



# CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

*Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur*

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12<sup>th</sup> September | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 4

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“You have often learned that all our hope is in Christ and that he is our true glory and our salvation. You are members of the flock of the Good Shepherd, who watches over Israel and nourishes his people. Yet there are shepherds who want to have the title shepherd without wanting to fulfil a pastor’s duties; let us recall what God says to his shepherds through the prophet. You must listen attentively; I must listen with fear and trembling.

*The word of the Lord came to me and said: Son of Man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel and speak to the shepherds of Israel. We just heard this reading a moment ago, my brothers, and I have decided to speak to you on this passage. The Lord will help me to speak the truth if I do not speak on my own authority. For if I speak on my own authority, I will be a shepherd nourishing myself and not the sheep. However, if my words are the Lord’s, then he is nourishing you no matter who speaks. Thus says the Lord God: Shepherds of Israel, who have been nourishing only themselves! Should not the shepherds nourish the sheep? In other words, true shepherds take care of their sheep, not themselves. This is the principal reason why God condemns those shepherds: they took care of themselves rather than their sheep.*

**St Augustine of Hippo, On the Shepherds.**

Let us pray this weekend, for all the pastors of the Church.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

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**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.*

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

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As well as the Sacramental Preparation mentioned above, in October we will begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). RCIA is primarily aimed at adults who wish to be Baptised or received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. The course that we will run this year (Sycamore) might also be of interest to those of us who are ‘cradle Catholics’, but might want to learn more about our Faith. If you would like to join the RCIA, as someone coming to the Faith, or someone who is interested in learning more, please speak to Fr Robert.

## **CATHEDRAL READERS**

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As we return, slowly but surely, to some level of normality, it would see appropriate to appeal for readers. In years gone by the Cathedral had around 16 readers for the 11am Mass, much reduced since the implementation of restrictions. If you are interested in becoming a Reader at any of the Masses, please speak to Fr Robert.

## **CATHEDRAL FLOWERS**

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The wall box nearest the Arandora Star Memorial has now been re-classified for ‘Cathedral Flowers’ for those wishing to contribute. Unfortunately, due to printing issues, the envelopes are not available at the moment.

## **CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

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Next weekend we will welcome back the Cathedral Choir. It has been a long hiatus for them, and we look forward to them enhancing our experience of the liturgy through music.

## ONGOING WORKS AT THE CATHEDRAL

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I thank you for your patience as the works in the Cathedral continue. This week they have taken down the boundary wall at the back of Clergy House, in anticipation of the construction of the new boundary fence.

On Monday, works will begin on the entrance of the Cathedral, meaning that the East doors (main doors) will be out of use. Entrance to the Cathedral will be via the side-doors, until further notice.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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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](mailto:vocations@rcadc.org)*

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

### EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

07933 720 845

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

Chaplains:

Fr Peter Davies

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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 11th September

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Angelo Tabone TT

### Sunday 12th September—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

1:00pm Baptism

5:30pm Mass: Victor Camilleri, RIP ID

### Monday 13th September—St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

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12:45pm Mass: Joseph McCarthy, RIP

### Tuesday 14th September—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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12:45pm Mass: Angela Tabone TT

### Wednesday 15th September—Our Lady of Sorrows

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12:45pm Mass: Holy Souls

### Thursday 16th September—SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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12:45pm Mass: Sullivan & O'Rourke Families

### Friday 17th September—St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

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12:45pm Mass: Donors Intentions

### Saturday 18th September— Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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10:00am Mass: Sanctity of Life

*Followed by* Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration until 12noon

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Donors Intentions

### Sunday 19th September— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Martin Evans, RIP MC