



# Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

(Registered Charity no 242380)

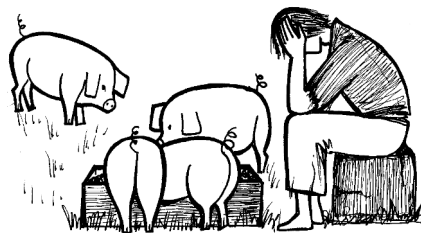
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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter week 4

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*



The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed – we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners – and us – that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself "the greatest of sinners"; and yet, thanks to the "inexhaustible patience" of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Elder Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to other whom we would condemn.

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**

**Response: I will leave this place and go to my father**

**Second Reading: Timothy 1: 12-17**

**Gospel Luke 15: 1-32**

### **Baptism at St David's**

**We welcome into our parish family Poppy Mary Evans who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today at 11.15am Mass and congratulate her parents.**

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

### **BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS**

Please contact Canon John on 01633482346 or email [cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com)

**Parish Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St Anne's room at OLA**

**Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions**  
**Monday Mass will be celebrated at Llantarnam Abbey at 9.30am**

Morning Prayer – Tues and Thurs 9.10am Evening Prayer – Wed 7.10pm, & Fri 6.40am

Mass Times and Intentions this week:-

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	John Cassidy (MK) Thanksgiving – Maguire Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Michael Gallagher Lynch Family (AW)
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	<b><u>Llantarnam</u></b> <b><u>Abbey</u></b>	John Brooks (Catenians) <i>SS Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	<b>St David's</b>	Maurice Williams (VL)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Veronica Kent (J.R.C.Lane)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>12.45pm</u></b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Mary Lee</b>
<b>Friday</b>	8am-7pm <b><u>10.00am</u></b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	<i>SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions</i> Sheila Phillips
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12-12.30pm</b> <b>3.45 – 4.15</b> <b>4.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>St David's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Kenneth Harnett (LA) Joseph Smith (JM)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St David's</b>	Peggy Clack (CM) Margaret Gale (BD)

**Would you like to be better able to share your faith?**

So often we hear that people lack the confidence to talk about Jesus and their faith, because they struggle to express what they believe. For many Catholics, knowledge of our faith is limited to what we learnt at school, and the Sunday homily. We all know that sharing our faith can be a lot more complicated than this prepares us for.

If you relate to this, why not join us for a series of evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral for a top-up in understanding your faith?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Mon 7 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a God Who Speaks</i></b> – Catholics, Tradition and the Bible
Mon 14 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a Virgin Mother</i></b> – Mary, the mother of Jesus
Mon 21 Oct	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in a Suffering Saviour</i></b> – Why did Jesus have to die?
Mon 28 Oct	19:00	<b><i>A Question of Faith: God</i></b> – challenge our panel to answer any of your questions about God
Mon 4 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in the Resurrection of the Body</i></b> – what will happen to us when we die?
Mon 11 Nov	19:00	<b><i>A Question of Faith: Church</i></b> – challenge our panel to answer your questions about the Church
Mon 18 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in the Holy Spirit</i></b> – who is the mysterious “Third Person within God”?
Mon 25 Nov	19:00	<b><i>We Believe in One Church of Christ</i></b> – how does the Catholic Church relate to other faiths?

### What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

### Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

There will be a meeting in St Non's room St David's Church on Thursday 26th September at 8.00pm for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. If you know anyone who may be interested please invite them to come along.

### S.P.U.C.

From this Sunday, there will be petitions to sign in the porch opposing the proposal to promote pornography lessons in the class room. We urge as many people as possible to sign regarding this very disturbing situation.

### Collections 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September: many thanks

Gift Aid	£432.50	£ 433.00
Non Gift Aid	£553.32	£ 608.53
Gift Aid standing	£117.12	£117.12
Order		

**St David's – APF BOXES (RED MISSION BOXES)** are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety Stall, and please take a Missio Magazine

In the September edition of "Catholic People" you will find a book review I have written about a booklet entitled "Baptism in the Spirit". You may be interested to know of a prayer service now taking place on Sunday evenings, 7.30-9.30, in St. Brigid's parish, Crystal Glen, Cardiff. It is attracting a growing number of people. It begins with a time of lively praise and moves into a time of profoundly silent worship in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. I have attended the evening during the past couple of months and, like all who take part, find it a Spirit filled experience. (Fr. Ambrose Walsh)

### What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

### Baptism Course

The next Baptism course takes place in St. Anne's room on the following dates 26th Sept and October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like their baby baptised, please complete the Baptismal enrolment form a.s.a.p. Time 7.00pm

### 40 Days for Life

From 25<sup>th</sup> September until 3<sup>rd</sup> November, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil opposite the British pregnancy Advisory Clinic 106 St. Mary's street Cardiff 8am-8pm and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Clare email [clare40df@gmail.com](mailto:clare40df@gmail.com)

Tel. 07580275698

Or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cardiff)

### 'FORSAKEN'

Angela Coakes, a member of 'Forsaken,' will be coming to **St. Brigid's Church Cardiff CF145QN at 7.30pm on Sunday 15th September** to speak.

*Forsaken* is an organisation committed to reaching and helping post-abortive women. ([www.forsaken-taunton.org.uk](http://www.forsaken-taunton.org.uk))

Her testimony is both courageous and powerful. The meeting will start with shared prayer in the church at 7.30pm. **All are welcome.**

This is being organised in co-operation with **40 days for Life.**

Please come to give Angela your love and support

### **Holy Father's Intentions for September**

**Value of Silence.** That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

**Persecuted Christians.** That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love

### **Recommended Reading**

The boy who met Jesus Segatashya of Kibeho

Our Lady of Kibeho

Left to tell

Led by Faith

All written by Immaculee Ilibagiza and available from Amazon

### **NEWSLETTER**

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

### **Parish Directory**

**Parish Priest:** Reverend Canon John Griffiths

**Parish Deacon:** Reverend Peter McLaren 01633 770754

**Parish Sister:** Sister Thecla SSJ Tel: 01633 483232

**PAC Chairman:** Mrs. Paddy Landers 01633 868352

**Head teacher:** Mrs. Sheelagh McCool

**Head teacher:** Mr. John Healey

**Our Lady of the Angels School** Tel: 01633 484673

**St David's School** Tel: 01633 482580

**Safeguarding:** Paul Williams 01633 770349

John Metcalfe 07977108478

### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Edith Lee who died recently and for her family.

### **Faith in Focus: Is there a Christian in the house**

You may be in the church building, but are you in Christ? Your name is on the parish records, but is it in the book of life? You may be in the Church, but is Christ in you? Being in a classroom does not make you a teacher. Being in a surgery doesn't make you a doctor. And being in a church building doesn't make you a disciple!

### **OUR PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION**

will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Llantarnam Abbey 10am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Everyone is invited.

### **A Week of Accompanied Prayer**

**Date:** November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Venue:** The Retreat launch and closure will be held at the Ty Croeso Centre. Llantarnam Abbey

The retreat begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm

With a session for all those taking part.

Individual daily sessions will take place each day from Monday to Friday at a suitable time and location arranged with your director.

The retreat finishes on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am with a closing session for all those taking part.

Cost: a donation of at least £10 is suggested to cover the cost of photocopying etc.

Number of places available 25

See poster for details and application forms

