



CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

22nd August | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 1

There is a branch of theology called *theodicy*, this branch would seek to vindicate God's existence, even in the face of evil and suffering. It attempts to answer the question of "why" evil exists, if God is all-loving.

St Augustine of Hippo, the feast day of whom we celebrate on Saturday, thought of evil as a privation of the good. In his work *The City of God*, St Augustine wrote: "For evil has no positive nature; but the loss of good has received the name "evil." Evil, according to Augustine, is the absence of the good.

We read in the book of Genesis that "...God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good " (Genesis 1:31) but something happened, the Fall of Humanity brought into the world sin and suffering. Another theodicy theologian, St Irenaeus, argues that whilst humanity is created good, that was only part of the creation story, the second part is our growth in holiness. Meaning, that we have the ability to freely choose to do good, or not.

However, this is not possible on our own. We are constantly in need of God's grace and strength to overcome the old adversary.

In the face of evil and suffering, let us not lose hope, let us say with St Peter: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' (John 6:68-69)

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism: 'Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.' (Catechism, 1213)

Confirmation: 'For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.' (Catechism, 1285)

First Holy Communion: '...by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body. ' (Catechism, 1331)

Fr Robert is happy to talk about preparation for any of the Sacraments, for yourself, our your children.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your Holy Church.

Teach them that to serve you is to reign, to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the young hearts of your sons and daughters the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth.

Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.

Help our seminarians who are preparing for Priesthood.

If you think you have a vocation to the Priesthood, talk to Fr Robert or contact the Vocations Director, Fr Nicholas Williams on vocations@rcadc.org

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

This Thursday, Fr Nicholas Williams, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, is extending an invitation to join him for a Holy Hour, with the intention of praying for vocations to the Priesthood. **This will take place at St Mary of the Angels, Kings Road, Canton beginning at 7pm.**

Vocations spring up where people pray for them, let us spend some time with the Lord and pray for an increase in the labourers in the Lord's vineyard.

ALERT LEVEL ZERO

Over the next couple of weeks we will begin to relax the measures at the Cathedral, in line with the regulations given by the Welsh Government, and the guidance from the Bishops Conference. The plan going forward is outlined below.

1. **We will remove most of the social distancing signs.** There will be a section of the Cathedral that will retain the social distancing measures, and this will be marked out in the customary fashion. We will also provide laminated signs reading “Please leave a space” for those who wish to sit in the main body of the Cathedral. Please respect the wishes of the parishioners who would like to maintain social distancing.
2. No holy water in the stoops.
3. **Masks remain mandatory, unless you are exempt.**
4. Holy Communion can be received **on the hand or on the tongue.** If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, I ask that you join the back of the Communion queue.

WORKS AT THE CATHEDRAL

You will notice that a number of pews at the entrance to the Cathedral are ‘out of action’ at the moment, and those of you who watch via the livestream will have noticed that the camera has been obscured since early last week. This is because on Monday (16th) scaffolding will be erected in the organ loft. To gain access to the loft the contractors will have to erect a tower in the central aisle of the Cathedral, with the intention of lifting the scaffold onto the gallery.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. However, this work is long overdue, and I am most looking forward to the removal of our flying friends from the roof space.

EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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ALTAR SERVING

If you're interested in serving on the altar, please speak to Fr Robert, or one of the servers.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team: (029) 2074 3230

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm

Saturday: 9am - 12noon & 4:00pm - 6:30pm (after Mass)

Sunday: 10:00am - 12noon & 4:20pm - 6:30pm (after Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available Monday to Friday 12noon - 12:25pm & Saturday at the advertised times.

Saturday 21st August

4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Martin Evans

Sunday 22nd August - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Special Intention: Barrie Thomas

Monday 23rd August

12:45pm Mass: Frances Nolan

Tuesday 24th August - St Bartholomew, Apostle

12:45pm Mass: Joseph Terence Gee (Foundation Mass)

Wednesday 25th August

12:45pm Mass: Diane Leigh, RIP GB

Thursday 26th August - St David Lewis, Priest & Martyr

12:45pm Mass: Bridie Scanlon

Friday 27th August - St Monica

12:45pm Mass: People of Afghanistan

Saturday 28th August - St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

10:00am Mass: Tony Sultana MS

Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration until 12noon

4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5:15pm

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Sanctity of Life

Sunday 29th August - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

11:00am Mass: Chloe Jones, RIP PJ

5:30pm Mass: Cathedral Community