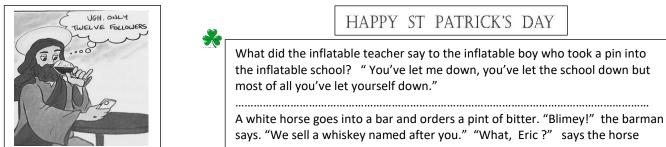
Today's Gospel shows both the Humanity of Jesus as well as His divinity. The Man Jesus, the man of skin and bone was thirsty. He must have completed a long and arduous journey which made him both tired and thirsty so he sought rest in the shade along with a drink from a well. That famous line in the film 'Casablanca'' when Rick (Humphrey Bogart) sees Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman "OF ALL THE GIN JOINTS IN ALL THE WORLD SHE WALKS INTO MINE"

Of all the water wells in the Desert Jesus had to come to mine !

Ilsa was searching, looking for Rick, and when she found him she thought her journey was over, but we know different. Jesus came to the well asking the woman for water to drink in order to quench his thirst but wanted to share with the woman Life Giving Water. He knew she was on "The Journey" searching for a deeper understanding and purpose to her life. She had Faith but the Lord wanted to deepen that Faith, to show her a different way, that's what I wrote on the First Sunday of Lent.

Have you started your journey this Lent ? Maybe today is the right time to start, taking encouragement and direction from the Man at the well who offers us "Water from the Well that NEVER dry up '

Jesus came to the well, tired after his long journey "PLEASE GIVE ME DRINK ... IF YOU ONLY KNEW WHAT GOD IS OFFERING AND WHO IT IS THAT IS SPEAKING TO YOU. EVERYONE WHO DRINKS OF THIS WATER WILL BE THIRSTY AGAIN, BUT THOSE WHO DRINK OF THE WATER THAT I WILL GIVE THEM WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY. THE WATER THAT I WILL GIVE WILL BECOME IN THEM A SPRING OF WATER GUSHING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE."



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