



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

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21st AUGUST 2016

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Psalter Week 1

Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

It's probably a nightmare we all share to some degree or other - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, or missing the train, the boat or plane. Contemplating watching the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing, can be unnerving. Complacency can leave us in this situation: today the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office.

PSALM

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever

First Reading: Is 66: 18-21

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 22-30

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am : Wed 9.40am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Valerie Daley & Patricia Glazier (DD)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jan Jakubowski (JJ) 21st Sunday of Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Elsie & William Desmond (FJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Mary & Fred Strutt (MM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish <i>The Queenship of BVM</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW)
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Michael Kopec (PJ) <i>St Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
Thursday	9.00am	St David's	Alyson Clare (KC)
Friday	10.00AM	Our Lady's	FUNERAL MASS FOR LILIAN CODY
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Chris Gormley & Anthony Gillespie (CG)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish 22nd Sunday of Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mary & Romuald Paczkowski (PP)
	11.15am	St David's	Frank Brennan (BB)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's

10.00am – 11.30am

Our Lady's

12noon - 5.00pm

Confessions

Our Lady's

12noon – 12.30pm

St David's

3.45pm – 4.15pm

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Please give your Mass intentions to Canon John. Please could you use the brown Mass intention envelopes which are available in the church porches.

If you know of anyone in the parish who is ill, in hospital or would appreciate a home visit at any time, please let Canon John know. Please do not assume he already knows.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF ST JOHN KEMBLE

The coach will leave Our Lady's Church at 1.45pm to travel to Welsh Newton. After the Rosary procession we will travel to Monmouth for Benediction.

Please note if your name is on the list you are expected to pay for your fare if you do not go.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £411.80
Non Gift Aid: £641.91
Gift Aid Standing Order £184.73
Total giving this week £1238.44
Mass Count:

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Francis Connelly, Ian Werrett, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John and Bridie Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Peggy Wells, Anne Savoury, Mary Ralph, Ann Pocock, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus and all who care for them.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA course starts on **Wednesday 12th October at 7pm** in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. Enrolment forms are in the church porches, when completed please give them to Canon John **Please note change of day**

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Anyone wishing to get married should give six (6) months' notice and must see the Parish Priest. It is advisable to ensure the church is available before booking a reception venue.

St John Kemble (August 22), a much-loved Catholic priest whose execution was horribly botched

John Kemble (1599-1679) was a much-loved Catholic priest martyred during the madness of the "Popish Plot". In 1678 the farrago of lies concocted by Titus Oates, that there was a Jesuit conspiracy to murder the King, gave disgruntled Protestants and ambitious chancers their opportunity. A Monmouthshire rogue called William Bedloe laid false information against the leading Catholics of the area.

One of those who suffered in the prevailing hysteria was John Kemble. Born into a Catholic family at St Weonards, some five miles north of Welsh Newton, he had studied for the priesthood at the English College in Douai. Ordained in 1625, he returned to Monmouthshire and served more than 50 years as an itinerant priest, winning admirers even among Protestants. Based at Pembridge Castle, which his brother had leased in 1630, he had seemed immune from prosecution.

As the anti-Catholic furore boiled over in 1678 John Kemble rejected all warnings, declaring that he could do no better than to die for Christ. In 1679 he was sentenced to be hanged under an Elizabethan statute which defined being ordained a Catholic priest overseas as treason. First, though,

the 80 year-old was strapped on to a horse like a pack, facing backwards, and taken to Newgate in London for interrogation Kemble disdained to win his freedom by disclosing a non-existent plot. The old man was then obliged to walk back to Hereford. Informed on August 22 that he would be executed that day, he asked to be allowed to finish his prayers and smoke his pipe. After being dragged on a hurdle to Widemarsh Common, Kemble declared on the scaffold that he died for the religion that had made this country Christian, and that he forgave all his enemies. He was then obliged to encourage the executioner, who had no stomach for his task. The hanging was horribly botched, so that Kemble took half an hour to die. Subsequently he was beheaded, and his left hand cut off: this may still be seen at the church of St Francis Xavier in Hereford. On August 22 there will be a pilgrimage to John Kemble's grave, starting from St Mary's, Monmouth, at 10am

Centenary Prayer Intention: 20th/21st August

We pray for the intentions of the parish of Saint Mary, Chepstow and Saint Paul, Caldicot and Revd. Michael St Clair

Forth Coming Events for August/September

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble

Sunday 21st August. See notice in porch

Annual Pilgrimage in honour of St David Lewis

Sunday 28th August. See notice in porch

Sung Vespers at Tintern abbey

Sunday 4th September 2016, 3pm. See notice in porch

PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

A Mass for the Sick will be celebrated at St David's Church at 2pm on Thursday 8th September. Canon John will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. . Light refreshments will be served in St Non's room after the Mass

SPUC 50th Anniversary Pro-Life Conference

23-25 September at Hayes Conference Centre , Swanwick, Derbyshire. See poster for details

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Quarterly Mass on Wednesday, 21st September 2016 at 7.30pm in Our Lady of the Angels Church, Cwmbran
Main Celebrant: Rev Dom James Norris OSB, Chaplain to the UCM. Everyone welcome

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Lilian Cody who died recently, and we offer our deepest sympathy to her family. Please remember them in your prayers.

