

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading Cycle C
Psalter Week 4

Sunday 17TH JULY 2022

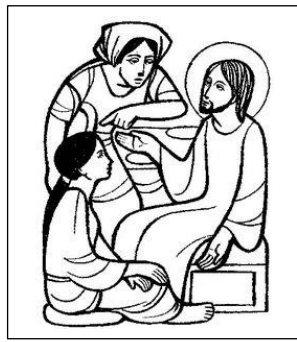
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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	16 TH	JULY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Emilio Forte and Patrick Cowley
SUN	17 TH	JULY		10.00am	William Mooney+
MON	18 TH	JULY			
TUES	19 TH	JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Emilio Forte and Terry O'Connor
WED	20 TH	JULY	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Maria Conceicao and St Patrick's School
THURS	21 ST	JULY	NO MASS TODAY		
FRI	22 ND	JULY			
SAT	23 RD	JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Mary Keane
SUN	24 TH	JULY		10.00am	Roger Provoost

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, Julia McNeil, Eileen Bridge, Lily Chick, Brian Darling, Joan Wallis, Trevor Stevens, Frederick Tannetta, George Mannings, John Downey, Jeffrey Plevy, Margaret Slaughan, Flurance Rogers, Evelyn Setchfield, Victor Donovan, Eileen Burnett, Ann Alderman, Patrick McVay, Patricia Stadden, Karen McAree, Bernard Driscoll, Jeremiah Murphy, Peggy Constable, James Hissey, Mary Williams, Marilyn Perks, Mary Gray, Margaret Warman, Joseph Potter, Norman Fonseca, Angela Formosa, Winifred Howells, George Martin, Roger Provoost, James Doyle, Catherine Payne, William Monks, Richard Payne, Maurice Ryan, 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 soul of Graham Webber who died recently. May he 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 Pat Gibson, Karen McAree, and John and Barbara Flynn.**

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.

KEEPING SAFE: From time to time we need to remind ourselves about keeping ourselves safe. It seems that Covid 19 in one form or another is going to be with us for a long time, so hand sanitiser and spare masks will continue to be available as you enter Church. But there are other areas where we must take care. If you are visiting the Piety Stall please be mindful of the step up to the glass display cases. Also as you enter and leave the Church there are steps. There are hand rails to assist your ascent and descent, so please use them. Some people have begun to use the kneelers so please put them in the upright position at Communion Time so that there is a clear pathway for walking through the pews. And lastly candles..... start at the back please.

LOURDES VISIT: Mary and Tommy Taylor are due to be in Lourdes for the week beginning 25th July. They will light candles for the Parish Community. If anyone would like them to take a petition on their behalf, please bring them to Church by Sunday 24th July.

ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS: On Saturday 16th July Deacon Elliot Hanson from St Mary's Church Canton was ordained to the Priesthood. Fr Hanson will say his first Mass on Sunday 17th July and we wish him every grace and blessing in the days to come.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023 Baptised children currently in Y2 or above will be invited to enrol for the Sacramental group to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in Spring / Summer 2023. Registration forms will be available from the beginning of Sept 22. Children and their families will be expected to attend weekend Mass regularly if they wish to be part of the programme.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: As usual for those who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Canon Mike will be available at the END of each weekend Mass NOT before Mass.

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are lots of devotional aids and gifts and cards. **Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !**

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.

SYNOD ACTION: Social Media : Are you a member of our parish **Facebook** page? The Facebook page has been established for quite a long time and has over 400 members. Canon's weekly message and the newsletter are shared each week, as well as Parish news and other information. Join us on: Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown - www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk
We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange

MASS INTENTIONS: 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.

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 02921 843230 (new number)**

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

PARISH WEBSITE 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 and there are links to various Masses on-line. The **JUNE** edition of the Catholic People Publication is also available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries. There is now a link to the Parish Facebook page and Twitter.

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MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Over the years people are amazed that I'm a Priest. People in whose company I've sat and had a few pints of Guinness after a Rugby match or wherever I happen to be "I always thought Priests did not drink . . . I always thought Priests were Holy . . . But you are so normal , easy to chat too . . ."

Eventually they ask the silly question , " Did God talk to you in the night , did he make contact with you ?"

The simple answer to that is YES, but not in the way they imagine.

What they are trying to ask is "Do/Did you have a vocation , a calling from the Lord ?"

You've heard me say that the seeds of my vocation were sown when my parents married in the Church of St Joseph Neath . It was in this "Family of Love, understanding humanity and tolerance" that I started my journey. Like Abraham I did not fully understand what it all meant but I knew that I must at some stage leave everything behind and follow in the Lord's footsteps, including leaving my own family .

For thirty years we are told very little if anything about the child , the adolescent, the man , Jesus, but you can be sure He was learning about life within the confines of the Family Home at Nazareth . He must have encountered the joys and sorrows of family life: running errands for His parents, sweeping up in the family workshop, doing the mundane everyday things which were to give Him a greater understanding of the people He met in later life and a deeper awareness of "His calling , His vocation " to bring people to a love of His Father's mercy .

In today's Gospel we hear of two sisters completely different in outlook, most probably sniping at each other, but were inseparable. In fact very much like my Mother and my mother's sister Mair.

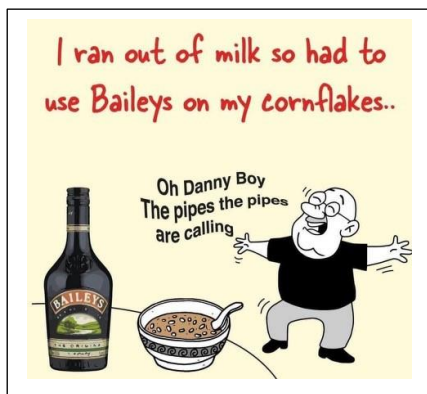
Jesus was a great friend to Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus and we are told later of how Jesus cried over Lazarus' death . Today we hear how one sister started to complain to the Lord that her sister was sitting, praying, listening to the stories of Jesus whilst she was busy around the house making it a 'Home'cooking , cleaning, making the beds and other jobs that went to making it a "Home"

When my mother died I said in her life that she was both Martha and Mary as she combined in her earthly life the attributes of both women. She, along with my father, gave to Me and my sister, a roof over our heads, food on the table and a loving, compassionate and tolerant upbringing. But the "Magic Ingredient" was her example of prayer and a love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph .

This is where the foundations of my vocation came from: Prayer and Service , a love of God and neighbour, a respect for those you live amongst, which eventually brought me to where I am today.

My family life along with my vocation is different to the many priests I've met over the years . There were those who had no family life , no caring parents but I don't hold myself superior to them or anyone else but thank the Lord and count my many blessings for what was given me , and think today when I read about Martha and Mary, of my mother .

May she and Martha and Mary find Peace in the one they loved .



A teacher asked Tommy where he was going for his Holiday , "We are going to Llandudno " "That's nice" said the teacher "Could you spell LLANDUDNO for your class mates", then Tommy replied " Sorry miss my mistake we are going to Barry"

What is the slowest horse in the world ? A clothes horse

I would have liked to have taken my wife on our honeymoon , but she couldn't get the time off work .

Three deaf men walking down the road ,
One " Whew it's windy today " Two , "No, today is Thursday"
Three , "So am I ! Let's have a drink !"