



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2015

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 2

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

PSALM

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountains which his right hand had won.

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel Reading: John 6: 24-35

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Ints Robert and Therese French (Golden Wedding) |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Eileen Gibbs (MBM): Margaret King (BC) |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ints Sean and Eileen Gilgunn (Golden Wedding): Emily O'Brien |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Maria Duran : Eddie & Noel McCormack 18th Sunday of Year B |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Ellen Hitchins (KD) <i>St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i> |
| Wednesday | 2.00pm | Our Lady's | Sinead Marie McDonnell (NMCD) Ded. Basilica St Mary Major |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Phillip S Richards (TS): The Transfiguration of the Lord |
| Friday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Funeral Mass for Irene Ruth Whitcut |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Gerry Harper (B Fam) 19th Sunday of Year B |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Sheila & Rosemary(JM): Nancy Prosser: Denis Donoghue (VD) |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish |

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

TRADITIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me. Amen

FOOD BANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

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| Gift Aid | £405.00 |
| Non Gift Aid | £593.95 |
| Gift Aid Standing Order | £148.96 |
| Total giving this week | £1147.91 |
| Mass Count: 373 | |
| Day for Life Collection: | £316.20 |

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially 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, Margaret Gallagher, Bernard Coughlin, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald and all who care for them.

Assisted Dying Bill Vote in the House of Commons

Urgent Appeal: Oppose Doctor- Assisted Suicide.

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.

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.

If you are concerned about how legalising assisted suicide will put vulnerable people at risk, affect palliative care or encourage suicide please contact your own MP before the assisted Dying Bill is debated in the House of Commons on 11 September 2015. If you have personal experiences to share with them please do. MPs listen to their own constituents and will want to hear about your concerns.

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

ST TERESA OF AVILA 500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

An exhibition of the works and life of St. Teresa of Avila is travelling throughout the United Kingdom marking the 5th Centenary of the birth of this Mystic and Doctor of the Church. It will be hosted by St. David's Cathedral, Cardiff, from Friday 28th August until Wednesday 16th September 2015.

A NEW SAFEGUARDING E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is possibly the first Church in the UK, or indeed the world, to offer safeguarding e-learning to every parishioner free of charge. Do you work with children, young people or adults who may be vulnerable? Are you a parent who wants to learn about online safety?

Then take a look at the safeguarding e-learning programme which includes:

Child Protection, Child Protection in Education
Safeguarding Adults, Child Exploitation & Online Safety, Mental Capacity

To find out more take a look on the diocesan website or www.catholicnews.org.uk where you will find a brochure giving details on how to access the programmes. The e-learning programme is an integral part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding. We all have a role to play in creating a safe environment.

PROCLAIM '15: Building Missionary Parishes

Proclaim '15 is then name of a new initiative being launched by the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the other Catholic Bishops across England and Wales to support, enthuse and equip parish evangelisation.

On 10th October, St David's Sixth Form College hosts a major conference for the Archdiocese of Cardiff on evangelisation.

Would you be like to be a parish representative and attend the conference of behalf of the Parish of Our Lady and St David's?

If so please contact the Parish Office to obtain a booking form. When completed please return the form to the Parish Office.

The Cardiff Conference will be held at St David's Sixth Form College, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5QD 10th October 2015, 9.30am-4.30pm. The booking fee of £15 includes a midday meal N.B. This fee will be paid by the Parish.

Local Pilgrimages

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble

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

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"If you would really pray to him for conversion, it would be granted to you.

St John Vianney (1786-1859)