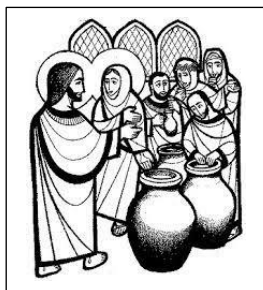


**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle C
Page 127 in the New Mass Book
Psalter Week 4
Sunday 19TH JANUARY 2025
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	18 TH JAN	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Albert Hall R.I.P
SUN	19 TH JAN		10.00am	Con Callaghan R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	21 ST JAN	MEMORIAL OF ST AGNES	6.30pm	John Good R.I.P
WED	22 ND JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Deceased of the Parish
THURS	23 RD JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Mary Hardiman R.I.P
FRI	24 TH JAN	MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES	10.00am	Margaret and Gionni DeSanti R.I.P
SAT	25 TH JAN	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Mary Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	26 TH JAN		10.00am	Lloyd Ferreira 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 Margaret Jilks, Michael Beer and Antoni Sacchetti. May they rest in peace

We also pray for John Lopategui, Elizabeth Courey, Stephen Houlihan, Maria Collins, Phyllis Doolan, Horace Wood, Kathleen Watt, Terence Morissey, Denis Straughan, Alan Greenslade, Gionnie DeSanti, Kathleen Casey, Nora John, Alan Parle, Joseph McDonald, Miroslav Ruzicka, Charles Fry, Patrick O'Leary, Gerard Mahoney, Paul Ray, Mary Regan, Bart Stafford 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 all those who are experiencing 'loss' at this time, be it loved ones, homes, peace of mind, worries of any sort.**

MOVING ON: Last weekend 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.

PIETY STALL SALE: Large Boxes of Christmas Cards reduced to £1.99 . Diaries £1.50

STABLE SCENE: This year we will be following the ancient tradition of leaving the Crib Scene until February 2nd which is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus and the Purification of Mary in the Temple. This Feast is also known as Candlemas and we will have the blessing of candles.

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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES; Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady 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

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. The next meeting will be on Sunday 26th January at 3pm in the Presbytery

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 11th /12th JANUARY £633. 03

WEEKLY MESSAGE

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and you may wonder what happened to the First Sunday, and why is it called 'Ordinary Time'. There is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time, because that is replaced by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord., which was last Sunday. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is not special or less significant but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent).

In Ordinary Time, we follow the teachings of Christ and work to build up the Kingdom of God, and the goal of Ordinary Time is to order our life to Christ's. For a disciple, ordinary time is extraordinary time.

In today's Gospel we hear the very familiar story of the Wedding at Cana. Weddings in those days typically extended over five to seven days. Autumn was the best time for marriages because the harvest was in, the vintage was over, minds were free, and hearts were at rest. It was a season when the evenings were cool, making it pleasant to sit up late at night. In small villages, the entire community would usually gather to celebrate, and having sufficient wine and food were very important considerations. In today's Gospel we hear that it was Mary who drew Jesus' attention to the fact that the hosts were concerned about running out of wine. She was the one who told the servants to do what ever Jesus told them to do. She was the intercessor. The Lord worked through those present to bring new life out of a situation of loss. He not only replaced the wine but he provided wine of a better quality. As the steward of the feast said to the bridegroom, 'You have kept the best wine till now'.

In a whole variety of ways, the wine can run out on us. Today's readings are words of encouragement to us and the same Lord continues to work in the same way today, working creatively in situations of loss. He continues to serve those for whom the wine has run out, but, as in the gospel reading, he involves people through whom he can work. In the second reading, Paul speaks of God working in all sorts of different ways in different people, and refers to the Holy Spirit who distributes different gifts to different people for the good of others. The Lord, through the Spirit, has gifted all of us in ways that enable us to support those struggling with loss. Our role in helping to change a situation of loss into one of abundance might be a very simple one. The Spirit sometimes moves us to do something very practical for those who feel drained and empty. Let us pray that we will always be mindful of those around us who feel this way and that we will always be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and follow the advice of Mary 'do what the Lord asks'.

God, thank You
for giving me
opportunities to do
good to others every
day. Help me to act on
those opportunities—
even when I don't feel
like it. Give me the
endurance to serve,
the strength to always
be kind, and the
courage to pray bold
prayers on behalf
of others. Make me
more like You each
day.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

God speaks to those
who take time to listen,
and He listens to those
who take the time to pray!