EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Reading Cycle C Psalter Week 4 Sunday 27th FEBRUARY 2022

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

	26 TH FEB		(20	Tom
SAT		EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	
SUN	27 TH FEB		10.00am	Jean Carter and Brian Seignott
MON	28 TH FEB		10.00am	
TUES	1 ST MAR	FEAST OF ST DAVID	10.00am	People of Wales
		PATRON SAINT OF WALES		1 copie of wates
WED	2 ND MAR	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	Muriel Callaghan
		(Ashes will be distributed)		
THURS	3 RD MAR	REQUIEM MASS	10.00am	JEAN CARTER
FRI	4 TH MAR			
SAT	5 TH MAR	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	6.30pm	World Peace
SUN	6 TH MAR		10.00am	vv or id i eace

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 Dominik Halendy, Michael Fitzgerald, Anna Spiteri, Mabel O'Hanlon, Shirley James, Philomena Cohen, Aileen Robb, Bill Bowen, Laura Timothy, Michael McAndrew, Bernard Rowley, Ronald Sloman, William Hall, Dorothy Galliozzie, Cecilia Coles, Ina Sullivan, John Flynn, Shirley Burnett, Jeremiah Loughlin, Kathleen Flower, Paddy Magill, William Goodman, Joan Cowley, Thomas Toolan (Joyce), Michael Kennedy, Andrea Cruise, Margaret Welch, Fr Jimmy Thomas, Fr Bill Lloyd and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ken Evans, Jean Carter, Brian Seignott and Idris Ahmed who have died 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.

<u>CANDLES</u> 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 Philomena Cohen and a Special Intention

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022: (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion)

Registration for this year's Sacramental Programme is now closed. Those parents who have registered their children should have received an email from Mrs Taylor. If for any reason you have not had the email, please contact Mrs Taylor on the following address: taylormary121@gmail.com Thank You

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Next weekend we take our first tentative steps towards normality.

Staying in place for the moment: Masks, Sanitiser, no kneelers and taped off pews, 7 Day candles only.

From the First Sunday of Lent (next weekend) we will receive Holy Communion in its rightful time in the Mass. Please come forward in TWO lines (starting from the back as usual) but return to your seats down the side aisle. (Kneelers are still not to be used to facilitate walking through the pews). At the end of Mass, please use the nearest exit, either of the porches or the main door. For safety, use the grab handle as you go down the steps and please DO NOT stop to chat near the doors or the steps. There is plenty of room once you have cleared the exit.

Also we might have a hymn or two. If you take a hymn book please leave it at the end of your row so it can be collected. Masks to be worn whilst singing.... sorry.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: There is a Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25-30th July 2022. More details are on the Parish Website and also www.tangney-tours.com/wnp

<u>A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:</u> There is a production next week of A Man For All Seasons in the Seligman Theatre at Chapter Arts Centre. Robert Bolt's classic telling the story of Saint Thomas More's courageous and unflinching stand for his principles. https://bit.ly/EverymanAllSeasons.

SYNOD ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who have contributed to this endeavour. Many of you have really good suggestions and observations. It is not too late to take part if you have some sheets lurking in your bags or pockets. There are still some weeks left for you to put down your thoughts.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS:</u> 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Numbers for the Weekday Masses have increased, so these Masses will be in the Church. Please dress warmly.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Canon Mike.

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

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>; 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.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage.

<u>PARISH WEBSITE</u> 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. There are links to various Masses on-line as well as the on-line edition of the Catholic People. We are awaiting the February edition and as soon as it becomes available it too will be uploaded. When text is underlined click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there also for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Over the last few weeks, Evans Tours has taken you to Rome, Lourdes, Venice, but this week we take a different journey, a journey that will take us into the Desert, the Desert of our inner-self for we start the Season of Lent. This is a time of repentance and austerity, an opportunity for us to follow Jesus into the Wilderness and it will start this coming week with Ash Wednesday. Over the past two years we've been living Lent, but the call of Jesus is strong and reassuring, encouraging us to take that step towards Easter. If I'm honest, the journey of Lent takes us to Good Friday, pain and suffering. For some, it's the end, but those who have Faith, we enter into the Mystery of Suffering, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. We all wish for the Glory of Easter but are not willing to experience Good Friday. The journey we will commence this Wednesday is a spiritual one. Ask the question: Have the past two years made us view life differently? If not, maybe these next few weeks may help us to re-evaluate our lives, bringing us closer to God, through our neighbours: instead of being selfish, self-centred, and feeling sorry for ourselves, let us fight for justice and equality.

Our World is at the edge of a terrible precipice. We have received from Archbishop George, a letter from Bishop Kenneth from the Ukrainian Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. Please remember in your prayers all World Leaders and may they all strive for peace.

To all people of Good Will,

The day that we have been hoping would never come has arrived. This morning we woke up to hear the news that Russia has unleashed its troops into an invasion of Ukrainian soil as well as firing missiles into Ukrainian territory. We have been inviting people of goodwill to join Ukrainian Catholics in the United Kingdom to pray for peace in Ukraine these last several weeks. I want to thank you all for these prayers and for standing with Ukraine. Now more than ever before your prayers and your acts of solidarity with the Ukrainian people are needed. We call upon our government leaders and those in positions of power to remain steadfast in support of Ukraine against those who are waging this war upon the innocent citizens of Ukraine.

We place the people of Ukraine under the protection of the Holy Family, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and the holy and righteous St Joseph the Betrothed.

Glory be to Jesus Christ Kenneth





