

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle C  
 Page 136 in the New Mass Book  
 Psalter Week 1  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025  
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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

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SAT	8 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Peter and Ena Holland R.I.P
SUN	9 <sup>TH</sup> FEB		10.00am	George and Margaret Stevens R.I.P Millie and Bert Swaffield R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	11 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick	6.30pm	Margaret Roche R.I.P Ann and John Flynn R.I.P
WED	12 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Special Intention for the King Family
THURS	13 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	Emilio Forte R.I.P
FRI	14 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	FEAST OF ST CYRIL AND ST METHODIUS	10.00am	Olwen Hall R.I.P Paul Vella R.I.P
SAT	15 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Brigid Johnson R.I.P
SUN	16 <sup>TH</sup> FEB		10.00am	Magdalena Klos 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 soul of Teresa Tanti. May she rest in peace**

We also pray for Fr Ray O'Shea, Margareth Roche, Fr Pierce Maher, Bernard Stroude, Jean Felice, Vivian Bevan, Rosa Lane, Magdalena Klos, Winifred Teppett, Amanda Ramos, William Green, Winifred Jeffreys, Alexander Tanti, Maureen Kelly, Colin Warman, George Collins, Violet Straughan, Norah Cleves, Paul Vella, Winifred Leach, Danilo Famari, Lynette White, Chris Stevens, Zeida Ugarte, Patricia Luxton, Emily Pine 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 a Special Intention and Fran Johnson**

**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.

**PREPARATION OF THE ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** We will be burning the palms from last year to create the ashes which will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms which you would like to donate please put them in the basket at the back of the Church.

**NEW WINESKINS COMMUNITY :** Prayer, Praise & Healing meeting Saturday 16th Feb 2025 10am - 12noon St. Dyfrigs RC Church Broadway, Treforest. Pontypridd CF37 1DB The morning includes - Prayer / Praise / Talk Break Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Invitation to Individual prayer ministry. **All are welcome** to this time of Prayer, Praise & Healing.

**SYNOD FINAL REPORT:** This document ( which is quite lengthy) is on the Parish Website. There is also a short summary which is easy to read and talks about the ways in which we might move forward.

**FLAME YOUTH EVENT IN WEMBLY :** Calling anyone from Year 9 - University age, Please see the Events Noticeboard at the back of the Church for details.

**VISIT OF THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS.** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be making a visit to the Cathedral in anticipation of the Canonisation in April. The day will have a full schedule including the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Throughout the day there will be three opportunities for Holy Mass and veneration of the relic – 10:00am, 12:45pm and 6:30pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from after the 10.00am Mass until 6.00pm

**DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER WANTED:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Ross on Wye. Please see Events Board.

**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.

**PIETY STALL SALE:** New display of items for Mothers' Day, and Easter. Lots of lovely things.

**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.

**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 or Malachy

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY £692.31

### **WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Today's Gospel is set beside a lake, and includes a fishing boat, an unproductive fishing trip and ? ..... well we know what happened.. By now, Jesus was attracting crowds, who gathered to listen to His message; and this was in the days before public address systems or even megaphones! The nearest thing to a megaphone Jesus could find was a boat, and by pulling out a bit from the shore, His voice would carry much better across the water, and also give Him space from the pressing crowds.

The next step was both simple and central. Peter was disappointed, because after a whole night's fishing he did not have even one fish to show for all his work, and so the scene was set for a miracle. Fishing in the middle of the day was unlikely to have a good result but as usual with Jesus, the outcome was abundant, "pressed down and flowing over" as with the wine at Cana, or the baskets of loaves and fish left over after everyone had been fed. The fishermen's catch of fish was immense !

Peter was his impulsive self and asked Jesus to leave him, because he was a sinful man. That must surely have brought a smile to the face of the Lord because it was precisely to draw such sinful people to Himself that He had come. So Jesus ignored Peter's remark, and instead invited Peter and his friends to join Him full-time in the mission He was undertaking. There was something magnetic about Jesus, and, immediately, the fishermen abandoned their ship, and their catch and set off down the road with Him.

This Gospel helps us understand that we too are called by the Lord and what we need to leave behind to follow Him. Just as the disciples left their nets, which symbolized their livelihood and security, we are called to let go of things that hinder our spiritual growth. These "nets" can be habits, possessions, or relationships that keep us from a closer relationship with the Lord. Often we become so entangled in the web that society weaves, that we do not even realise that we are trapped in a modern day net. It is difficult to step out into the unknown and leave the security we have known for a long time, but if it is holding us back from developing a loving relationship with the Lord that is what we are asked to do.

