

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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13th JULY 2014

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

SEA SUNDAY



A sower went out to sow

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Morning Prayer: Mon&Tues 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	John Kelly :	Christina Zaballero (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jan Jakubski (JJ):	Mary Frances Evans (SMc)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Olwen Szymanski Ints (UCM&T.C):	Betty Kiely (MH)
	11.15am	St David's	Paul Chorla (MMC):	Deacon Peter & Marie's Ints (D&PW)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rev. Noel Williams Ints (P&MM):	Val Jones (AB)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	People of the Parish: Michael McGinty (MG)	<i>St Bonaventure, Priest and Doctor</i>
Wednesday	6.00pm	<u>Our Lady's Church</u>	Pupils and Staff of OLA School: Charles Cadogan (JC)	<i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i>
Thursday	9.30am	<u>St David's School</u>	Pupils and Staff of St David's School:	Lucy Kembrey (BW)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Fr John Meredith (R&GJ):	Joan O'Brien (DO'B)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW):	Gloria & Josephine Stuart (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Kevin Brennan (JM):	Sue Jenkins (KB)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tom McCarthy (CH):	Veronica Kent (PM)
	11.15am	St David's	Bruce Miller (C&GB):	Josie Scully (AJ)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St David's Church 10.am -12pm

Friday: Our Lady's Church 9.30am – 5pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – SATURDAY

Our Lady's Church 12noon – 12.30pm

St David's Church 3.45pm – 4.15pm

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Res: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Mgr. Finbarr O'Leary can be contacted on the parish telephone number 01633 482346

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The course will take place in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church on **Tuesday 15th July and Thursday 17th July** at 6.30pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£359.50
Non Gift Aid	£547.67
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1028.90
Mass Count: 414	
Peter's Pence Collection:	£274.99

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Tuesday:	2.00pm Social Club
	6.30pm Baptism Course
Wednesday:	2.30pm UCM
Thursday:	6.30pm Baptism Course

St David's

Tuesday:	10am Divine Mercy Devotions
	6.30pm St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday:	10am Choir Practice
Thursday:	10am Legion of Mary

ASSISTED DYING BILL – Please write to a member of the House of Lord:

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" (meaning assisted suicide) will be debated in the House of Lords on 18 July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Please write before 18 July to a Peer to tell them your views, especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional. For more information, including details of how to write such a letter please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill. Peers leading the opposition to the Bill are concerned about the number of "Dignity in Dying" supporters who are writing to the House of Lords. They are anxious that Peers receive more letters containing the opposite view.

from Archbishop Peter Smith, Archbishop for Day for Life

SCHOOL LEAVERS' MASSES

At the end of the academic year a Mass is celebrated for the children leaving our junior schools. This year Our Lady of the Angels School Mass will be held on **Wednesday 16th July at 6pm in Our Lady's Church** and St David's School Mass will be held on **Thursday 17th July at 9.30am in St David's School**. Everyone is invited to these celebrations especially parents of the children and governors of both schools

Apostleship of the Sea

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Next week's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

Church Cleaning at Our Lady's

will take place on **Wednesday, 16th JULY**.

Life in Christ (DVDS)

Recommended viewing. This course can be obtained from Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS) on 01227 272900, or by email jean@scys.org.uk or by writing to SCYS, St Vincent's Centre, Castle Road, Whitstable, Kent. CT5 2ED. Cost £25

Ty Croeso Centre, Llantarnam Abbey

You are invited to attend a coffee morning in the centre for coffee and welsh cakes on Sunday, 13th July 10am - 2pm. Please see poster for further details.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or do you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Canon John or Deacon Peter

Eucharistic adoration for the inborn

on Thursday July 24th from 9am-6pm finishing with Benediction at 5.30pm. Please try and come- All welcome. See poster for details

The Joy of the Gospel

Renewal conference Friday 22nd August to Sunday 24th August. See poster for further details

"Someone who is not tempted is not tested; someone who is not tested makes no progress"

St Augustine (354-430)

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