

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Reading Cycle A**

**Psalter Week 1**

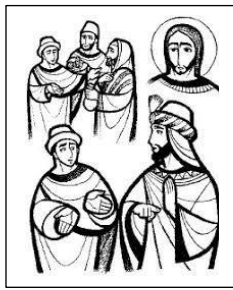
**Sunday 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2023**

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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	23 <sup>RD</sup>	SEPT	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Jim and Maisie Stenson R.I.P
SUN	24 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT		10.00am	Intention of St Patrick's Choir
MON	25 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT			
TUES	26 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT	SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIEN	6.30pm	People of the Parish
WED	27 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT	REQUIEM MASS	11.00am	TERRY HERRING
THURS	28 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT	OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA (STELLA MARIS)	10.00am	Antonia Beid R.I.P
FRI	29 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT	REQUIEM MASS	11.00am	JIMMY CONWAY
SAT	30 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPT	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Tom Stenson R.I.P
SUN	1 <sup>ST</sup>	OCT		10.00am	Philip Hutchinson 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.

We also pray for Terence O'Brien, Pamela O'Donovan, Elizabeth Sullivan, Fr William O'Connor, Fr Rowland Evans, Fr John Crow, Pamela O'Donovan, Mary Beck, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Scott O'Brien, John McGuire, Agnes Shields, George Woodgate, Eleanor Canning, Joseph Long, Edward Young, James Spencer, Carole Ann Allsopp, Rose Armstrong, Patricia Matthews, Alan Cross, Valerie Edwards, Peter McDonagh and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Malachy's Father, Antonia Beid, Terry Herring (from the choir), Jimmy Conway, Margaret Gould, and David Ryan 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 can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Peggy and Sharon and Terry Herring**

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.

**THE CARDIFF HALF MARATHON** will be run on Sunday 1st October, meaning there will be road closures around Cardiff that day. For more information about the route and the road closures please visit <https://www.cardiffhalfmarathon.co.uk/event-info/road-closures/>

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024** We invite parents/carers of Baptised Catholics in Y3 or above to register their children to enrol in this year's preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available from church after weekend Masses. These must be collected and returned by parents/carers. Regular attendance at the weekend Masses is a requirement and Mass attendance sheets will be provided. These will need to be signed on a weekly basis. Further information about dates etc will be provided at a later date. Thank You.

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

**COFFEE, TEA AND RAFFLE THIS SUNDAY** Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass. **This week we are having a raffle to raise funds. Good luck everyone!**

**OUR SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY !:** **This is a change of date.** On Friday 29th September there will be an afternoon of festivities in the school starting at 1.00pm. Everyone is invited. If you have any old photos please contact the school.

**OPEN EVENING MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00pm with talks from the headmaster at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. Deadline for applying for a place is November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**ST ILLTYD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS.** A year of celebrations to mark 100th year as a Catholic School in Cardiff begins on **Thursday 5th October at 7pm.** The original school was based in Splott. Archbishop Mark will be the main celebrant at the Mass which will be in St Alban's Church, Swinton St, Cardiff CF24 2NT. Several De La Salle Brothers will be present and past pupils who are priests are warmly invited to concelebrate. Past Pupils are also invited. There will be light refreshments in the Hall after the Mass.

**ARCHDIOCESAN THANKSGIVING MASS :** Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary? Or at a significant stage in your marriage, e.g. new baby, illness, empty nesters, retirement, bereavement etc... The Archdiocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is being celebrated for ALL married (and engaged) couples in **St David's Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 12 noon**, and you are all invited. You might also consider having your anniversary date included in the Mass booklet and share photographs to form part of a reflective presentation. For more details, to share information and to express your wish to attend, please contact Joanne White via [flc@rcadc.org](mailto:flc@rcadc.org); you can still be included even if you are unable to attend in person and the Mass will be livestreamed via the Cathedral website.

There is also the National Mass for Altar Servers being held in the Cathedral on Oct 14th.

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 6.30pm**  
**Wednesday 11.00am REQUIEM**  
**Thursday 10.00am**  
**Friday 11.00am REQUIEM**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Come and find out about the Gospel of St Mark. We meet at 5pm on a Tuesday in the Sacristy. We finish in good time for Mass at 6.30pm. Come through the side Porch door.

**NEWSLETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES:** Each week there is a new newsletter.

**FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL :** Our School has set up a Fair-Priced Food Shop. To help them with this we are appealing for tinned or dried goods and toiletries. These can be left on the table at the back of the Church and will be taken to the School each week.

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

**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) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

**PIETY STALL:** NEW STOCK IN A lovely selection of votive candles (battery operated) and statues. Come and have a look. Also some freebies on the table as you come into Church.

**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.

**HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS:** If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER £ 611.30

**PARISH WEBSITE** Each day there is something new to read.

**WEEKLY MESSAGE**

How often do we hear someone say " It's not fair!!". These days you only have to turn on the TV or look at Social Media to find someone bemoaning the fairness of something or other. Society demands that things are fair or at least give the appearance of fairness. As we know from today's Gospel some of the workers were jealous and grumbled. They felt that they had been cheated in some way, even though they agreed the terms of the day's pay from the outset. The landowner was a generous man and he made the choice to pay each of his labourers a full day's wage, regardless of whether they worked 8 full hours or only 30 minutes. He was fair to the workers who had worked a full day: he paid them the amount of money that they had agreed upon. But in their eyes the terms of the agreement now became unfair.

Are we ever jealous or resentful when someone else receives a gift, acclaim, or praise for an act that we think they neither deserve nor earned? Jealousy and resentment may not affect the other person; however, it does affect us! It can eat away at us and make us miserable. When we compare ourselves to others, we typically may judge ourselves as above them or below them. Judgements can be very damaging to all sides.

God is the one who will judge in fairness and truth. We do not have the right to judge others and yet we do it all the time! Most of us have been gifted with abundant blessings, yet if we really think about it are we grateful for what we have? Are we always hankering for more, different or extra?

God loves us in spite of who we are, in spite of all the lack of time we give to Him in our lives. Do we give Him a whole day or maybe just a fleeting thought, yet we all hope that we will be given a place in Heaven. God is a generous God. Let us give thanks for the gifts and graces that we have received and may we let go of judgment, envy, and jealousy. If we choose to do this, we will be happier and more peaceful.

"ENVY IS THE  
ART OF  
COUNTING THE  
OTHER FELLOW'S  
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INSTEAD OF  
YOUR OWN."

God gave you a gift  
of 86,400 seconds  
today. Have you  
used one to say  
"thank you?"