

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

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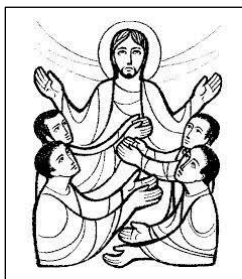
Psalter Week 2

Sunday 29TH OCT 2023

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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| SAT | 28 TH | OCT | THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Bradley and Stenson Families R.I.P. |
| SUN | 29 TH | OCT | | 10.00am | Filomena Dimonaco R.I.P. |
| MON | 30 TH | OCT | | | |
| TUES | 31 ST | OCT | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 11.30am | Maria Jose Trindade R.I.P |
| WED | 1 ST | NOV | SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | 11.30am | People of the Parish |
| THURS | 2 ND | NOV | COMMEMORATION OF ALL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED | 11.30 am | Deceased members of our Parish |
| FRI | 3 RD | NOV | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 11.30am | Maria Augusta Fernandes R.I.P. |
| SAT | 4 TH | NOV | THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm | Jimmy Stenson R.I.P. |
| SUN | 5 TH | NOV | | 10.00am | Margaret Gould 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.

We also pray for Arthur Hayes, James Curtis, James McCarthy, Margaret Bell, Martin Fitzsimmonds, Brian Williams, Edward Wilson, Phyllis Harris, Dominic Cardinale, Mary O'Sullivan, Anthony Murray, Martha Deans, John Driscoll, Kevin Councill, Thomas Murphy, 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.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Rose and Eddie Conway and Peace in the Holy Land**

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.

NEW WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Next week Morning Masses will be **Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri all at 11.30 am**

WEEKDAY MASSES: Now that the weather is getting colder, most of our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Sacristy.

NOVEMBER-- THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE: A basket will be placed at the front of the church for you to put in the names of those you would like to remember during this month. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR 2024 Book now open.

SICK OR RETIRED CLERGY: Over the next 10 years many of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age. Parish Priests generally retire from the administrative burden of Parish life at the age of 75, often having given 40-50 years of service to the community, but there are several who go on serving well after this time. The cost of care gets more expensive as the years go on, and as we all know, the cost of everything is on the way up. Next week we will have collection as you leave Church. There are envelopes for you to put in your donation if you wish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation. Thank you.

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.

SVP YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT. 24th-25th November Hebron Hall. Please see the Poster at the back of the Church

NEW ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: <https://rcadc.org/sign-up-to-our-email-newsletter/> to sign up.

CONFIRMATION: Names are being taken for Preparation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above). Please give your name to Mary Taylor or Chris.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2024 We invite parents /carers of Baptised Catholics in Y3 or above to register their children to enrol in this year's preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Registration forms are available from church after weekend Masses. These must be collected and returned by parents / carers. Regular attendance at the weekend Masses is a requirement and Mass attendance sheets will be provided. These will need to be signed on a weekly basis. Further information about dates etc will be provided at a later date. Thank You.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: If you would like these occasions to be celebrated in Church, please put details on the sheet and Chris will put it in our new 'Celebrations Book'

COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE! Everyone is welcome in our little café for coffee, tea, cake and a chat after the 10.00am Mass.

MARY IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL: Deadline for applying for a place is November 20th 2023.

ST DAVID'S CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE TY GWYN RD. Open Evening. Thursday 9th November 4.30- 7.30pm

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: 21st /22nd OCTOBER £645.77

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2024 has already begun and the closing date for applications is Monday 20th November. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For primary schools, the application process does not start until November. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com

If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, so that he knows who you are.

NEWSLETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Each week there is a new newsletter on the Parish website.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES APPEAL : Thank you to all who are helping to support the Fair-Priced Food Shop with donations of tinned goods and toiletries. Goods can be left by the table at the back of the Church and then they will be taken to the School.

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

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) Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain.

PIETY STALL: Christmas Stock is now on display Many items are reduced.
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.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion or if you need help please contact Frs Valentine, Solomon or Malachy

PARISH WEBSITE Each day there is something new to read.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Today we hear another of the Pharisees tests. Even though their previous verbal traps had not gone well, they still ploughed on. Gathering around Jesus, one of the scholars of the law asked Jesus: "What is the greatest commandment in the law?" Naturally, Jesus replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind." Jesus also affirmed that this commandment was the first and the greatest of all the commandments. Then he continued and said: "The second commandment is similar: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." This second commandment was probably not what they wanted to hear.

Today Jesus is asking us to love God wholeheartedly. God should be first and foremost in our lives. However, Jesus also tells us to "love our neighbour as we love ourselves." Both commandments are challenging. However, the instruction to love our neighbour as we love ourselves we may find more challenging than the first commandment! This second commandment often stretches us in uncomfortable ways. First of all, who is our neighbour? It is not just the person who lives next door to us. In this context it is anyone with whom we come into contact. It is easy to love people who love us or who we like, but what if it is someone we do not like, or someone who may have wounded us, insulted us or ignored us? The emotion we experience with this individual most likely is far from being 'loving.'

Yet, Jesus calls us to love each and every person we encounter: the ones we like as well as those we prefer to keep our distance from. Often we have to fight against the instinct to lash out if we have been hurt in some way, maybe to seek revenge. Getting our own back is not what Jesus is asking us to do. It is not the 2nd commandment. Today let us strive to keep Jesus' call in our minds and hearts. Let us consciously strive to love each and every person we encounter, no matter how we feel about them. Who knows: we may encounter someone who consciously may be striving to love us!