Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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24th AUGUST 2014



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 1

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

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 & Thurs 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Allan Sullivan (CM)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Kane's Intentions (J&MH)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sue Jenkins (JD)
	<u>11.00am</u>	St David's	Memorial Service for Phillip Devlin
Tuesday	10.15am	St David's	Funeral Mass for Olwyn Szymanski St David Lewis, Priest & Martyr
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC) St Monica (memorial)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Anthony Gillespie, Chris & Martin Gormley (CG) St Augustine, Bishop (memorial)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service The Passion of St John the Baptist (memorial)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Fred & Mary Strutt (MMcD)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Olwyn Szymanski (KM)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sue Jenkins (PL)
	11.15am	St David's	Lorraine McCormack's Ints (P&LMcC)

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 22:19-23.

Res: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work

of your hand

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

There will be second collection this week for CAFOD Support for the People of Iraq
House Visits

Please let Canon John know if you or anyone you know would like a house visit

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £394.50

Non Gift Aid £593.45

Gift Aid Standing Order £121.73

Total giving this week £1109.68

Mass Count: 391

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

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble

This year's pilgrimage takes place today, Sunday, 24th
August, the coach leaves Our Ladies at 1.45pm. Please
put your name and contact number on the list at the
back of the church to book a seat on the coach.

Annual Pilgrimage in Honour of Saint David Lewis S.J.

"Tad y Tlodion" - Father of the Poor, 335th Anniversary of His Martyrdom. Mass at 3:00pm on Sunday 31st August 2014 at SS. Francis Xavier and David Lewis Church, Porth - y -Carne Street, Usk. NP15 1RZ Please see poster for details.

Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey: Sunday 7th September 2014 at 3pm

We are delighted that this year the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Baron Rowan Williams will give the address at our annual service of Sung Vespers at Tintern Abbey.

Invitation

You are invited to the Cathedral for a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life at **6pm** on **Wednesday**, **27th August** at **St. David's Cathedral**, **Cardiff**.

Ordination

The Rev. Michael Doyle will be ordained to the priesthood at St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, at 12.00 noon on Saturday 6 September Please keep him and the other seminarians preparing for service as priests in your thoughts and prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

A meeting for Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Wednesday, 17th September at 7pm in Our Lady of the Angels Church.

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The European bishops to the United Nations: stop the cycle of violence in Iraq An open letter from CCEE to the United Nations Security Council St Gallen, 12 August 2014

The Council of European Bishops' Conferences has sent a letter signed by the Presidents of Bishops' Conferences from the entire continent members of CCEE to the United Nations Security Council. (A copy of the letter is pinned on the church notice board)

It is urgent – the prelates state – to undertake **concrete humanitarian steps** to respond to the desperate situation of the Iraqi Christians and hope that "in this case, too, the international community may be able to respond with **rapid assistance to the many refugees and guarantee their security in returning to their cities and homes".**

The Catholic Church in Europe wishes to express its closeness to all those who are experiencing moments of fear and terror. It is committed to carrying out gestures of solidarity which are already underway to support the suffering peoples and families. The bishops assure them of their prayers for peace and with great dedication raise their voices in calling on the United Nations to act with the necessary urgency on behalf of these and all the other victims of war and violence who are suffering and awaiting the world's solidarity. Copies of the letters from the Holy Father, Pope Francis to the United Nations and Cardinal Vincent Nicholls to the Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon Phillip Hammond M.P are also on the notice boards.

PRAYER FOR WALES

(For Adoration Benediction on Tuesday and Fridays)

O Almighty God, in your infinite goodness, you sent your only begotten Son into this world to open once more the gates of heaven, and to teach us to know, love, and serve you. Have mercy on your people who dwell in Wales. Nourish in us the precious gift of faith, and unite us in the one true church, founded by your divine Son. Give us the grace to be loyal witnesses together to your truth, and to live faithful to your love. Sanctify us by your Son's sacraments, and bring us to worship you in spirit and in truth, so that we may come to eternal happiness with you in the world to come.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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