

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 21st MARCH 2021

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THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

SATURDAY	20 TH MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Bernadette and Tom People of the Parish
SUNDAY	21 ST MARCH		10.00am	
MONDAY	22 ND MARCH			
TUESDAY	23 RD MARCH	Weekday in the Fifth week of Lent	10.00am	Coronavirus Mass
WEDNESDAY	24 TH MARCH	Weekday in the Fifth week of Lent	10.00am	
THURSDAY	25 TH MARCH	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Solemnity)	10.00am	Norman Light
FRIDAY	26 TH MARCH			
SATURDAY	27 TH MARCH	PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Lu Mooney Philomena, Abbe, and Alex Cohen
SUNDAY	28 TH MARCH		10.00am	

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 and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Kevin Collins and Terence James Dorgan who passed away recently. May they rest in eternal peace+

Please remember Fr Bill Isaac in your prayers that he may be restored to good health.

We also pray for, Kathleen Rawlings, Julia Williams, Josephine Chadwick, Gillian Roberts, Philys Formosa, Dorothy Rogers, Violet May Woodyatt, Basil Salvatore, Darren John, James Western, Jane Wanacott, James O'Leary, Joseph Bradley, Leslie Allsopp 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been opened in St David's Cathedral. for those who have died during the past year as a consequence of Covid 19. If you would like to include anyone in this book please e-mail Fr Daniel Stanton in the Cathedral at cathedral@rcadc.org or contact Chris German on 02920340776 who will forward the names to Fr Daniel. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

CANDLES You will have an opportunity to 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 Victor Camilleri**

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest 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 029 20743230

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?

Catholic People: March edition

Caritas: March /April Bulletin

Message from Pope Francis for Lent and some wise words on Fasting.

Lenten Message from Archbishop George Stack

Reflection on an individual Stations of the Cross and a link to join in with the complete Stations of the Cross.

'One year On: Book of Remembrance: Letter from Archbishop Stack

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

Those experiencing domestic abuse will be able to go into a Boots or indie chemist and seek help. If they say the codeword 'ANI' (pronounced Annie) they'll be taken to a private room and asked if they want to call 999 or domestic abuse helpline. ANI stands for 'Action Needed Immediately'

Contact Numbers: National Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Telephone receiver Respect helpline for male victims of abuse 0808 8010 327

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

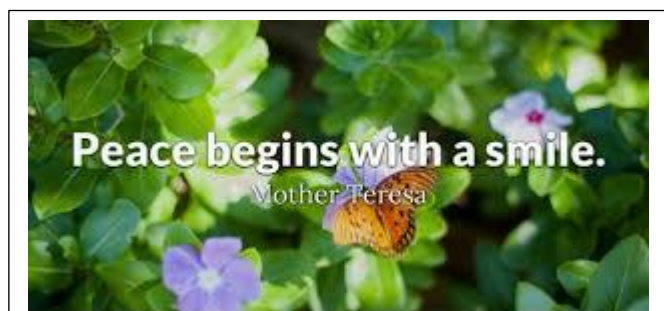
ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions.

CORONAVIRUS MASS: A few months ago I mentioned the disparity within the world of the 'Haves and the Have Nots' with regard to the Vaccine. I said that the rich countries would stockpile Vaccines, unwilling to share with the Developing World. How true this has become. The Bishops have asked that we celebrate a special mass this coming Tuesday 23rd March for those who have, in any way, been affected by the virus. Families who have lost someone, those still suffering, the medical and support staff and also those unable, through our greed to access the Vaccine. This is to say 'Thank You' for the gift, not only of the Vaccine, but for the many kind acts of Charity shown to us all.

Please try to attend this Mass Tuesday 10.00 am here at St Patrick's.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard after 6.30pm and 10.00am Masses. Due to the restrictions the Confessional Box will NOT be used, so I will hear them on the Sanctuary.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: I hope to re-commence my Communion round in the next few days. If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact me.



MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Just arrived home via Grange Gardens, a pretty sight with the flowers starting to bloom and the sun shining. A great day to be alive! I know this has not been a happy time for many but with Spring upon us and Easter to celebrate we could smile a little. This weekend the front door of our beloved Church re-opens and the members of the Family of St Patrick's once again meet and greet each other with a smile, but sadly NO hugs!

