

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	25 TH MAR	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	People of the Parish
SUN	26 TH MAR			10.00am
MON	27 TH MAR	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am	Noel Bell
TUES	28 TH MAR	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am	People of the Parish
WED	29 TH MAR	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am	Con and Muriel Callaghan
THURS	30 TH MAR	Weekday in the Fifth Week of Lent SCHOOL MASS (in Church)	10.00am	Annie and James Hall
FRI	31 ST MAR	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	3.00pm	
SAT	1 ST APRIL	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	6.30pm	Terry Burnett
SUN	2 ND APRIL		10.00am	Special Intention

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 Dorothy Rogers, Violet May Woodyatt, Basil Salvatore, Darren John, James Western, Jane Wanacott, James O'Leary, Joseph Bradley, Leslie Allsopp, Michael Bourge, Roy Deans, Spiro Tanti, Michael Curmi, Guiseppa Ianucci, Margaret Ann Madigan, Gemma Hanlon, Matilda Felices, Bernard Lago, Edith Palmer, Annie Hall, Joanna (Eve) Simons, Frances Prosser, Archbishop Ward, Canon Bill Isaac, Canon Reidy, 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 Betty Knight, Terry Burnett (Snr) and Michael Conway who passed away 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 Terry Burnett and the Burnett Family**

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.

CAUTION: We love having children in Church and seeing them explore, however please can I ask parents to be mindful of the hazards; especially supervise your children around the candles, kneelers, steps, the toilet and in the garden. It only takes a second for an accident to happen.

NEW GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID BOXES READY FOR COLLECTION

HOLY WEEK: Soon we will begin the most Holy Week in the year. **On MONDAY 3rd APRIL, at 6-6.30 pm** we will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Exposition**. During the past few weeks we have been hearing much about turning back to the Lord and asking His forgiveness for the times when we have gone our own way and a group of our young people received this Sacrament for the First Time. If you haven't taken up the chance to receive the Grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a good while, this is your chance. Hopefully, there will be two priests and opportunities for face-face or in the Confessional. What better way to start Holy Week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be said on the Fridays of Lent at 3.00pm. All welcome

EASTER LITURGY: Mary Immaculate High School Thursday 30th March at 6.00pm

KEVIN: 25 years this Monday a significant moment in the history of both the Archdiocese and the Catholic Church in Wales saw Kevin Paine ordained to the Priesthood. Kevin was and is still married to Caroline and in time had two children. Kevin's journey started many years before as a Priest in the Church of Wales. Later, he found the Lord calling him into the Church of Rome. Kevin's contribution to the people of Wales is outstanding. He has been a Chaplain to the Deaf, Chaplain to HCPT, Parish Priest, Husband and Father as well as a good friend to me and Brian Grey who celebrated his Silver Jubilee a few weeks ago. Sadly Kevin has many health issues but is like a rubber ball always bouncing back full of determination and humour. We are lucky to have him and his family and we will pray for them at this Happy time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2023: Parents please make sure that Mass is attended each week, home tasks are completed, **and please try 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. Thank You

APPEAL FROM CHURCH CLEANERS: We have a fantastic group of volunteers who clean our Church regularly, but lately they have had to contend with, sweet wrappers, drinks cans, chewing gum (YUK!) lots of crumbs, and used tissues (Double YUK!) Please do not bring eatables into the Church and if you do use tissues..... please take them home.

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: : 24th - 28th July We are travelling to Lourdes in 2023 - Come & Join Us!
A full religious programme, all transport, travel and full board 4* accommodation are included in the pilgrimage package. Price: £660.
Bookings available now via Tangney Tours.

LOOKING AT THE BIBLE' GROUP: This is a very small group, led by Parishioners and this week we will be looking at the Lenten Season. This is a discussion group, not a prayer group and we find out 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. When the nights get lighter we may try to meet in the early evening. Come through the Garden gate by the side of the Church and through the side Porch. All welcome.

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: New Stock In !Our Piety stall is open Before and After but not during Mass. There are new beautiful Easter Cards and Gifts. Also there is a variety of cards that are on the table as you come into Church that are free. **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 : 18th/ 19th March £663.48

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. Now, during Lent, there is a link to an online Stations of the Cross and each day a different 'Station' has a reflection. The Caritas Bulletin for **FEBRUARY/MARCH** is also available and also the Catholic People Newspaper for **MARCH**. 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.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

Cast your minds back when you learned how to ride a bike: stabilizes at the back of the bike giving you balance and confidence .Some had the stabilizers taken away sooner than others. They were the confident ones. Remember the elation of the moment, the achievement, when we had conquered our fear. We had achieved greatness . We felt we were no longer a child but an adult and this would be the first of many experiences on our life's journey that we let go of the past and advanced forward .

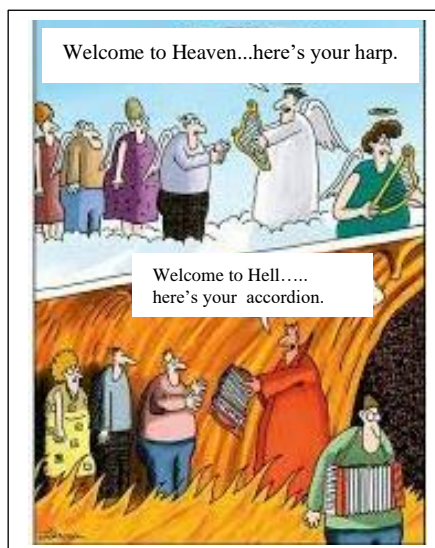
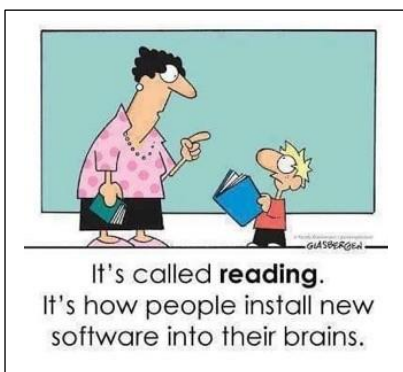
Around the same time as learning to ride a bike we were preparing for our First Confession, known today as Reconciliation . We were meeting a new challenge on the journey of life . Sadly we were being taught 'What' to think rather than 'How' to think . What was drilled into us by our teachers was 'how to enter the Box , how and what to say to the Priest'. This instilled a sense of fear and trepidation which for many remains the same. They look upon this as an encounter with a God of retribution and punishment rather than a God of understanding and healing . This became a time of fear rather a time of joy and rebirth .

At our First Confession the teacher handed us a "list of sins ", the Stabilizers , the list, which became part of us . We were afraid of letting go, not thinking for ourselves. When we cut off the stabilizers what joy we felt, now we were free to ride towards the sun . A new life lay ahead, wonderful experiences would come our way. It's the same joyful experience awaiting us as we see Confession not as a time of pain but one of Hope and Healing .

When we seek the Lord's gentle and comforting words, seek it as an adult not as a child holding on to childish things. Dispose of "The List", cut loose. Cutting the stabilizers will be our time of growth , a time of thinking for one's self , maturing in the Faith . Do you feel any better saying the same drivel , do you see an improvement in your relationship with your neighbour , Christ or the Church ? For many they have remained in their Baptismal Robes. It's time to grow up and experience what it means to be "Reconciled to God"

There will be an opportunity on Monday of Holy Week 3rd April 6.00pm with Exposition and for you my fellow traveller to meet the God of Mercy and Compassion who does not hold grudges or resentment but smiles and offers a new start . So come along on your bikes with your stabilizers and sin list left behind .

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