



**Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran**  
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Sunday 21st April 2013

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Psalter week 4

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

***"I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me"***



This is traditionally known as "Good Shepherd" Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: "I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost." This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

**First Reading: Acts 13:14.43-52**

**Response to the psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock**

**Second Reading: Apocalypse 7:9.14-17**

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**

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

**We welcome Sister Bella SSJ from Llantarnam Abbey who will give a reflection on Vocations this week-end**

*Please inform me of any one being admitted to hospital or being discharged.*

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the day chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. In the message for Vocations Sunday, the Holy Father focused on "Vocations as a sign of hope founded in faith" and reminded us of the importance of prayer in sustaining vocations. Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women.

## Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

**Morning Prayer – Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am, Fri 9.40am   Evening Prayer - Wed 7.10pm, Fri 6.40pm**  
**Rosary – Monday 10.00am**

### Mass Times and Intentions this week:-

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Pat Richards (L) Jan Jakubowski (JJ)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	George Hollings (MH) Bessie O'Hanlon (GS)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	John Burnett (AB)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St David's</b>	People of the Parish <i><b>St George, Martyr, Feast</b></i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	SERVICE OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St David's</b>	Ursula Dunford (UR) <i><b>St Mark, Evangelist, Feast</b></i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8am-7pm</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sue Jenkins (PJ)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12 -12.30pm</b> <b>3.45 – 4.15</b> <b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation William Culley (JA) Maureen Hines (JM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Fred and Violet Faulkner (PT) People of the Parish

### CATECHESIS

#### FIRST COMMUNION

#### PREPARATION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

First Holy Communion classes will take place in the Church of St David. There will be a meeting for parents in St Non's room on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm

#### BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

Please contact Canon John on 01633482346 or email [cwmbbranparish@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbbranparish@virginmedia.com)

**Collection – Many thanks**

Gift aid £396.10

Other £705.21

Gift aid Standing Orders £100.96

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will take place in St Non's room at St David's church on

Class 5 - **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 6-7pm**

Class 6 - **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6-7pm**

Retreat at Llantarnam Abbey - **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 11-3pm**

Penitential Service - **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 6pm**

Practice – **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 6-7pm**

**Confirmation Mass – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at St David's Church**

#### Preparation Course for Baptism

**Classes will held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in St Anne's Room, Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm.**

#### Parish Day of Reflection

**Will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Llantarnam Abbey 10am – 3pm**

### What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday	2pm	Social Club
Wednesday	8pm	UCM
	8pm	Choir Practice

### What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday	10am	Divine Mercy Devotion
Wednesday	10am	Choir Practice
Thursday	10am	Legion of Mary

#### ***INVITATION***

*Please come along with your family on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May to St David's Catholic Church, Newport from 5.30pm to 8.30pm to receive the healing blessings from the Holy Mass and from the Eucharistic Adoration led by Reverend Father Richard and Reverend Father Soji. Let us use this opportunity to pray for all the sick in our family and community*

#### **Youth 2000 National Retreat for the young People of Wales** **26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

The retreat will be held at St David's Sixth Form College, Ty - Gwyn Road, Cardiff, CF23 5QD. Youth 2000 retreats are led entirely by young people for young people aged 16-25years old, although we welcome people up to 35. Please see our website for more details: [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

**The next S.P.U.C meeting will be held in St David's on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys** will take place on Sunday 12th May 2013 at 4.00p.m at the shrine. The Archbishop will preside to the pilgrimage, afterwards Mass at Tonypandy Our Lady with Ss. Gabriel and Raphael Church and refreshments at the school hall.

**14 May 2013: 'We believe in the Holy Spirit'** - eighth of a series of 10 talks for the Year of Faith, by Rev Dr Gareth Leyshon. Why do we believe in a Spirit distinct from the Father and the Son? Why do we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation? How can we build a relationship with this Holy Spirit? - Given twice at 1.45pm and 7pm at St John Lloyd Church, Glan Y Mor Road, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 1RQ – contact 029 2077 8631 (or listen to the talk afterwards through [www.stjohnlloyd.org.uk](http://www.stjohnlloyd.org.uk))

### **Wales Celebrate Weekend 2013**

#### **CROESO!**

**Saturday 4th May to Sunday 5th May 2013,**

**Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Ty-draw Road, Lisvane, Cardiff, CF23 6XL**

**A faith filled weekend for the whole family.**

Speakers Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and Pippa Baker.

Children Streams. Music Worship led by Ronan Johnson.

For more information see :-<http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/wales/> email [celebratewales@mail.com](mailto:celebratewales@mail.com), telephone 01952 417223

## Christian Prayer

*What prompts a person to pray?*

**We pray because we are full of an infinite longing and God has created us men for himself: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you” (St Augustine). But we pray also because we need to; Mother Teresa says, “Because I cannot rely on myself, I rely on him, twenty-four hours a day”. (2566-2567, 2591)**

Often we forget God, run away from him and hide. Whether we avoid thinking about God or deny him – *he* is always there for us. He seeks us before we seek him; he yearns for us, he calls us. You speak with your conscience and suddenly notice that you are speaking with God. You feel lonely, have no one to talk with, and then sense that God is always available to talk. You are in danger and experience that a cry for help is answered by God. Praying is as human as breathing, eating, and loving. Praying purifies. Praying makes it possible to resist temptations. Praying strengthens us in our weakness. Praying removes fear, increases energy, and gives a second wind. Praying makes one happy.

(YOUCAT - Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Our Parish is increasingly using DVD and other presentation resources to support the continuing development of our faith. This includes the Catholicism Series that forms the basis of the monthly Year Of Faith meetings together with various courses for children and their parents preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation etc. At the moment the Parish relies on the utilisation of equipment which is only available at limited times. In order to more fully utilise these resources and facilitate wider participation and spiritual growth within our Parish, we wish to purchase two televisions with DVD players, one for each Church. We are therefore appealing for donations for this equipment which will be installed in St Non's Room and St Anne's Room. The second collection next Sunday, 28th April, will be to fund the purchase and secure installation of this equipment. Thank-you for your generosity in supporting this appeal.

### **Recovering from Grief – Moving from grief to growth**

The sessions will be held in St Anne's room, Our Lady of the Angels Church.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm-3pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm-3pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Session Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-3pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> Session Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm-3pm**

For more information contact Sr Thecla on 01633 483232  
or mobile 07811 808 154

### **Vocations Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11am – 5pm at Llantarnam Abbey.**

**Prayer for vocations to the priesthood  
and religious life. Why not come for  
half an hour or so to pray for vocations?**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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

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