

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)



Tea, coffee and a chat in St Anne's room after Mass every Sunday



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SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2016

PALM SUNDAY

PSALTER WEEK 2

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

PSALM

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend." May dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Is 50: 4-7 2nd Reading: Phil 2: 6-11
The Passion according to Luke: 22: 14-23: 56

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tues at 10am-11.3am (22/03/16)

There will be no Exposition on Good Friday, Tuesday 29th March or Friday 1st April in either church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Lady's: Mon 21st March 5.30pm-6.30pm

Wed 23rd March 7.00pm -8pm

St David's: Tues 22nd March 10am -11am

There will be no confession on Holy Saturday morning.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon & Tues

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Fr Gerald Cullen (M&PL) <u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	James Lennon (ML) : Courtney Smith (PD)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kathleen Crowley (PL): Fred & Violet Faulkner (PT)
	11.15am	St David's	Thomas & Mary Morris (BB): Reverend Tom SDB (JM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara Stephens (SA)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Jim and Fay Desmond (VW)
Wednesday	11.30am	Cathedral	CHRISM MASS (Cathedral, Cardiff)
<u>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</u>			
Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper The People of the Parish
Good Friday	3.00pm	Our Lady's	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
	3.00pm	St David's	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	EASTER VIGIL The People of the Parish
			<u>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u>
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Catherine & Joan O'Brien (DO'B): Seamus Scully (GS)
	11.15am	St David's	Paddy Tracey (A&DJ)

We welcome Mrs McCool, Staff and Pupils of Our Lady's School to the 9.30am Mass today.

OFFICE OF READINGS AND MORNING PRAYER AT OUR LADY'S

Good Friday at 9.30am

Holy Saturday at 9.30

CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND. BRITISH SUMMER TIME STARTS!

The Easter Vigil

Easter is the original feast, and this vigil is 'the mother of all vigils'. It is thus the most solemn, special and sacred celebration of the whole liturgical year. Tonight we welcome the risen Christ by using symbols of fire, light, water, bread and wine, and we know that he is with us. More than ever he is present in his celebrated word, as in the light of his rising we review God's eternal plan of salvation, prefigured in the history of ancient Israel, achieved in the rising of the eternal Word, and present in the Sacraments of the Church. Our preparation for this feast must be sincere and faithfully done - because this is the feast which most clearly celebrates who we are as the holy people of God, gathered in the light of Christ by the power of the Spirit. Tonight the liturgy of the word is much longer than usual - the vigil is meant to last through the night, and to be a relaxed listening to the Word. Do not think that because there are more readings than usual you have to 'get through them quickly'. Tonight, more than any other time, we must linger over the Word of God, allowing God to explain his plan to us. Ensure that you know which readings are being proclaimed, well in advance.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £475.00
Non Gift Aid: £587.19
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1211.15
Mass Count: 397
Easter Flowers: OLA £300.37: St David's £198.64

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially
Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel
McCarthy, John Kane, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Lilian Cody, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John and Beryl James, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Mike Wickett and all who care for them.

GIFT AID SCHEME 2016-2017 Blue Boxes

Some members' numbers have been changed please take the box with your name on it. Your box should be in the church you usually attend but if it isn't **please do not** take someone else's but contact Carole Morgan, Parish Office 01633 482346 or Michael Loughlin at St David's

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

These are available from the back of the church or from your box of envelopes. If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like the parish to benefit from your Easter offering please write your Sunday envelope number on your Easter envelope.

Lenten Alms collections

will this year be given to the Friends of the Holy Land. Given the desperate situation in the Middle East, and the additional suffering of the Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese Christians in their attempts to remain true to their Christian roots, this charity is at the forefront of solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters. Please pray for those who are being tortured and killed for their Faith.

**The Parish Celebration for Canon John's 60th Birthday.
Have you returned your acceptance slip?**

Confessions during Holy Week

Our Lady's: Mon 21st March 5.30pm-6.30pm

Wed 23rd March 7.00pm -8pm

St David's: Tues 22nd March 10am -11am

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 23rd March** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff.

Lent Leading To Easter

Palm Sunday: St David's: 4.30pm (Sat) & 11.15am

Our Lady's: 6.00pm (Sat) and 9.30am

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's

The collection during Mass is for Lenten Alms

During Mass the Rite of Renewal of Commitment by Ministers of the Eucharist will take place

Good Friday: 3pm at Our Lady's **and** at St David's
Retiring collection is for Holy Places.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 3rd April

KEEPING THE HOUR OF MERCY AT OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

In keeping with the theme of Mercy, the parishioners will be completing the Novena to the Divine Mercy at 2pm on Sunday April 3rd (Divine Mercy Sunday). Everyone is invited to come and experience the rich grace Jesus promised to St Faustina: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory". (*Diary* 48) The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us at Our Lady's for the promise of great graces.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Thecla SSJ who died recently and pray also for her family and the Abbey Community

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