

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

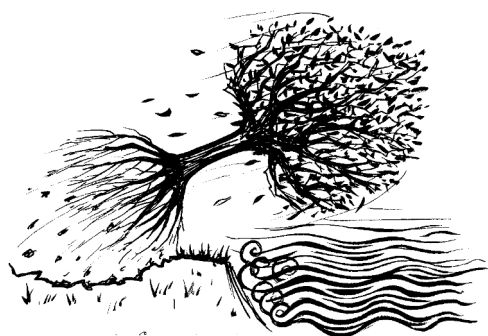
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Sunday 6th October 2013

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter week 3



If only you had faith!

The Word This Week

Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today’s readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could also mean “Make it easier for us,” or “Prove that you are who you say you are.” Jesus replies that he can’t do that – you can’t make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2: 2-4

**Res: O that today you would listen to
his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

We welcome Archbishop George to our parish this Sunday. Today, after the 11.15 Mass, Archbishop George will meet with the Parish Evangelisation Group in St Non’s room at St David’s.

St David’s Church 11.15am:

We welcome into our parish family Ava Rose Murphy who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and we congratulate her parents.

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne’s room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday

Canon John will be on pilgrimage in Walsingham this week and he pray for us at the Shrine

BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

Please contact Canon John on 01633482346 or email cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

Morning Prayer – Tues and Thurs 9.10am, Fri 9.40am

Evening Prayer – Wed 7.10pm, Fri 6.40pm

The Rosary: During the month of October the Rosary will be recited after morning and evening Mass.

Tuesday – Divine Mercy Group, Wednesday – U.C.M., Thursday – Legion of Mary, Friday – Canon John or Deacon Peter.

Mass Times and Intentions this week:-

Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Anne King Peggy Clack (LK)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am 4.00pm	Our Lady's St David's Our Lady's	Patricia Harnett (DS) Christopher Corner (M&AC) Polish Mass
Monday	8.00am	Our Lady's	People of the Parish <i>Our Lady of the Rosary,</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Friday	8am-7pm 10.00am	Our Lady's Our Lady's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am-7pm Eucharistic Service
Saturday	12-12.30pm 3.45 – 4.15 4.30pm 6.00pm	Our Lady's St David's St David's Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Stroud (DS) Sinead McDonnell (K)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Paul Roberts (UR) Peggy Clack (BB)

MINISTRIES

For all those involved in Parish ministry and who recently volunteered you are invited to Our Lady's Church on Tuesday, 15th October at 7pm. Father Nicholas James will give a talk on the Role of the Laity in the Church today. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (For new ministers as well as those already commissioned)

Father John Kelly will give a talk on the role of the Eucharistic Minister in the Church today on Tuesday, 22nd October and 29th October at 7pm in St Anne's room. Deacon Peter McLaren will give a talk on Tuesday, 5th November on taking Holy Communion to the housebound.

READING MINISTRY

Father John Meredith will give a talk on the role of the Reading Ministry in the Church today on Tuesday, 29th October at 7pm in St Non's room at St David's Church

For all other ministries the co-ordinators will be in touch with you.

What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

13th October: Our Lady of the Angels 9.30am

Harvest Festival Mass with Our Lady's School

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

There will be a meeting in St Anne's room at Our Lady's Church on Thursday at 8.00pm for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you know anyone who may be interested please invite them to come along.

Baptism Course

The Baptism course is taking place in St. Anne's room on 10th October. If anyone would like their baby baptised, please complete the Baptismal enrolment form a.s.a.p. Time 7.00pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £392.00

Non Gift Aid £642.84

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Second Collection this week is for CAFOD FAST DAY

Holy Father's Intentions for October

People in Despair: That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

World Mission Day: That the celebration of **World Mission Day** may help all Christians realise that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word

CAFOD Harvest Collection.

It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. The Cafod Harvest collection will take place today, please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

SHOPPING TRIP Saturday 23rd November

CLARKS VILLAGE, STREET, SOMERSET

Coach will leave Our Lady's Church at 9.30am stopping for coffee on the way, arriving at Street 12pm approx. and leaving at 16.30pm. Please see list in the church porch for further details

What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Operation Christmas Child 2013

I am running this campaign again this year and would love to have your support. Operation Christmas Child is a campaign organised by Samaritan's Purse who are a Christian Charity bringing joy to disadvantaged children all over the world. Getting involved is really easy. There are three ways in which you can help: purchase a Christmas Shoe Box from Sheila Spokes (Our Lady and St David's parish) for just 50 pence and fill it with the items set out in the leaflet provided, or, bring items on the list (provided in the leaflet) and place in the boxes provided at the rear of both churches, alternatively, you can fill your own empty shoebox (it must be wrapped in Christmas paper with the lid covered separately from the box as it needs to be opened for customs purposes), with items listed in the leaflet. Each box filled will require a donation of £3.00 towards postage and transportation. If you do not wish to fill a box, you can donate money to help with costs. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact Sheila Spokes on 07817 544036 or 01633 489122.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

will place on Saturday, 16th November at Llantarnam Abbey 10am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome

**Keep your soul in peace. Let God work in you.
Welcome thoughts that raise your heart to God.
Open wide the window of your soul.**

St Ignatius Loyola (1491 – 1556)

Special Life Changing Retreat & Conference - "Coming to the Throne of Grace" Hebrews 4:16

Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th October 2013.

Pantasaph Franciscan Friary and Retreat Centre, North Wales. CH8 8PE

Whole Retreat (4 days over 3 nights) Full Board Cost only £120 per person. Students and children 12 years and over £25 per night. Children under 11 years old Free.

For more information please contact the retreat Center on 01352 717071

or go to http://www.pantasaph.org.uk/contact_us.html

for information about travel from south Wales contact Spiro on 0781 516 5104

Helping to build confidence to share our faith

Remember to join us for a series of evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral for a top-up in understanding our faith. Make a note in your diary:

Date	Time	Subject
Mon 7 Oct	19:00	<i>We Believe in a God Who Speaks</i> – Catholics, Tradition and the Bible
Mon 14 Oct	19:00	<i>We Believe in a Virgin Mother</i> – Mary, the mother of Jesus
Mon 21 Oct	19:00	<i>We Believe in a Suffering Saviour</i> – Why did Jesus have to die?
Mon 28 Oct	19:00	<i>A Question of Faith: God</i> – challenge our panel to answer any of your questions about God
Mon 4 Nov	19:00	<i>We Believe in the Resurrection of the Body</i> – what will happen to us when we die?
Mon 11 Nov	19:00	<i>A Question of Faith: Church</i> – challenge our panel to answer your questions about the Church
Mon 18 Nov	19:00	<i>We Believe in the Holy Spirit</i> – who is the mysterious "Third Person within God"?
Mon 25 Nov	19:00	<i>We Believe in One Church of Christ</i> – how does the Catholic Church relate to other faiths?



S.P.U.C.

Due to other commitments, our Secretary has had to resign. Unless we can recruit a new secretary, the Branch, here in Torfaen, will have to close. We badly need further support to continue functioning successfully. Please help us to carry on with SPUC's important work in our area.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th October in St David's Church at 7pm

I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else – God is in this person's life. You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which good seed can grow. You have to trust God

Pope Francis in an interview with Fr Antonio Spanaro S.J.

All items for inclusion should be emailed or posted through the presbytery letterbox no later than Wednesday evening please

Parish Directory

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Head teacher: Mrs. Sheelagh McCool

Head teacher: Mr. John Healey

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