



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID**

**CWMBRAN**

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2015**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE YEAR B**

**Psalter week 1**

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

The Psalm

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. My soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: “These things the Lord has done.”

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31: Second Reading: 1John 3: 18-24: Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer: Mon 9.40am, Tues & Thurs 9.10am**

**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Gina Basini Gazzi (B): Katie Price (JC)
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Chris Searle (HC)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Peggy Clack (JC & AB): Kathleen & Patrick Sheehy (PP)
	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	Margaret Harris (D&MP)
<b>Monday</b>	<u>10.00am</u>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>12.15pm</u>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Ellen Virginia Gilmore</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Donor's Intentions (MV)
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Pietro Cordani (TC)
<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	<b>St David's</b>	Kathleen & Timothy Hurley (TH)
	6.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Gerry Harper (H&RC)
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Tom Saulters (GS): Josephine Scully (GS)
	11.15am	<b>St David's</b>	The People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tues: St David's:**  
10am -11.30am  
**Fri: Our Lady's:**  
9.30am -5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's:  
12noon -12.30pm  
St David's:  
3.45pm -4.15pm

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

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY AND NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

Rite of Enrolment

The Rite of Enrolment for the Candidates who are being confirmed will take place today at the 9.30am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, 11th June at 7pm in Our Lady's, please make a note of this date and let's make it a parish celebration.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of our souls, You who know Your sheep and know how to reach the human heart. Stir the hearts of those people who would follow You but cannot overcome doubts and fears. You who are the Word of the Father, the Word which enlightens and sustains hearts, conquer with Your Spirit the resistance and delays of indecisive hearts. Awaken in those whom You call the courage of love's answer: "Here I am, send me."

(Inspired by the writings of St John Paul II)

**Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

Gift Aid £288.55  
Non Gift Aid £620.53  
Gift Aid Standing Order £121.73  
Total giving this week £1030.81  
Priest Training Fund To Date £584.49  
Mass Count: 475

**Catechesis**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation classes for the Confirmandi and parents continue on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church and for parents in Canon John's office. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in Our Lady's Church

**Sick List**

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially Penny James, Marie McLaren, George Whitfield, Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Reg & Mary Leigh, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Phillip & Doreen Hayton Barbara Berger, Mary Brown, Lilian Cody, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Bill Gale  
Please inform Canon John of any sick parishioners' names you would like included in this list

**UCM Coffee Morning at Our Lady's**

The UCM will be holding a coffee morning on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**. Spring plants will be on sale. Tickets £2.50.

**Proceeds in aid of HCPT Group 97**

**Our Lady of Penrhys**

The Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May starting at 2pm. See poster for further details.  
**The coach will leave Our Lady's at 12.45pm.** Please give your name to a member of the UCM to reserve a seat on the coach.

**Our Lady of the Taper**

**Apostleship of the Sea Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage**  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May. Mass 12noon. refreshments will be served after Mass. Rosary will be recited from 1.55pm

**The Welsh National Pilgrimage**

will take place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May; it will be led by Rt Rev Peter M Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham. See poster for the Pilgrimage Programme.

**Belmont Abbey**

The Annual Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at Belmont Abbey on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015**, beginning at 9pm. Please sign the form in the church porch to reserve a seat on the coach.

**Priests Training Fund Appeal**

**This coming Sunday and next** will be a retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund. If you are a UK taxpayer and will be making a donation to the Priest Training please use the form and envelopes which are be in the church porches.

**Lay Ministers of Communion**

A Diocesan training day for Lay Ministers will be held at Our Lady and St Michael, Abergavenny on **9<sup>th</sup> May** and St Mary's Bridgend Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. 10.30am -3.30pm. Please see poster for further details on how to register.

**Digging into the Bible**

Ever felt you should know more about the Bible than you do? The Catholic Bible School will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May St Phillip Evans Parish Hall, Llanedryn Drive CF23 9UL F 10am -3.30pm. Packed lunch. Suggested donation £10

**Calling all catechists who work with adults**

You are invited to the first annual forum for Adult Catechists in the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Forum will gather in three locations: - **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 7-9pm St Michaels Centre Abergavenny, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12noon St Mary's Parish Hall Bridgend and Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm Pastoral Resources Centre Cardiff**

**Celebratory Bilingual Mass and Reception**

Friday 22 May 6.00pm St David's Cathedral, Cardiff  
Followed by Reception and Launch of the new Welsh-English Simple Prayer Book with light refreshments at the Cornerstone, directly opposite the Cathedral  
Further information from Sue Roberts ☎ 01758 614977 📧 [sue@inc-cyf.com](mailto:sue@inc-cyf.com). Croeso i bawb – everyone welcome

**CAFOD NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

**Please pray for those affected and donate to our appeal. online at [Cafod.org.uk/Nepal](http://Cafod.org.uk/Nepal)**  
**By telephone: 0500858885**

**Parish Directory**

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**Parish Diary this Week**

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	6.00pm	Our Lady's: Confirmation Class
	6.00pm	Parents in Canon's office
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM