

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

21ST SUNDAY OF YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 1

"Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life."

Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'. Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

PSALM

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-17, 17,18 Second Reading: Eph 5: 21-32

Gospel Reading: John 6: 60-69

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Chris & Martin Gormley & Anthony Gillespie (CG)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill and Ethel Haggerty (MW)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Margaret Brown (F&M Fam)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Louis Tofolides (UR): Ints Chittleburgh Fam. <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Hugh Wuilliams (MG)
Wednesday	12noon	Our Lady's	Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC) St David Lewis SJ, Priest & Martyr
	2.30pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Gerard Francis Davies
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Ints Anne Wilcox
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Sean and Eileen Gilgun (PP)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn and Jack Reynolds (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (CM)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (L&JC)
	11.15am	St David's	Ellen Hitchings

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

St David Lewis SJ

Lord, we thank you for the gift of Saint David Lewis as our local Saint and Martyr. He was faithful to Christ even to the point of accepting martyrdom for His sake. Help us to do all we can to promote devotion to him. Increase our own faith, and by his prayers, grant us the courage to follow his example of love and the grace of conversion for all who seek the truth. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

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, Bill Gale, Phillip & Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Lilian Cody, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Chris Bowditch, Mavis Thomas, Peggy Wells, Mary Crescenzi, Margaret Gallagher, Mary Cook, Bernard Coughlin, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Lawrence Crowley, Shelagh Mills and all who care for them.

Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service

with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on **Thursday 27th August** at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments provided. Let us come together and pray for & with all who experience the effects of Dementia

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 date for your diary.

New Harmony Singers and Our Lady of the Angels School Choir will present a Grand Concert on **Saturday October 3rd at 7 pm** in the Catholic Hall. All proceeds to go to Parish Funds. Tickets £5
Tickets from the Parish Office, the School and Paddy Landers (868352)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND MEETING THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7PM IN ST ANNE'S ROOM AT OUR LADY'S.

We have to pay the outstanding balances to the Travel Agent by 12th September.

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
Coach list at OLA

Tintern Abbey Sung Vespers 6th September 2015

see poster for details

From the Bishops of E&W

There are some Assisted Dying Postcards available to send to your MPs before the debate on 11th September

St. John Kemble

Feast day: August 22 Birth: 1599 Death: 1679

One of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. He was born in Herefordshire, England, in 1599, and studied at Douai, where he was ordained in 1625. Returning to England, John labored in missions for fifty-three years. At the age of eighty-one, he was arrested at Pembridge Castle, the home of his brother. He was falsely charged in the Titus Qates Plot and condemned for being a Catholic. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Hereford. Pope Paul VI canonized him in 1970.

SAINT DAVID LEWIS

1616 - 1679

David Lewis was born in Abergavenny in the year 1616. He was brought up as a Protestant but later became a Catholic. Both his parents died in 1638 and that same year, David set off for Rome. He entered the Venerable English College on 6th. November 1638 to prepare for ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. David Lewis assumed the name of Charles Baker (A common practice in those days of persecution). He completed his studies, receiving Minor Orders in June 1641 and was ordained to the Priesthood on 20th July 1642.

Father David Lewis entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Sant' Andrea in Rome on 19th April 1645. After Profession, his superiors immediately sent him to Wales. He was recalled to Rome after only a short stay, to take up the role of Spiritual Director at his old College. This lasted One Year, as the Mission in South Wales, which had been founded in 1620, petitioned for Father David's immediate return to his homeland. This being granted by his superiors, Father David was sent back to Wales, to the Jesuit Mission of St. Francis Xavier at a place called 'The Cwm' in 1648, where he was to work for the next thirty years. On Sunday 17th November 1678 Father David Lewis was arrested at Llantarnam as he was preparing to say Mass. At his trial, he was condemned as a Roman Catholic Priest who said Mass, which was considered high treason against the Crown. For this, he was executed at Usk on Wednesday 27th. August 1679

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Communion of Saints

The "communion of saints" is made up of all men and women who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive. Because in Christ we are one Body; we live in communion that encompasses heaven and earth

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