

**TWENTY FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**  
Reading Cycle B  
Psalter Week 4  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021  
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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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| SATURDAY  | 11 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                      | 6.30pm  | Con Callaghan                                       |
| SUNDAY    | 12 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |   | 10.00am | Lu Mooney<br>Mary Ann Connolly                      |
| MONDAY    | 13 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |   |         |   |
| TUESDAY   | 14 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS<br/>(FEAST)</b>                      | 10.00am | Victor Camilleri                                    |
| WEDNESDAY | 15 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS (Memorial)</b>                               | 10.00am | St Rita   |
| THURSDAY  | 16 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>SS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN<br/>( Bishops and Martyrs) Memorial</b> | 10.00am | Daniel Callan and deceased<br>members of his Family |
| FRIDAY    | 17 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |   |         |   |
| SATURDAY  | 18 <sup>th</sup> SEPT | <b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                      | 6.30pm  | Karen McAree  |
| SUNDAY    | 19 <sup>th</sup> SEPT |   | 10.00am | Mary, Charles, Colin,<br>Kevin, and David Desmond   |

**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 Eileen Squire, Maria Tanti, Trevor Norman, John Daly, Con Callaghan, Dennis Healey, Mary Ann Connolly, Raymond Millett, Mrs Jewell, Rosa Dimech, Irene Canning, Patrick McMahon, Agnes O'Reilly, Maria Canu, William Bryon Joseph Massari, Patrick Graven, Veronica Searle and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Greedy, Peter Salter, and Dr Edwin Jones who passed away 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 Joe McMahon, and a Private Intention**

**Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.**

**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

**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.

**CONTACT:** If you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.

**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.

**CONFESSIONS:** 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.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions. There is an opportunity for you to Gift Aid your contribution. Thank you to everyone who has used this as a way to support our Parish.

### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

This Monday I head to Swansea to celebrate a Requiem Mass for Dr Edwin Jones, the first Headmaster of St Joseph's Comprehensive School, Port Talbot. It was he who placed the school on firm foundations, his work being carried on in an exemplary way by the current school leadership along with its Staff and Governors.

I last met him five years ago at a Mass in the Church of St Michael in Newport. He was sitting in the Church with his family and I was taken back to my own time at St Joseph's. Edwin was a kind and honourable man who recognized in each child their dignity and worth, each different, but without that child, the Community of the School was incomplete. I asked him why I had been chosen as Head Boy. He fought the other members of staff who said "Evans, you're not the brightest bulb on the tree" but Edwin explained that not all are called to Oxford or Cambridge but some are called to "serve, not to be served". It was he, along with Dan Williams (another teacher, who in later life became a Priest) who encouraged me to listen to the voice of the Lord: to come and follow Him.

Dr Jones knew that I was no academic, but he said I possessed gifts and talents that could be used in building up the community of believers, called to take on the responsibility of Head Boy, 'leading by example'.

One day he sent me to the newsagents to buy the Times and the Guardian and I came back with the Radio Times and the Port Talbot Guardian. Certain members of staff had great delight in belittling me!

"In the history of the school, you're the most inept Head Boy we've had...."

What came next has remained with me for over 50 years. Edwin told a story of Michaelangelo, the great Italian sculptor who went in search of a block of marble. The owner of the quarry offered him a perfect slab of marble. It was the right dimensions, shape and colour but he rejected it. In the corner Michaelangelo noticed an 'off-cut' which had been rejected by the other craftsmen, but he could see that within this 'off-cut', if he took time and effort, he could produce something of great beauty. This he did and after a number of years produced the statue which can now be found in St Peter's in Rome.... The Pieta.

I was one of many, who was recognised by Edwin as containing something of 'great value'. In the eyes of some teachers I was an 'off-cut', good for nothing only to be left in the corner of the room.

Maybe it's a coincidence, but today's Gospel is the one Dr Jones talked about when I told him

I was off to 'try my vocation'. He said following Christ was not an easy road, but rewarding,

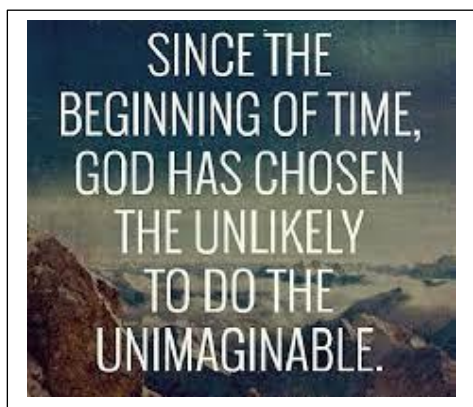
***"If you want to be a follower of mine, pick up your cross and follow me."***

Dr Jones went on to say that Priesthood was to be there to help others carry their burdens not to impose more difficulties upon people. He, like many other people showed what vocation was about: "To serve, not to be served."

Thank you Dr Edwin Jones, for your wisdom and encouragement, for seeing in me the seeds of vocation which others failed to recognise.

The school badge had the motto of the White Monks, the Cistercians, "**Laborare est Orare**" **To Work is to Pray**, and Dr Edwin Jones' prayer life was seen through his work.

### ***Requiescat in Pace***



#### **EDUCATION SUNDAY**

This Sunday, 12 September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

**SAFE SPACES** is a free, independent support service, providing confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Catholic Church of England and Wales, Church of England or Church in Wales. Free Helpline 0300 303 1056 or e-mail [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**SAFEGUARDING:** Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'" Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

**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

**MASSES IN OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN CARDIFF:** <https://weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/area/cardiff/churches>

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?** Catholic People: **SEPTEMBER EDITION** Caritas: **SEPT-OCT BULLETIN**

A six year-old boy was standing with his father in front of the polar bear enclosure at the zoo. The father was telling the boy how dangerous polar bears were and that, of all the animals in the zoo, they were the ones that the keepers feared most. Eventually the boy said "Dad, if the polar bear escapes and eats you up....." "Yes, son?" "Which bus do I catch home?"

**LIFE'S LIKE THAT!**



"What am I going to do? He's told them it's a nose cone for outer space."

A young boy became separated from his father at the funfair and asked a police officer to help find him.

"Right" said the officer, searching for a description. "What's your father like?"

"Beer and women" replied the boy.



"Look, Mummy. More twins!"

On his first visit to a girl's house, a guy waited in the living room while she prepared a snack in the kitchen. Left alone he noticed a small, attractive vase on the mantelpiece. He picked it up and was looking at it when the girl walked back in.

"What's this?" he asked.

"Oh, my father's ashes are in there" she said.

"Oh, my God! I'm sorry...."

"Yeah, he's too lazy to go to the kitchen and get an ashtray."



**"Needs a good home"**

Found near the Presbytery inclusive of food!

Will make a good Christmas Gift.