



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID
CWMBRAN
(Registered Charity No. 242380)**

**Tea, coffee
& a chat in St
Anne's Room
after Mass
every Sunday**

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23rd April 2017 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE Psalter Week 2
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are "Mystagogy" - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ("neophytes") learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This "Mystagogy" is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

	Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am	Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	John Bellew (TH) 2nd Sunday of Eastertide
Sunday	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jan Jakubowski (JJ): John & Catherine Williams (VL)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints of the Friends of Angela Hanlon (AH)
Monday	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Divine Mercy Devotions
Tuesday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Burnett Family (AB)
Wednesday	9.30am	St David's	Bridie Rainsford (BF) <i>St Mark, Evangelist, Feast</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Angela Hanlon (PP)
Friday	9.30am	St David's	William and Florence Culley (JA)
Saturday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Priest's Intentions <i>St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr</i>
	4.30pm	St David's	Whatley Family 3rd Sunday of Eastertide
Sunday	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bridie Rainsford (Mac): Michael Scully (GS)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (Fam)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Our Lady's: Saturday 12noon-12.30pm
Our Lady's: Friday 10.00am-5.00pm	St David's: Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm

The Ordination of the Rev Peter McLaren to the Sacred Priesthood

Congratulations to Deacon Peter on the news of his Priestly Ordination, which will take place at 12.00 noon on the 29th of July 2017 at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. News regarding transport and parish celebrations will be announced shortly.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Mary Lee, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Anne Savoury, Mary Ralph, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Bernard Lanigan, Sr Mary James, Jean Crowley, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Tom McCarthy, Lilian Whatley Robert Davies, John Martin and all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion
Classes restart on **Monday 24th April at 5.30pm** in St Anne's room for **parents and children**. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 20th May at 10am** in Our Lady's

The Sacrament of Confirmation
Confirmation classes for candidates recommence on **Tuesday 25th April at 6pm** in Our Lady's Church. Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Sunday **11th June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's**.

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU from us all to all who prepared and celebrated Easter: - The Church cleaners and Flower arrangers; Musicians and Singers; the Welcomers and Altar Servers; Sacristans and linen-washers; Ministers of the Word and of Communion; and all who in many ways prepared, participated, and joyfully celebrated the Sacred Triduum.

Thank you also from Canon John for your very generous Easter offering, and the numerous gifts, Easter cards and kind wishes.

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be travelling around the country, visiting various Cathedrals abbeys and churches this year, 2017, which is the Centenary year of the Fatima message, which was given by the Blessed Virgin between May and October 1917. The Statue will be visiting the Archdiocese of Cardiff on **6/7th May**.

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Henderson who died recently. We offer our condolences to her family. Patricia's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 4th May at 12.30pm in Our Lady's.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 23rd April 2017
KEEPING THE HOUR OF MERCY AT OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH

Jesus says: "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday) shall obtain complete forgiveness (or remission) of sins and punishment (Diary 699)

Please join us in this Great Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on 23rd April 2pm-4pm

2pm.: Adoration and confession.

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Homily - Canon John
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

GIFT AID SCHEME (Pink Boxes)

The boxes for the next financial year 2017/2018 are now available in the church porches. **Please ensure you take the box with your name on.**

Non Gift Aid Collection Boxes (Green Boxes)

These are also in the porches of both churches

Discernment weekend for men aged over 30

The Beda College in Rome together with St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in north Wales, are running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September 2017. The primary focus of the weekend is the possibility of priestly vocation in later life so it is limited to men between the ages of 30 and 55. However, it is also suitable for men not specifically considering priesthood as it is not presumed that any major choice or commitment will be made during the weekend. Please promote this weekend to anyone you think might be interested. Further information and booking at: <http://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats>

SVP Meeting

The next meeting of the SVP will be held on **Tuesday 2nd May** in St Non's room.

THE NEXT FOOD BANK COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON 6/7TH MAY

Parish Pilgrimage 2018/19

Note for your diaries: there will be a meeting on Monday 24th April in St Anne's room at 7pm to select a destination for our next Parish Pilgrimage.

