



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 19th July 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 4

"They were like sheep without a shepherd."

"Sheep without a shepherd." This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus' reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil will I fear. You are there with your crook and staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Charles Cadogan (JC)	16th Sunday of Year B
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Morgan Family (MBM)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose & Jack Clifford (MW) : Huw Williams' Ints (PP)	
	11.15am	St David's	Ron Courts	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Penny James (Srs S& MJ)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Marian Salters	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Gerry Harper(C. Fam)	<i>St Bridget of Sweden, Feast</i>
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Charles Cadogan: Celia Gillespie, Michael & Sharon Gormley	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Eileen Gibbs (MB): Krystyna Truskowski (EM&HT)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Lucian Kopec: Tom & Megan Cahill: Gwen Evans	
	11.15am	St David's	Sue Jenkins (PJ)	17th Sunday of Year B

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's:
10.00am-11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's:
12noon -12.30pm

St David's:
3.45pm -4.15pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION.

Youth 2000 Walsingham Prayer Festival.

From the 27th - 31st August, the largest annual catholic youth event in the UK takes place. The Youth 2000 Walsingham prayer festival annually gathers over a thousand young Catholics to hear renowned speakers, experience worship, socialize and share faith. This event is aimed at 16-30 year olds and families are welcome. There will be a coach running from Cardiff and Newport to the event, so if you are interested please contact us at: youth2000waleswalsingham@gmail.com or for more information, please go to youth2000.org.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£334.20
Non Gift Aid	£680.22
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£1163.38
Mass Count: 444	
Peter's Pence Collection	£445.27
Apostleship of the Sea	£400.13

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially 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, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, Lilian Cody, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Bill Gale, Chris Bowditch, Mavis Thomas, Mary Crescenzi, Nancy Davies, Margaret Gallagher, Bernard Coughlin, James Eaton and all who care for them.

DAY FOR LIFE

This year DAY FOR LIFE focuses on cherishing life and accepting death. This year's theme is appropriate as there is an Assisted Suicide or Assisted Dying Bill scheduled for debate in Parliament. The Bishops of England and Wales urge us to contact our MPs to voice our concerns about the proposed bill. The DAY FOR LIFE Collection enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre) as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and every condition. Please pray for the protection and promotion of human life from its conception to its natural end.

Assisted Dying Bill Vote in the House of Commons

What will the Bill do? The Assisted Dying (No. 2) Bill is a Private Member's Bill sponsored by Rob Marris MP. It would 'enable competent adults who are terminally ill to choose to be provided with medically supervised assistance to end their own life'. That means it would licence doctors to supply lethal drugs to terminally ill patients to enable them to commit suicide.

What does the Church say about the value and dignity of dying people?

In a message addressed to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales, Pope Francis said, 'Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect'. The Church teaches that life is a gift from God and supports high quality care for the dying and protection for the weak and vulnerable.

Please write to your MP today, asking him/her to oppose the Assisted Dying Bill. There will be a vote in the House of Commons on 11th September 2015.

The Churches' Annual Day For Life is Sunday 26th July.

There will be a prayer vigil on **SATURDAY 25th** at St. Philip Evans church CF239UL from after 6pm evening Mass until 10pm. The theme this year is 'Cherishing life.....accepting death.' All welcome to come and pray for the protection and celebration of human life in all its stages.. Light refreshments available.

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS

Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy The booklet (£2.50) published by the CTS is available in both churches

LAUDATO SI'

Pope Francis's eagerly awaited second encyclical letter addressed to all of humanity on environmental issues, our place in creation and responsibility towards our common home. Copies available in both churches £4.95.

DOWNLOAD THE NEWSLETTER

A subscription service has been added to the website to enable people to receive the newsletter via email when it has been uploaded on the website.

Local Pilgrimages

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble on Sunday 23 August 2015. See poster for details.

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

Sunday 30th August 2015. See poster for details

Tintern Abbey Sung Vespers 6th September 2015

see poster for details

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret (Pearl) Roberts who died recently and pray also for her family

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Parish Diary this Week

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

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, be the guide that leads me, be the shepherd that follows behind me, stay with me through day and night, share your love with me, keep watch over my family. Amen Alexander, St John's, Southsea.

May all religions bring peace upon the Earth. Justice and Peace, Forgiveness and Love. May there be no more pain, no more violence and no more war. May there be no more hatred and despair in the world. And may we all live in peace. Amen. Natasha, St Illtyd's RC School, Cardiff