

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle A

Psalter Week 2

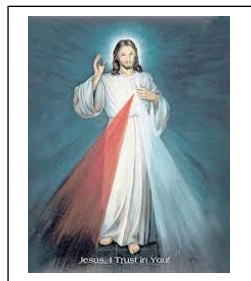
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	15 TH APRIL	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6. 30pm	Winnie Treseder Kevin Sullivan
SUN	16 th APRIL		10.00am	George Gould +
MON	17 th APRIL	Weekday in the Second Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Christopher and Lydia Hutchinson
TUES	18 th APRIL	Weekday in the Second Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Holy Souls
WED	19 th APRIL	FUNERAL SERVICE	10.00am	PATRICK DRISCOLL
THURS	20 th APRIL	Weekday in the Second Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Jack, Maureen and Janet Sexton
FRI	21 st APRIL			
SAT	22 nd APRIL	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	Margret Agyemang
SUN	23 rd APRIL		10.00am	John and Ann Flynn, Phyll and Abbe Cohen

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 George Gould, Fr Dermot Clancy, Fr John McLoughlin, Fr Bernard Whitehouse, Patricia Reilly, James Bevan, Nora Cole Arthur Nowland, Sarah Jenkins, Bernard Moorcraft, Helen Paul, Florence James, Douglas Murphy, Gerard Macquelin, Kathleen Taylor, Eileen Williams, Annie Del Risch, Eileen Coombs, Kathleen De-Oasoas, Thomas Alger, Abbie Cohen, Catherine Kitchen 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 Terry Burnett (Snr), Michael Conway and Patrick Driscoll 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 the Margret Agyemang and a Special Intention**

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.

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. marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com. 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.

LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small discussion group, led by Parishioners. It is not a prayer group, 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.

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 !Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. 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.

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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: April 1st/2nd £ 768. 02

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Have you ever been afraid ? Have you ever felt let down by your friends ? Have you ever felt like running away ? I have. I've been afraid, let down by friends and felt like running away as the problems I was encountering felt too much to handle. May I also add that I have let my friends down .

After Jesus called His friends together to share the Passover Meal which became known as the Last Supper, that evening Jesus experienced fear, broken friendships and even felt like running away. Things were becoming too much for Him . The men He called to follow Him, Peter who denies his friendship with the Lord, Judas selling Him for a bag of coins whilst the others slowly ran away leaving Him in His hour of need. Does this sound familiar ? I see myself in Peter, Judas and the other Disciples .

In today's Gospel I picture myself as one who had a guilty conscience after running away from my friend when He needed me most . I ran away into the dark alleyways of Jerusalem fearful and with a guilty conscience. After finding I was not alone as the other friends of Jesus had done the same, we encouraged each other to meet once again in the Upper Room of The Last Supper for mutual support .

We are like the first followers of Christ in so many ways, that is why we are encouraged to meet in the "Upper Room" each week to Break Bread and gain mutual support, the Church, the Parish of St Pat's, the imperfect family of God .

My Ordination day is the Feast of Thomas, July 3rd . What an important role he has played in my Priestly life . For me his story gets played out so often, in the days when I encounter doubts , fear and uncertainty; the times I feel the answer to the problem is to close the door and find solace in escapism rather than seek help and encouragement from Jesus and my fellow "Travellers"

" On the evening of that same day the Disciples locked themselves away out of fear

Thomas was there but did not believe that Jesus had met the others. Jesus came and stood amongst them.

' PEACE BE WITH YOU' ...

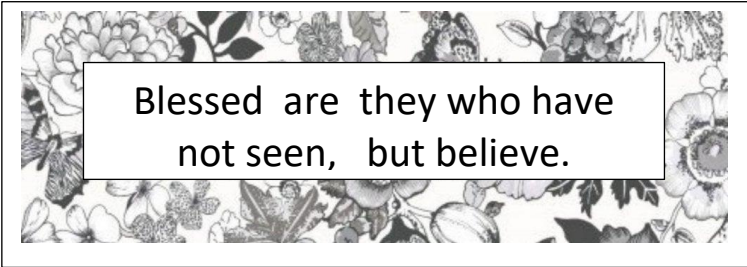
Thomas come here , touch my hands and side . . . DOUBT NO LONGER BUT BELIEVE . . . MY LORD AND MY GOD "

May you find comfort , hope and reassurance as Jesus calls you by your name . . .

"PEACE BE WITH YOU MICHAEL , DOUBT NO LONGER BUT BELIEVE

YES LORD I BELIEVE AS YOU HAVE RISEN AND HAVE BECOME MY LORD AND MY GOD "

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There were four 80 year old men playing golf. One complained that the hills were too high, The second complained that the bunkers were too deep. The third said the holes were too wide. The fourth one said. " Shut up. At least we're on the right side of the grass"

A man visiting a friend in hospital couldn't help noticing that the nurses wore a badge with an apple in it. He asked one of the nurses what the badge meant. "Nothing" she said with a smile. " It's just to keep the doctors away".

A boy frog telephones the Psychic Hotline and his personal psychic advisor tells him " You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you. " The frog is thrilled. " This is great. Will I meet her at a party?" " No" says his advisor. " in her biology class".

