THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle B
Page 158 in the Mass Book
Psalter Week
Sunday 17TH NOVEMBER 2024
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	16 TH NOV	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Spiro Abela R.I.P Deceased Parishioners who have died
SUN	17 TH NOV		10.00am	during the last year
MON		NO MASS		
TUE	19 TH NOV	FUNERAL SERVICE	12.45 pm	ROSA ALBA ATTANASIO
		Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Brian Seignott R.I.P
WED	20 TH NOV	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Albert Hall R.I.P
THURS	21 ST NOV	MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am	Christine Church R.I.P
FRI	22 ND NOV	MEMORIAL OF ST CECILIA	10.00am	Holy Souls
SAT	23 RD NOV	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	6.30pm	Danuta Tluczek R.I.P
SUN	24 TH NOV		10.00am	George Gould 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 Christine Spencer (nee McCarthy), Cath Donovan, Rosa Alba Attanasio and Christine Church May they rest in peace

We also pray for Antonia Taliana, Anne Giles, Josephine Reece, Gloria Karvouniaris, Albert Hall, Kelly Miles, John Page, Thomas Gibson, Louis Sultana, Joseph Foley, Kevin Cruise, Edward Parle, Annie O'Leary, Charlie Davey, Joan Thomas, Maria Sloman, James Power Archbishop John Murphy, Fr Thomas Dunne and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

<u>CANDLES</u> 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 Christine Church, Brian Seignott and a Special Intention

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES: At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to place the names of your deceased loved ones. Put these envelopes in the basket at the front of the Church. The basket will remain on the altar for the whole of November. Last year's envelopes are on the Sacred Heart Altar.

<u>CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES</u>; Candidates who have registered please meet after Mass **THIS WEEKEND** by the Our Lady Altar. This will be a short meeting. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German <u>Cge7618946@aol.com</u> or through the Parish Website <u>What is Confirmation?</u> Confirmation is one of the seven Catholic Sacraments. It is one of the most important and sacred experiences that members of the Catholic religion can have. The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost and gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Now that the weather is getting colder, weekday Masses will be in the Sacristy.

LONGING FOR LIGHT -- **CARDIFF-MENEVIA CATHOLIC YOUTH ADVENT RETREAT** Please see Poster at the back of the Church on the Event's Board, also on the Parish Website. Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to attend.

<u>MASS INTENTION DIARY FOR 2025 IS NOW OPEN</u> Please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church for the names and your donation and indicate if the person is deceased. Put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

<u>CHRISTMAS PARISH EVENT: Latest news!</u> We can have 'bottles' as raffle prizes. So if anyone has any that they would like to donate we would be grateful. The First Prize will be £100 and the Second prize will be £50 and there will be lots of other wonderful prizes too. The date for the event will be after Mass on **Sunday 15th December.** Tickets will be available next weekend and will be numbered. Fr Malachy will open the event with a blessing and he will announce when the food is ready for people to have. More information to follow. Raffle tickets will be on sale before Mass.

<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:</u> Please remember that attendance at weekly Mass is a requirement. You will need to get your attendance sheet signed.

MISSIO RED BOXES: I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until mid December. This will be the final collection for 2024. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers. Gerry McCarthy

MARY IMMACULATE TOY SALE: Are you struggling to find the perfect Christmas Gifts? Come and join us for our First Charity Toy Sale at Mary Immaculate High School, with prices ranging from 20p to £5. There will even be a Mince Pie or Selection Box thrown in for good measure. Thursday 28th November 2024 4pm to 6pm

<u>PIETY STALL:</u> Christmas stock is in!! Boxes of Cards, candles, gifts, stocking fillers. Lovely Christmas rosaries. Take care on the step if you look in the wall cupboards.

TEACHING POSITION ADVERT: Wanted for Spring 2025. St Mary's and St Patrick's Maesteg. See Events Board for details

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2025 has begun. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, not just a request over the phone, so that he knows who you are.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: You can receive this Sacrament after any Mass, just let one of the priests know.

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> 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.

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH?</u> 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.

<u>GOING INTO HOSPITAL?</u> 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: £669.55

WEEKLY MESSAGE

We are fast approaching the end of the Church year. Before we know where we are we will be celebrating the First Sunday of Advent. Advent this year is a special one because we begin using our New Lectionary. (This is the book that contains the words of Scripture read in Mass) Parishioners have new books too. These arrived last week. Some of the readings may be unfamiliar to us as they have not been included before.

Advent as we know is a time of preparation, getting ready, and as it is the beginning of the Church year it is a good time to take stock of the year past. Many of us send letters with Christmas cards to friends and family and share with them the events of the past year. It may be a time to re-connect with people that we do not see very often.

It is also a good time to reconnect with the Lord. At the beginning of December we are going to have a short Penitential Service followed by the opportunity for us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). It is a chance for us to talk about the challenges we face, the times when we have made the wrong choices and stepped off the pathway that the Lord asks us to follow. As well as Frs Valentine and Malachy, there will be a visiting priest who will be available for these private conversations. It may be that some of us have not availed ourselves of this opportunity for a long time. Someone said last year "I just do not know how to begin" Next week there will be a guidance sheet that will be available as a starting point. Taking the first step is always the hardest, and opening up about our shortcomings if not easy. But if you think of the priest as someone stepping in for Jesus and Jesus is a friend that we would like to share our joys and woes with, that might be easier. Someone also said, "Why have we got to go to Confession? God knows what I have done". This is true, but it is easy to mentally squirrel aways unwelcome misdeeds to the back of our minds, and not acknowledge them at all. Unfortunately, they don't stay still for long and often have an unfortunate habit of lurking just under the surface influencing our next steps. But God wants us to acknowledge them and bring them into the light so that they can be banished. He wants us to be unencumbered by burdens

" Come to me all who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest".

O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, For not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not to sin again.

Amen.

