

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Reading Cycle A  
Psalter Week 2

Sunday 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

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**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

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| SAT   | 11 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | (OUR LADY OF LOURDES )          | 6.30pm  | Margaret Roche +                   |
| SUN   | 12 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME   | 10.00am | Ann and John Flynn +               |
| MON   | 13 <sup>TH</sup> FEB |                                 |         |                                    |
| TUES  | 14 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | FEAST OF ST CYRIL Bishop        | 10.00am | Emilio Forte                       |
| WED   | 15 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | Weekday in Ordinary Time        | 10.00am | Jean Carter                        |
| THURS | 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | Weekday in Ordinary Time        | 10.00am | Brigid Johnson                     |
| FRI   | 17 <sup>TH</sup> FEB |                                 |         |                                    |
| SAT   | 18 <sup>TH</sup> FEB | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 6.30pm  | Hurley Family                      |
| SUN   | 19 <sup>TH</sup> FEB |                                 | 10.00am | Antonio Cicillini<br>Maria Young + |

**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 Alice Light, Jean Felice, Vivian Bevan, Winifred Teppett, Armando Ramos, William Green, Winifred Jeffries, Rosa Lane, Fr Pierce Maher, Fr Ray O'Shea, Alexander Tanti, Maureen Kelly, Colin Warman, George Collins, Violet Straughan, Nora Cleves, Paul Vella, Winifred Leach, Danilo Famari, Lynette White, Chris Stevens, Zeida Ugarte, Patricia Luxton, Emily Pine, Carol Ann McCarthy, Juan Antonio Laventure, Maria Young, Neil Boyle, Bernard Doolan, Mary Thompson, Emil Coponai, Arthur Straughan, Harold Osmond, James Hall 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.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin Smith, Glynn Roberts and Brenda Knight who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace

**CANDLES** 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 Helen Hathaway and the People of Turkey and Syria**

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.

**FLAME 2023:** The Archdiocese of Cardiff and Diocese of Menevia are very happy to announce that the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK is returning to London, as CYMFED organise Flame 2023 on Saturday 4th March.

The theme of Flame 2023 – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon - takes the WYD Scripture verse “Mary arose and went in haste” and crystallises into the theme, “Rise Up.”

Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up -as Mary did- for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith.

Details of the event itself can be found at <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>

The cost to participate will be £50 and will include the ticket and transport to and from London with pick up points planned in Swansea, Bridgend, Cardiff and Newport. Please can anyone experiencing any difficulty with the cost still contact me.

Please can anyone who would like to participate or to receive further information contact Rev. Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email [christian.mahoney@rcadc.org](mailto:christian.mahoney@rcadc.org)

**CONFIRMATION MEETING TODAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB AFTER MASS:** At last we've been given a date for Confirmation, Sunday 18th June during the 10.00 Parish Mass. A number of people have approached me so I've decided to meet with these people on Sunday 12th February after the 10.00 Mass

**'WALK WITH ME' LENTEN BOOKLET:** This is available as you come into Church £1.00

**NEW HYMN:** ‘Hail Mary Gentle Woman’ You will find this hymn at the front of the Hymn Book. S 7. The choir will be singing this new hymn for several weeks so that eventually we will all be able to join in singing this beautiful hymn.

**DOORS :** Please remember to close the doors so that the cold wind does not blow through the Church. The side Porch doors are unlocked, for Health and Safety, and can be opened in case of emergency.

**'LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP:** This is a very small group, led by Parishioners. We are looking at the Gospel of St Mark and you find out all sorts of interesting things en route: 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. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023:** Parents who have registered their children to receive the sacraments. Please make sure that Mass is attended each week, home tasks are completed, and please try to be on time for classes. From time to time you will be contacted by e-mail, so please reply so we know it has been received. [marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com](mailto:marystpatricksgrange@gmail.com). Thank You

**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)

**PIETY STALL:** Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts and also Easter Cards and Gifts **Diaries Reduced to £1.00** **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.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS :** 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY £ 859. 85 WOW!! Thank you.

**FACEBOOK :** Friends of St Patrick's Grangetown -[www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk](http://www.stpatrickscardiff.co.uk)

We now have a **Twitter** account. Please follow us: St Patrick's Church Grangetown @StPatsGrange.

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE** Many people are unaware of what we have on our Parish Website. The Bible readings for the Day are uploaded each day together with reflections. The Caritas Bulletin for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** is also available. When text is underlined, click on that and it will give more information. This newsletter is there for you to read with details of the weekly Masses and Anniversaries, and ... Canon Mike's Weekly Message and the Catholic People Newspaper for **JANUARY**

#### **MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE**

One place I've never visited is Venice. The grandeur of this once City State, known as "The City of Bridges" has had an attraction for me since my time as a student in Rome. One day I might be seen floating down the Grand Canal on a Gondola passing under the Bridge of Sighs.

There is another bridge, not in Venice or Rome, but in Lourdes, "The Bridge of Tears".

Lourdes for me is the "Village of Tears": a place where tears of both joy and sorrow are shed. On a number of occasions I've stood with people who wished to unburden themselves and have broken down, tears of sorrow running down their faces. We've stood on the bridge, eyes focussed on the Mother of Tears. She like all her children has experienced a broken heart for she knows the feelings of fear, doubt and insecurity. Remember the first person we look for when we are crying... our Mother! For many years I was that person crying on the Bridge, for I was full of doubt, fear and insecurity. My tears fell into the River Gave and were swept away in the flowing waters. By visiting Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Doubt, I heard the words she spoke at the Marriage of Cana "Listen to my Son". Then the words of Jesus entered my mind and heart

***" Michael, Doubt no longer, but Believe. You are Precious in my eyes"***

This weekend (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb) is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. None of us is able to travel to the Village of Tears to visit Mary, but Mary is willing to visit us. She is willing and able, like any mother, to hold us, allowing us to cry tears of fear and regret, and as she did not abandon her Son, she will not abandon us. Mary was there on each step of His journey and she is with us on our journey. The miracle of Lourdes is that tears are transformed from sorrow to joy.

Each of us needs the gentle touch and the reassuring words of Our Lady. We will pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them both at home and in hospital. May we feel a Mother's love and tenderness on this great Feast and may she hold tenderly in her arms all those who have died, those who are suffering in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria and may she be with the aid-workers who are working tirelessly in the cold.

Mary, Mother of Doubt and Brokenness,  
Mary, Mother of the Sick, and the Dying Pray for us.

Me and my Mother in Lourdes.

