SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE Reading Cycle A Psalter Week 2 Sunday 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 Chaplain: Rev. Peter Davies peter.davies4@wales.nhs.uk



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#### MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	13 <sup>th</sup> MAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6. 30pm	Brigid Johnson +
SUN	14 <sup>th</sup> MAY		10.00am	Paul and Nicholina Mallia
MON	15 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Weekday in the Sixth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Brigid Johnson
TUES	16 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Weekday in the Sixth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Roy and Audrey Prew
WED	17 <sup>th</sup> MAY	Weekday in the Sixth Week of Eastertide	10.00am	Holy Souls
THURS	18 <sup>th</sup> MAY	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRI	19 <sup>th</sup> MAY			
SAT	20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	21 <sup>st</sup> MAY	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	10.00am	Int. Canon Paul Millar

#### 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 Josie Kennedy, Paul Croll, Brigid Johnson, Catherine Whitehouse, David Bennett, Dolores Bianchi, Fr Francis O'Donnell, Deacon Geoffrey Beach, Fr Patrick O'Connell, John Thomas, Barbara Williams, Arthur McGrath, John Gill, Adrien Moreno, Anna Buhagiar, Tracey Cengiz, Kathleen Nolan, Frederick Bermingham, Maria Almeida, James Cowhig, Mary Phillips, Sonia Hall, Shirley Philp, Hubert Baron, Fr John Rohan, Bernard Cottier and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Stefania Pietrowski who passed away recently. May she rest in eternal peace.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families, particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

<u>CANDLES</u> 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 those making their First Holy Communion.

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.

<u>A BIG THANK YOU:</u> Thank you to all who made the Grand Re-Opening of our Café such a success: to all who worked so hard cleaning, preparing, and donating, to all those who made the teas and coffees and to all who munched their way through such a wonderful display of cakes and goodies. Please come again next week. Winners of the Raffle: Jan Klos, Julia, Karen Stevens.

**DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER ADVERT:** Our school is advertising for the position of Deputy Head Teacher. The full advert in on https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-headteacher-1330637 (exp 16<sup>th</sup> May)

**PRIZE BINGO:** Friends of St Patrick's Primary welcome you to their Prize Bingo afternoon in the School Hall on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open at 1.30pm. Eyes down at 2.00pm. £5.00 for six games of Bingo. Prizes for one line and a full house. Refreshments included.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023:** This coming Thursday is the last of the Preparation Lessons before the candidates make their First Holy Communion. Canon Mike will talk to **the candidates AND their Parents** at this meeting which starts at **5.15pm** Please be on time because he will talk about the arrangements for this special occasion.

**SYNOD NEXT STEPS:** The Report from our Archdiocese together with reports from all over the UK have been collated into one document and in turn joined reports from all over the World. These were discussed in Prague and a Final Report has been produced. It is a weighty document but is available for you to read on the SYNOD page on the website. There is a link on the Home Page. (pink)

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 -Price: £660. Bookings available 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.

**<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</u>**: 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.

# <u>GOING INTO HOSPITAL?</u> 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.

**<u>PIETY STALL:</u>** 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. **<u>Please take care if you wish to look in the glass cases. There is a step !</u>** 

**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: May 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> £ 678. 48

**<u>PARISH WEBSITE</u>** Each day there is something new to read.

#### MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

This coming week we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord . This was the day when the 'Umbilical Cord' was cut , and we no longer find ourselves clinging to the Lord .

"....Peace I leave you, my own Peace I give you, a Peace the world is crying out for. So do not be afraid or troubled, for I am going away but I will return. So do not cling to me for I must return to the Father. I leave you, my friends the task of building my kingdom here on earth..."

We are those 'Friends' Jesus talked about . We are the people commissioned to build the Kingdom .

#### "A Kingdom of Truth and Life. . A Kingdom of Holiness and Grace . A Kingdom of Justice , Love and Peace . . . ."

If you remember a few months ago, many of you filled in a series of questions on the Synod called by Pope Francis . A number of issues were raised affecting the Universal Church which sadly can only be delt with by the Holy Father and his advisers (The Holy Spirit will have His work cut out) but there were comments that affect us as a Community here in St Pat's.

I intend to focus upon your suggestions but I need YOUR HELP. That's what Jesus was saying to those who were listening. I'm always saying that " we are selective in what we wish to hear" Are you listening to the call of the Lord to work FOR and WITH your fellow Parishioners ?

We have been appealing these past weeks for people to become Readers at Mass, to Proclaim the Word of The Lord., and we need people of all ages to fill the Ministry of Welcome . A face of welcome , a joyful greeting with you becoming the first point of contact to new and old parishioners . Do you think you are capable of a simple "Welcome to St Pat's and please join us in our weekly Celebration of Mass " Eucharistic Ministers who in their own right assist the Priest or Deacon during the Mass visit the Housebound with Holy Communion . These are just the tip of the iceberg , so we need you to serve God through serving our neighbour. . . .

#### "I came to serve NOT to be served . . . "

Jesus the "Teacher" has left the classroom leaving the children with tasks which He will check upon His return . He will return , but nobody knows when . This is what Ascension is about , cutting the "Umbilical Cord" growing and maturing in the Faith "... REMEMBER THIS PARISH NEEDS YOU !...'

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While proudly showing off his new apartment to friends, a young businessman led them into the lounge.

"What's the big brass gong and hammer for ?" asked one

"Oh that's the talking clock."

"How does it work?"

"Like this" said the flat owner, and he proceeded to whack the gong with the hammer.

Suddenly a voice screamed from the apartment next door "Cut that out, you idiot. Don't you know it's two o'clock in the morning."

A woman complained to her sister about the amount of housework she had to do.

"After a long day at work I come home and there's always a mountain of chores waiting for me. There are clothes to wash, dishes to wash, and at the weekend there are sheets to wash, floors to wash and windows to wash."

"What about your husband?" asked her sister

" No, he has to wash himself."

"What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary filling in the necessary forms on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician" said a new boy at school

"How interesting. What's his favourite trick?"

"He saws people in half"

- "Gosh. Now, next question. Any brothers or sisters?"
- "Yes. One half-brother and two half-sisters."