



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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Ascension of the Lord (C)

Psalter Week 3

World Communication Day

As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven

Recently the bishops of England and Wales decided to move the celebration of Ascension to this Sunday. While this moves the feast away the fortieth day, it does open up this celebration as part of the journey of the Easter Season. Ascension is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: *"I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me."* Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: to complete the mystery presumes the Lord's return to the Father. Ascension is therefore a feast of hope: our hope that the Lord will return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand.

PSALM

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we fear, great king over all the earth. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over all the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 46-53

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon 9.10am, Thurs 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Francesca Basini Gazzi (BG) | |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Maureen Michael (S&L) | Ascension of the Lord |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Pietro Cordani (TC) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish | |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Tom Saulters (GS): Marie McLaren (B&PF) | |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Reg Burton (KB) | |
| Wednesday | 2.00pm | Our Lady's | Alison Hale (B&JS) | |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Sue Jenkins (PJ) | |
| Friday | 9.00am | Our Lady's | Ints Cynthia Cahill (BD) | <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Sheehy & Florence Family (J&JS): Bryan Kennedy (JK) | |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Doreen Tubb (SVP) | Pentecost Sunday |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Denis Donaghue (VD) | |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: 10am - 11.30

Our Lady's

Fri: 9.30 - 5pm

Confessions

Our Lady's

Sat: 12noon -12.30

St David's

Sat: 3.45-4.15

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE. POPE FRANCIS HAS MADE AN APPEAL FOR US TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE WHO ARE IN DESPERATE NEED.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

N.B. On Wednesday 11th May the Rosary will be recited before Mass at 1.30pm

REV DEACON PETER MCLAREN

Last Monday Deacon Peter was invited by the Archbishop to train for the Priesthood at the Beda College, Rome. Deacon Peter, God willing will leave Cwmbran in October and be ordained for the Priesthood next summer. Please keep Deacon Peter in your prayers. We wish him God Speed and good health. Canon John

Parish Adoration

I am so grateful to all who spend time in Adoration on Tuesday and Friday praying for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Please keep praying, your prayers do bear fruit.

Nick Williams Student to the Priesthood

Please remember in your prayers Nick Williams who spent a few weeks with us in January 2013. Nick is being admitted to the Candidacy of Holy Orders on 15th May at St Mary's College, Oscott. Candidacy is a formal step towards Holy Orders.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £371.00
Non Gift Aid: £662.72
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1182.68
Mass Count: 431

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, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Francis Connelly, 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, Rev Kevin Paine, Betty Lake, Mike Wickett, Derek Miller, Norma Martin, John and Bridie Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn and all who care for them.

Baptism Course

The Baptism course continues on Wednesday 11th May at 6pm in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Thursday 7th July 2016. Classes continue in Our Lady's Church at 6pm on Tuesday 10th May and the Enrolment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 15th May at Our Lady's at 9.30am



UCM

The UCM are holding a Coffee Afternoon and Flower Arranging with an opportunity to purchase on **Wednesday 11th May at 2.30pm** in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. Tickets are £2.50 and are now on sale Everyone Welcome.

Belmont Abbey

Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady

On Wednesday 11th May 2016 starting at 9pm. See poster for details

Prayer Pilgrimage

This week we remember the parishioners of The Immaculate Conception, Tredegar with All Saints, Ebbw Vale and Saint John, Rhymney and their parish priest Revd. Edmund Neizer

Holy Family RC Church

Holy Family RC Church invites you to an evening of devotion to the Holy Spirit. Date: 10th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Church address: Keyston Road, Fairwater, Cardiff CF5 3NP. Songs of praise, Word of God, prayers & laying of hands for those who wish it. For details contact: Deirdre - 01446 793224.

Prayer for Peace

At Tintern abbey on Saturday 14th May at 12noon. Everyone welcome

The Ascension of Christ (YouCat)

"In the New Testament, the Ascension of Christ marks the end of forty days during which the risen Lord was especially close to his disciples. At the end of this time, Christ, together with his whole humanity, enters into the glory of God. Sacred Scripture expresses this through the images of "cloud" and "heaven" or "sky". "Man", says Pope Benedict XVI, "finds room in God." Jesus Christ is now with the Father, and from there he will come one day "to judge the living and the dead". Christ's Ascension means that Jesus is no longer visible on earth yet is still present.

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