

# Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**

**Psalter Week 1**

## **I am the resurrection and the life**



**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45**

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds – what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

**Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:**

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

**Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sue Jenkins' Intentions (PJ)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Elsie and William Desmond (FJ)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr John Meredith (AH)
	11.15am	St David's	Patricia Harnett (DS)
Tuesday	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Polish Mass
	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
	4.00pm	St David's	Vigil for Aniela Orzel
Friday	1.15pm	St David's	Funeral Mass for Aniela Orzel
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jan Jakuboski (JJ)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tom and Marian Saulters (GS)
	11.15am	St David's	Diane Banner (MM)

### **Divine Mercy Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Llantarnam Abbey**

2pm Confessions &  
Adoration  
3pm Chaplet, Veneration of  
Image and Benediction

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

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday: St David's Church 10.00am -12.00pm**

**Friday: Our Lady's Church 9am -5pm**

### **Church Cleaning in St David's Church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at**

**12noon.** All volunteers welcome. If you can spare half an hour to help please come and join us between 12 and 2 o'clock – many hands make light work!

**Easter Cards available in the church  
piety shop**

**Gift Aid Envelopes (pink boxes) please collect your envelopes from the back of the church. Gift Aid contacts are Mike Loughlin at St David's and Carole Morgan at OLA. If you are a Tax payer and would like information on how to gift aid your collections please contact us.**

### Catechesis

#### First Holy Communion Classes:

The class on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April is for **parents and children** and will be held in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 5.30pm.

#### Confirmation Programme

The programme continues on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Our Lady's at 6pm

#### Catholicism

The Fr Robert Barron DVDs will be shown every Monday afternoon in Lent in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church at 2.30pm

#### Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's: Wednesday at 2.30pm

St David's: Thursday at 10.00am

#### Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 -31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**Itinerary and booking forms are available from the Admin office. Cost per person sharing is £1175 and for a single room per person is £1425. Deposit £200 per person and if paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May £50 will be deducted from the outstanding balance. Cheques should be made payable to Our Lady and St David's Parish.**

#### What's on this week in the Parish

##### Our Lady's

Monday: 2.30pm Catholicism

Tuesday: 2.00pm Social Club

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

2.30pm Stations of the Cross

##### St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

10.00am Stations of the Cross

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

Gift Aid £625.50

Non Gift Aid £615.50

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1358.12

Mass Count: **462**

CAFOD Lent Collection £1294.14

#### **Second Collection next week is Easter Flowers**

Donations for flowers can be given at any time to Veronica Williams or Eileen Gilgunn in OLA's and Geraldine Barry in St David's

#### **A BIG THANK YOU**

**to the volunteers who helped to collate and staple the Easter booklets.**

### Churches Together Lent

This is the last week for the Lenten study and soup lunch. Everyone welcome

#### Lent leading to The Easter Triduum

**Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff

**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper at Our Lady's 7.30pm. Good Friday Passion of Our Lord (a day marked by fasting and abstinence) will take place in both churches at 3pm.**

**Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at Our Lady's at 7.30pm.**

#### St David's Day Concert

Many thanks to the Cwmbran Male Voice Choir for hosting the evening and presenting us with a cheque for £300

#### Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society

##### Spring Talks

What: 'Plant Mair; Welsh Devotion to Mary – an Historical Survey

Speaker: Peter Hourahane

When: Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Where St David's Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd. , Cardiff

All are welcome to this free event

**Newport Justice and Peace Group meeting on Wednesday April 9 at 3.00pm in the presbytery at St Mary's. All are welcome**

**Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Are you interested? Would you like more information? There will be a general meeting in the Hall at S. Cadoc's, Llanrumney, Cardiff at 2.30pm on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions we will try to answer them. We are also looking for Helpers (Youth and Adult) – if you are interested, come along. There will be Adult Helpers and a Youth Rep. at the meeting. Also, do you know of anyone who would benefit from the Pilgrimage but needs assistance, medical or physical, let us know? All are welcome!

#### Life in the Spirit Seminars

Seven weekly sessions to provide nourishment in the Gospel: the heart of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Starting Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at St Michael's Centre, Our Lady and St Michael Parish, Abergavenny at 7pm  
Contact: Michael Woodward 07790943853. Poster in the porch for details of the sessions