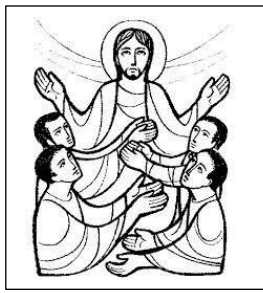


**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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Page 141 in the New Mass Book
Psalter Week 3
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	22 ND FEB	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Teresa + Josef Walkowsky R.I.P
SUN	23 RD FEB		10.00am	Brian Seignott R.I.P Antonio Cicillini R.I.P Maria Young R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	25 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Bernard Barrett R.I.P
WED	26 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Dorothy Galliozzie R.I.P
THURS	27 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Holy Souls
FRI	28 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Deceased of the Parish
SAT	1 ST MAR	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	People of Wales
SUN	2 ND MAR		10.00am	Muriel Callaghan R.I.P Phyll, Abbe, + Alex Cohen R.I.P

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Tanti and Michael Kellaway- Marriot. May they rest in peace

We also pray for, Michael O'Donovan, Daniel Allsopp, Stanley Jeffries, Helen Lopategui, Paolina Iannucci, Sheila Kowalewska, Thomas Stenson, Bernard Barrett, John Fitzgerald, Kathleen Simpson, Brian Lepore, John Redican, Domenik Halendy, Michael Fitzgerald, Anna Spiteri, Remundo Salustiano, Mabel O'Hanlon, Shirley James, Philomena Cohen, Aileen Robb, Bill Bowen, Laura Timothy, Margaret Sheila Rees, Angela Osbourne (Hannay), Michael McAndrew, Bernard Rowley, Ronald Sloman, William Hall, Dorothy Galliozzie, Cecilia Coles, Fr Jimmy Thomas, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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's candles will be lit for Well Being of Pat Barry and Maria Young**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Last Thursday a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers and we hope that they will have the confidence to receive this Sacrament many times in the future.

MASS FOR ST DAVID: March 1st is the Feast of St David who is the Patron Saint of Wales. Fr John Patrick Thomas who is the new Chaplain to Cardiff University and to Nazareth House will be celebrating a special bilingual Mass on that day in St David's Cathedral. The Mass will be at 12.00pm Mid-day. Bilingual booklets will be available.

MOVING ON: Sadly we learned that Fr Malachy will be leaving us to go to the Parish of Aberystwyth. The date of his leaving has yet to be arranged. Hopefully it will be some weeks away. Though he has been with us for only eighteen months, he has made a great impression on us all and he will be a significant loss to our Parish. More details to come. In his place we will welcome Fr Peter Okafor, who is a contemporary of Fr Valentine.

PREPARATION OF THE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: We will be burning the palms from last year to create the ashes which will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms which you would like to donate please put them in the basket at the back of the Church.

SYNOD FINAL REPORT: This document (which is quite lengthy) is on the Parish Website. There is also a short summary which is easy to read and talks about the ways in which we might move forward.

FLAME YOUTH EVENT IN WEMBLY : Calling anyone from Year 9 - University age, Please see the Events Noticeboard at the back of the Church for details.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website or just Google Robert Barron the Mass. The videos are not long and really easy to listen to.

PIETY STALL SALE: New display of items for Mothers' Day, and Easter. Lots of lovely things.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady's Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website
All candidates will be sent an e-mail shortly with the dates of the sessions of preparation for the Sacrament.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members.

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. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please 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 the Ward details if possible. When you ring the 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 please contact Frs Valentine or Malachy

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WEEKLY MESSAGE

How easy it is for us to pass judgement on someone or something. How easy it is to criticise and to share that criticism with others.

When we watch a crime drama on the television we often hear the question " did the victim have any enemies?" Most of us would probably say that we don't have any enemies and that hopefully we are unlikely to be perceived as an enemy to someone else. But in today's reading the word 'enemy' is used in a much wider context: to include those who treat us badly, and those whom we treat badly.

Years ago there was a favourite children's story book with several characters that resonate through time. There was Mrs Do-as-you-would-be done-by and Mrs Be-done-by-as-you-did. In today's society often revenge is seen as the way to go, but in today's Gospel Jesus takes a completely different approach. He asks us to love our enemy and do good to those who treat us badly.

How can we be compassionate as God is compassionate? As for not judging and not condemning –finding a weakness in someone and then exploiting it mercilessly seems to be more the norm these days. Yet, Jesus preached the message of today's gospel because he believed it could be lived. He did not intend it only as a piece of moral teaching to be admired; he presented it as a way of life to be lived. This is the way of life of the heavenly man that Paul speaks about. We cannot live this way of life by ourselves. Only Christ can live this life in us. Our calling is to keep on growing in our relationship with Christ, allowing him to grow in us, so that he can live his life in and through us. When that happens, his voice will come to dominate our lives, and we will begin to speak with one voice, the voice of Christ. We will begin to take one path, the path of Christ, regardless of the situation in which we find ourselves, regardless of how people might be treating us.

Let us today listen for the voice of the Lord that is constantly speaking to us, guiding us and supporting us and to forsake the nagging voice of criticism and revenge, which tempt us away from the way of calm and peace.

**Out of the gloom a voice said,
" Smile and be happy, things could be worse"
So I smiled and was happy and behold
Things did get worse.
But then I became aware of a hand holding mine
And I turned and smiled once more.
God was walking by my side.**

**Don't be so quick to
judge, you never know
when you might just
find yourself
walking
in that person's
shoes.**