

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle A
Psalter Week 3

Sunday 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	18 TH FEB	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Hurley Family
SUN	19 TH FEB		10.00am	Antonio Cicillini Maria Young +
MON	20 TH FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of Turkey and Syria
TUES	21 ST FEB	MEMORIAL OF ST PETER DAMIEN	10.00am	Joseph Long and the Holy Souls
WED	22 ND FEB	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am	People of the Parish
THURS	23 RD FEB	COMMEMORATION OF ST POLYCARP	10.00am	Tom Doyle
FRI	24 TH FEB			
SAT	25 TH FEB	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Kazimierz Penar
SUN	26 TH FEB		10.00am	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 for Neil Boyle, Bernard Doolan, Mary Thompson, Emil Coponai, Arthur Straughan, Harold Osmond, James Hall, Thomas Stevens, Terry O'Reilly, Thomas Thomas, Katherine Taylor, Michael O'Donovan, Terence Manders, Winifred Conway, Daniel Allsopp, Stanley Jeffreys, Helen Lopategui, Paolina Ianucci, Shelia Kowalewska, Thomas Stenson, Norman Light, John Fitzgerald, Kathleen Simpson, Brian Lepore, John Redican, Dominik Halendy, Michael Fitzgerald, Magdalena Klos 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 Bernard Stroud and all who have lost their lives in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. 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 a Special Intention and John Alexander Cohen**

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be said on the Fridays of Lent at 3.00pm. All welcome

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes will be distributed at the 10.00am Mass. If you would like to take some ashes home to those who are unable to come at that time, please come forward at the end of Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: With great delight I extend congratulations to Fr Paul Millar "Grangetown born & Bred" after many years of dedicated service has been asked to join the Chapter of Canons. This is well deserved. Paul is "one of the good guys" respected by his fellow Priests and the people of the Archdiocese. Paul will be installed during Mass on St David's Day . . . 12.30pm St David's Cathedral (ALL PEOPLE WELCOME)

FAMILY MASS: It was wonderful to see so many families at Mass last weekend. Please remember that you are invited every weekend.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CARDIFF is seeking a new Headteacher and further details are available on the Eteach website. <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/st-patrick-s-rc-primary-school-jobs-28212/?oo=ag>

NEW HYMN: 'Hail Mary Gentle Woman' You will find this hymn at the front of the Hymn Book. S 7. The choir will be singing this new hymn for several weeks so that eventually we will all be able to join in singing this beautiful hymn.

SYNOD: Back in November we were asked our opinions about the Synod. The responses from the Parishes were collated and a report made. Only 10 of the Cardiff Parishes responded and we were one! Well done to everyone who contributed. The Archbishop has written a letter on his response to the Report and both documents are on the Parish website for you to read. The Synod is an on-going process and with your prayers and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit we will move our Parish forward.

DOORS: Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners and this week we will be starting to look at the Lenten Season. This is a discussion group, not a prayer group and 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents who have registered their children to receive the sacraments. 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

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)

PIETY STALL: Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts and also Easter Cards and Gifts **Diaries Reduced to £1.00** **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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS : 11TH/12TH FEBRUARY £ 662.70

FACEBOOK : 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.

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.

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. The Caritas Bulletin for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** 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, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message and the Catholic People Newspaper for **JANUARY**

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Well it's arrived , the start of Lent is upon us . Have you seen an improvement in your dealings with God and neighbour ? For the small number of people who turned up for Mass on Ash Wednesday last year, if you recall I said "Turn back to God and be Faithful to the Gospel" as the Ash was placed upon your head . Have you turned back to God ? Have you been faithful to the Gospel ?

During this past year have you or the Parish been seen as a People of Outreach ?

A Newsletter of three weeks ago spoke of moving from the barricades, living the Faith among people, walking out of Church, Temple , Mosque or Synagogue, in our case following the teachings of Jesus . The White Monks who were in abundance for many years within Wales, the Cistercians, who tilled the soil every day as well as taking time to worship God , "To Work is to Pray " believed that their prayer life found meaning through manual work.

For some instead of grasping this Sacred Time of turning back to God they turn away, maybe refusing to acknowledge The Father's hands to NOT contain a stick to humiliate and punish, but hands open in tenderness and understanding

"Come back to me with all your heart , for I am a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger but rich in mercy "

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS ? YOU SHOULD, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE

The Muslim community here in Grangetown is alive and flourishing . They are not afraid to practice their Faith . You see them a number of times each day heading to the Mosque in prayer, unlike the Catholic community who have great difficulty in coming together **ONE DAY A WEEK . . .**

What will become of the Catholic Community of St Pat's in the next few years ? I've already spoken about the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan , their equivalent of Lent , when they fast between Sunrise and Sunset and as a community make this month an opportunity to reach out to those in need, in handing out food parcels and such like acts of charity to the old and needy .

What do we do as individuals, let alone as a Community of believers ? I asked two weeks ago, again through the Newsletter and spoke about it during Mass "What can we do , what are we able to do , what are we willing to do ?"

What will you achieve as a 50yr old by giving up sugar or sweets as you've been doing since childhood. Has it brought a deeper awareness of God's love and mercy ? Maybe you could encourage some one to return to the Lord and bring some of our children from our schools, who are the "Church of today and the Hope of Tomorrow ', to witness what it's like to journey as a family of believers who are turning to the Lord through living out the Gospel.

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What is a Christian's favourite meal between Ash Wednesday and Easter?

Lentil soup.



A young man was in love with two women and could not decide which of them to marry. Finally he went to a marriage counsellor. When asked to describe his two loves, he noted that one was a great poet and the other made delicious pancakes...“Oh,” said the counsellor. “I see what the problem is. You can’t decide whether to marry for batter or verse.”