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Sunday 12th May 2013

The Ascension of the Lord (C)

Psalter week 3

*As he blessed them
he was carried up to heaven*



Recently the bishops of England and Wales decided to move the celebration of Ascension to this Sunday. While this moves the feast away the fortieth day, it does open up this celebration as part of the journey of the Easter Season. Ascension is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: *"I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me."* Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: to complete the mystery presumes the Lord's return to the Father. Ascension is therefore a feast of hope: our hope that the Lord will return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm: God goes up with shouts of joy
the Lord goes up with trumpet
blast.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28, 10: 19-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks for your generous response to the appeal for donations for the Foodbank. The next monthly collection will take place on the first weekend of June.

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

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

BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

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

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

Morning Prayer – Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer - Wed 7.10pm, Fri 6.40pm

Fri 9.40am

Rosary – Monday 10.00am

Mass Times and Intentions this week:-

Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (MK) Holy Souls (NR)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Veronica Kent's Intention (AH) John Fotheringham (JM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Catherine O'Brien (DO'B) <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Joe Murray (J&BS) <i>St Matthias, Apostle, Feast</i>
Wednesday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Patrick and Mary Walsh (PMc)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	John Fotheringham (CG)
Friday	8am-7pm 10.00am	Our Lady's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sr Susan's Intentions (Sr MJ)
Saturday	<u>10.00am</u> 3.45 – 4.15 4.30pm 6.00pm	Our Lady's St David's St David's Our Lady's	First Holy Communion <u>There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady's today</u> Sacrament of Reconciliation Brian Draisey (MK) Holy Souls (NR)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Brian Draisey (UR) People of the Parish

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion rehearsals for the children making their First Holy Communion on 18th May will take place in Our Lady's at 5.30pm on Monday 13th May.

First Holy Communion
Our Lady's – Saturday 18th May 10am

Parish Day of Reflection

Will be held on Saturday 12th October 2013
at Llantarnam Abbey 10am – 3pm

Finance Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, 16th May in
St Anne's room, Our Lady of the Angels
Church at 7pm

YEAR OF FAITH – CATHOLICISM

**Topic -The word made flesh, true
bread of heaven.**

Thursday May 16th at 7pm in Our Lady
of the Angels school hall

BAPTISM - 9.30am Mass, Our Lady's

Today we welcome Sean John Cox
into our parish family and
congratulate his parents and family.

Collections – Many thanks

Gift aid £ 406.00

Other £ 729.66

Gift aid Standing Orders £100.96

Collection for TV equipment £425.78

Mission Appeal Collection £ 1136.41

What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday	2pm	Social Club
Wednesday	8pm	UCM
	8pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Parish Finance Meeting

What's on this week at St David's

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

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys

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The UCM Annual Pilgrimage

will take place on Sunday 12th May 2013 at 4.00p.m at the shrine. The Archbishop will preside to the pilgrimage, and afterwards celebrate Mass at Our Lady with Ss. Gabriel and Raphael Church, Tonypany. Refreshments will be served in the school hall. Please sign the list in the Church porch to book a seat on the coach which will leave at 2.30pm

Recovering from Grief – Moving from grief to growth

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

4th Session 15th May 2pm-3pm

5th Session Wednesday 22nd May 2pm-3pm

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

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)

The Parish of Our Lady & St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, with St. Cadoc, Cowbridge are holding a Pentecost Novena. On Friday 10th, Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th May, Mass will be at 7.00 p.m. with an Address by a visiting speaker, followed by refreshments. See poster for details. Everyone very welcome

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2013 - 13TH TO 18TH MAY

Monday 13 th	12noon	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 14 th	7pm	Victory Church
Wednesday 15 th	12noon	The Salvation Army
Thursday 16 th	7pm	Richmond Rd Baptist Church
Friday 17 th	12noon	Fairhill Methodist Church

Saturday 18th morning: sponsored prayer walk and breakfast for Christian Aid Cwmbran at Cwmbran United Reformed Church. Walk starts 8.00am, breakfast 9.00am

CAFOD NEWS

Working in partnership with Christian Aid and Tearfund, we are holding a Walk of Witness around churches in the Cardiff area on the 1st June to help bring an end to global hunger.

This will be a great opportunity for the Christian community to come together, pray and reflect, show solidarity on the issues of global hunger. The walk will include visits to several churches in the Cardiff area, including St David's Catholic Cathedral

How are the Psalms important for our prayer?

The Psalms, along with the Our Father, are part of the Church's great treasury of prayers. In them the praise of God is sung in an ageless way.

There are 150 Psalms in the OLD TESTAMENT. They are a collection of songs and prayers, some of them several thousand years old, which are still prayed today in the Church community – in the so-called Liturgy of the Hours. The Psalms are among the most beautiful texts in world literature and move even modern readers immediately by their spiritual power.

To pray means to think lovingly about Jesus. Prayer is the soul's attention that is concentrated on Jesus. The more you love Jesus, the better you pray.

Bl. Charles De Foucauld (1858-1916)

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

NEWSLETTER

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

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