

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID



CWMBRAN

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SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2015

Psalter week 2

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Solemnity) YEAR B

The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in).

This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

The Psalm

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15

Gospel Reading: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Margaret Gale (BG)	Corpus Christi Year B
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Mary & Michael Martin's Ints	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose & Jack Clifford (MW) : Williams Family Ints (MH)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of Maresa Gilligan (SG): Alan Sullivan (AS)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Ints of Ashley Family (UR)	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Phillip Isgrove (Tues Club)	
Thursday	7.00pm	Our Lady's	<u>Sacrament of Confirmation</u> Isabelle McHardy (CB)	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Gerry Harper (D.A.I EH) <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	
	10.30am	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Florence Culley	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	St Anthony and Padre Pio (AD)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Yvonne Cameron (CJG) <i>11th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jo & Rees Parlow's ints (Golden Wedding)	
	11.15am	St David's	Penny James (LR)	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's:

10am -11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:

11.15am -5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's:

12noon -12.30pm

St David's:

3.45pm -4.15pm

TRUSSEL FOOD BANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

BAPTISM AT OLA 9.30am

We welcome Jessica Jane Stokes and Kara Louise Stokes into our parish family and congratulate their parents as they begin

Gift Aid Offertory

Please can the parishioner who is using pink envelope number 32 advise the Parish office (Carole Morgan or Mike Loughlin) who they are so that tax can be claimed

N.B. ADORATION WILL START AT 11.15am IN OUR LADY'S THIS WEEK

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE VISITS OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Last week the Archbishop of Cardiff visited our Parish catholic primary schools, Our Lady of the Angels in Old Cwmbran and St David's in Pontnewydd. The children did not disappoint us in either school; each class had a para liturgy prepared and a whole school assembly. The Archbishop was very pleased with both schools, well done! He met with the Head teachers, Chair of Governors and Staff in both schools in a relaxed atmosphere and announced that the new church would not be built until a new school is built to replace the existing two schools in about five years' time.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£452.50
Non Gift Aid	£714.85
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1289.08
Mass Count: 456	

Catechesis

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our congratulations to the Young Parishioners who are being confirmed on Thursday by Archbishop George Stack. They will become adult witnesses of 'The Faith'. Please come along to the Mass and help to make the celebration a memorable occasion in the life of our parish. **7pm in Our Lady's**

Sick List

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially Marie McLaren, Hugh Williams, 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, Chris Bowditch and all who care for them

Sunday 7th June, 2.30pm at Bute Park, Cardiff
Corpus Christi Procession

All very welcome

Further information, contact Fr P Scanlan

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Building Missionary parishes:

Pope Francis has called on us all to be 'missionary disciples' – people who invite others to become followers of Jesus and members of His Church. But how do we do that? How can we encourage resting Catholics to become active, or people who have never been part of the Church to become interested in Jesus? On **11 July**, representatives from our Archdiocese will join others from across England and Wales in Birmingham to share ideas on how to do this effectively, and every parish is asked to hold a prayer vigil on that evening – the event is called **Proclaim'15**. (The representatives from our diocese have already been chosen, and were selected to ensure a fair spread of geography and different groups.)

Then, on **10 October**, we will have our own 'Proclaim'15' diocesan conference at St David's Sixth Form College in Cardiff. Applications for this are now open. We guarantee to make available one place for a representative of every place of worship where Sunday Mass is celebrated in the Archdiocese of Cardiff if bookings are made by 7 pm on Monday 20 July. The cost will be £15 per adult participant, payable to "Archdiocese of Cardiff", which includes tea and coffee throughout the day, and a hot buffet lunch. We can also accommodate children aged 4-16 at no extra charge – children will have their own programme of events during the day.

Brochures with more information, and booking forms, are now available in your local church, or you can download a copy directly at: tinyurl.com/P15CF-info

Home is a Holy Place

Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Parishioners are invited to explore "Home is a Holy Place" together in Our Lady of the Angels RC Primary & Nursery School, Cwmbran on **Monday June 8th & 15th 2015** 9am for a 9.15 start (2 x 1½ hour sessions) Home is a Holy Place aims to raise greater awareness of God's presence at home not just among families but among all those who serve them in any way within our Catholic community. See notice in the porch for more details

SPUC'S ANNUAL WALK

This will take place on 28TH June. Tina Davies and Molly McDonald will be attending Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to collect names of people wishing to sponsor our walkers.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Culley who died recently also for her family.

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Parish Diary this Week

Mon	7.00pm	St David's: Parish Council
Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	11.30am	St David's: Church cleaning
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	2.30pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	7.00pm	Our Lady's: Confirmation