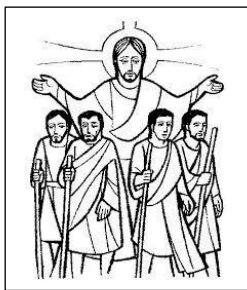


**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle C  
Page 160 in the New Mass Book  
Psalter Week 1  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

SAT	25 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Mary Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	26 <sup>TH</sup> JAN		10.00am	Lloyd Ferriera R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	28 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	MEMORIAL OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS	6.30pm	Souls in Purgatory
WED	29 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Agnieszka Klos R.I.P Victor Camilleri R.I.P
THURS	30 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of the Parish
FRI	31 <sup>ST</sup> JAN	MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BOSCO	10.00am	Maria Rosario Sousa R.I.P Special Intention
SAT	1 <sup>ST</sup> FEB	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, THE PURIFICATION OF MARY CANDLEMAS SUNDAY	6.30pm	Bernard Johnson + R.I.P
SUN	2 <sup>ND</sup> FEB		10.00am	Eva Ryan 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 Michael Beer, Antoni Sacchetti and Lina Malacrino. May they rest in peace**

We also pray for Miroslav Ruzicka, Charles Fry, Patrick O'Leary, Gerard Mahoney, Paul Ray, Mary Regan, Bart Stafford, Colin Deans, Elisio Bermudez, Trevor Stevens, Terence Cross, Winifred Lawson, Nileen Hayes, Michael Lyons, Rose Bennett, Julia Kulinskia, Alice Parker, Spyridion Micallef, Bernard Johnson, Loyd Ferriera, William Chisholm, Harry Coulthard, Mary Jane Allsopp, George Stevens, Victor Camilleri, Bernard Carter, Michael Dacey, Jim Driscoll, John McKendrick, Pat Davies, Eileen Cleverdon, John Desmond 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 Joan and Ernie Lawson and a Special Intention**

**MOVING ON:** Sadly 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 2<sup>nd</sup> ( next weekend) 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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:** 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY £644.41

### **WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Most companies or organisations have a ‘mission statement’. For those unfamiliar with the term this is ‘ a brief statement that explains why an organization exists, what its goals are, and how it intends to achieve them’. In today’s Gospel reading we hear Luke’s account of Jesus’ first visit back to his home town Nazareth, having left there to begin his mission. According to Luke, this is when Jesus announced *His* mission statement. Going into his local synagogue on the Sabbath, Jesus was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and invited to read from it. He immediately went to a section of the scroll which gave him, ready-made, His own mission statement. Having recently received the Spirit afresh at His baptism, Jesus easily identified with the line, ‘the spirit of the Lord has been given to me’; He then declares His mission to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and new sight to the blind, set free the downtrodden and proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He declares that His mission will be focused primarily on those who probably thought of themselves as out of favour with God because of their poverty, their sense of being captive to some power beyond themselves, their awareness of their own blindness, including spiritual blindness.

That mission statement of Jesus embraces all of us. It remains the mission statement of the risen Lord who journeys with all of us, just as He journeyed with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who is with us in the Eucharist, just as the two disciples recognized Him in the breaking of bread. There are times in all our lives when we are poor, captive, blind, downtrodden. There are moments when we feel out of favour, with ourselves, with others, with God. It is above all then that we must allow the Lord to find us, just as He found Zacchaeus, another of those who were out of favour, saying to him, ‘Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today’. The Lord seeks us out, especially in our times of greatest need; He seeks us out to shower us with God’s favour. He then sends us out to be channels of God’s favour to others. Each of us is called to be a unique revelation of God’s favour. That is the message of Paul in this weekend’s second reading. If Jesus was the revelation of God’s favour, Paul reminds us that we are all members of Christ’s body, each of us gifted by the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s favour in a way that is unique to each one of us. We are all equally important within the church because each of us has a unique mission that no one else can fulfil.

If you had to write your own mission statement, your reason for being, what would you write?