It's been a dark time but now there is light. We've come through the past year, not unscathed, but stronger, eager to live each day rejuvenated with courage and fortitude. On St David's Day I quoted the Great Man's words

“ Be joyful and keep the Faith”

If I'm honest it's been hard even for me to be joyful through this present lockdown. There have been dark moments of doubt in my Faith, but now my Faith will be made stronger once again when we come together, encouraging each other with that smile of being 'Family'.

“I am the True Vine and My Father is the Vine Dresser”

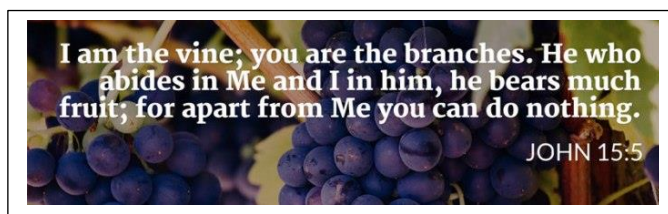
“I am the Vine, you are the branches

Whoever remains in Me, bears much fruit .

But, cut off from Me, you can do nothing, only whither away.....”

During Winter the Vines were dormant. Spring comes and the vines start to show new life and each branch, part of the One Vine. That's us. We will show fruit that will last because we are the Family of God, part of the Church, the Living Vine, Jesus Christ.

The night is far gone, the dawn is upon us. Let us meet with joyful minds and hearts, renewed, not forgetting those among us who are unable to share in this joy for what whatever the reason.



PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday (27th 28th March): We intend to have the weekend Masses again with restrictions and there will be changes to the Liturgy. **Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 10.00am**

Mass of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday: Mass will begin at 7.00pm This will be celebrated, but unlike other years the Blessed Sacrament will not be taken to the Altar of Repose and there will be no Service of Watching

Good Friday: This Service will start as usual at 3.00pm, however, we are limited in what we can do so there will be a shortened form of the Liturgy.

Easter Vigil (7.00pm) and Easter Sunday (10.00am)

Again, the Liturgy for both of these services will be shortened.

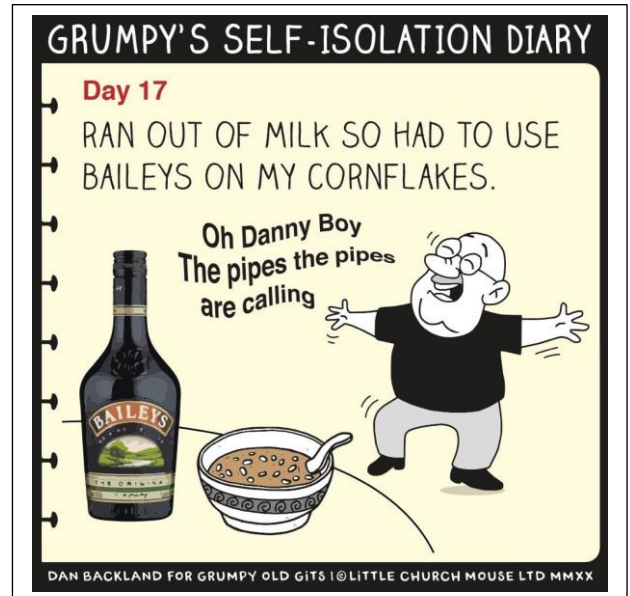
The Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidance which has been sent to all Parishes and we are obliged to follow their directions along with the rulings from Welsh Assembly Government.

It was easy to close the Churches during these past few months but remember it was for your safety that I closed St Patricks. The dilemma has been in the re-opening: should I? If so, when? We must take into consideration the health and safety of you and the stewards and cleaners who are at each service. So in anticipation I thank you for your co-operation and the stewards who are willing to assist at these services.

Booking a place: If you intend to be present at any of the services of Holy Week, a booking system similar to what we had at Christmas will be in place. There will be no tickets as such, but because of number restrictions you will need to book a place. Please give your name to Chris at the back of the Church.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

A little boy was attending his first wedding.
After the service, his cousin asked him
"How many women can a man marry?"
"Sixteen" the boy responded.
His cousin was amazed that he had answer so quickly.
"Wow ! How do you know that?"
"Easy" the little boy said
" All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said:
4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer".



A boy asked his father to use the car and the father replied "Not until you cut your hair"
The boy replied " But father,..... Jesus had long hair !"
"Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere." Said his father.

A little child in Church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plate.
When they neared the pew where he sat , the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear:
"Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five".

