



CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19th September | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 1

“You have failed to strengthen the weak, says the Lord. He is speaking to wicked shepherds, false shepherds, shepherds who seek their own concerns and not those of Christ. They enjoy the bounty of milk and wool, but they take no care at all of the sheep, and they make no effort to heal those who are ill. I think there is a difference between one who is weak (that is, not strong) and one who is ill, although we often say that we weak are also suffering illness.”

Harsh words from St Augustine in his Sermon on the Shepherds, but perhaps words that each of us can take to heart. In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Apostles are arguing amongst themselves about who is the greatest. In response, Our Lord tells them that the one who wants to be “first, [...] must make himself last of all and servant of all.” This ambition is at the heart of the disharmony in the Church, between ‘left’ and ‘right’; ‘traditional’ and ‘progressive’ - whenever we seek our own agenda, no matter where on the spectrum we put ourselves, we are not adhering to the call of Christ, but place ourselves first. Let us pray for a generous heart, that in all our undertakings we may always seek to make Christ known.

MASS TIME

Advanced warning about a change to the Mass time on Wednesday of this week. Mass will be at 10:00am instead of 12:45pm. This is because there will be a meeting of the Council of Priests during the course of the afternoon.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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

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.

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

As previously announced, the Sunday 5:30pm Mass will now be celebrated by the chaplain to Cardiff University, Fr Nicholas Williams. Fr Nicholas will bring with him the students from the chaplaincy, until they can use the hall at 62 Park Place. Attendance will increase as the students return for studies.

Dear Students, you are very welcome to the Cathedral. As the Mother Church of the Diocese and the Province of Cardiff, this is your Mother Church too, whilst at university. Do feel free to come to the Cathedral for private prayer, or for the liturgies throughout the week.

WORKS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The works continue in earnest, and I remain grateful to you for your patience. The experts have removed the guano from above the sanctuary. The next stage will be the de-construction of the scaffold. Once this has taken place, the sanctuary will be in use again.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

This weekend we welcome the choir back to the Cathedral after a long hiatus. It is indeed good to have them back with us. They are going to be singing from the organ loft for the time being.

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.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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

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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

Chaplains:

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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 18th September

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Donors Intention

Sunday 19th September—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Martin Evans, RIP MC

Monday 20th September—Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

12:45pm Mass: Sharon's Mum HC

Tuesday 21st September—St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

12:45pm Mass: Sr Mary Veronica TT

Wednesday 22nd September

NB* 10:00am Mass: Donors Intentions

Thursday 23rd September—St Pius of Pietrelcina

12:45pm Mass: Padre Pio

Friday 24th September

12:45pm Mass: Holy Souls

Saturday 25th September—Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Mass: Holy Souls

Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration until 12noon

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Joan & Tricia Sullivan MO

Sunday 26th September

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Emelda Guillem AC