



# CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

*Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur*

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## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26<sup>th</sup> September | Readings: Year B (Sunday), Cycle 1 (Weekday) | Psalter: Week 2

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“Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself. Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor or needy, we try *to understand the poor and weak*. We sympathise with them so fully that we can echo Paul’s words: *I have become all things to all men*. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbours’ worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. [...] Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor.”

**A writing from St Vincent de Paul**

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## MASS TIME CHANGE

Advanced warning about a change to the Mass time on Tuesday of this week. Mass will be at 10:00am instead of 12:45pm. This is because the Cathedral will be closed from 1pm to allow for preparation for an event in the evening.

## **THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

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We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

## **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, or 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.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

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This years CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 1st October. This weekend we will receive the appeal from CAFOD by John Fellows. Let us pray and think about our own approach to our roles as Stewards of God's creation. Envelopes, Prayer Cards and Information Sheets are available from the entrance porch.

## **WORKS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

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I have received news that the guano has been cleared, and the architect has 'signed off' on the works, meaning that the scaffold can be de-constructed this week. This will, of course, mean that there will be more noise than usual in the Cathedral starting on Monday. Once again, my apologies for this, and anticipated thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

## **MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. As such, there will be the opportunity to pray the Holy Rosary in common, before the 12:45pm weekday Masses, and before the conclusion of Adoration on a Saturday. Let us take this opportunity to once more, entrust ourselves and our prayers to our Blessed Mother during this month dedicated to her.

## **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.

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### **EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS**

#### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

#### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### **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:**

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**CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES**

Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm

Weekend: around Mass times, unless otherwise stated.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

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**Saturday 25th September**

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

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

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**Sunday 26th September—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Emelda Guillem AC

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**Monday 27th September— St Vincent de Paul, Priest**

12:45pm Mass: Willie Turner

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**Tuesday 28th September—St Wenceslaus, Martyr**

**NB\* 10:00am** Mass: McDonagh Family

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**Wednesday 29th September—SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

12:45pm Mass: Sr Anne Magdalene TT

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**Thursday 30th September—St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

12:45pm Mass: Holy Souls

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**Friday 1st October—St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor**

12noon Angelus & Holy Rosary

12:45pm Mass: Donor's Intentions

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**Saturday 2nd October—The Holy Guardian Angels**

10:00am Mass: Mr & Mrs Perera

*Followed by* Sacrament of Reconciliation & Adoration until 12:30pm

12noon Angelus & Holy Rosary

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass: Frank Naughton MN

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**Sunday 3rd October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am Mass: Cathedral Community

5:30pm Mass: Holy Souls