



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

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

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2ND April 2017

5th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Psalter Week 1

I am the resurrection and the life

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds - what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri at 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Keating Family (PK): Philomena Rooney (MH) |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | The People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ints of Desmond and Jeremiah Family (FJ) Megan Donnelly (PP) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Sheehy and Florence Family (JS) |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ints Mark Riddell (B&JS) |
| | 10.30am | Crematorium | Funeral Service for George Robert Baulch |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | Bridie Rainsford (A&NT) |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | Ints Sr Mary James (DD) |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Annie Mulgrew |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ints Sr Susan (Sr MJ) |
| Saturday | 11.30am | St David's | Marriage of Sophie Kathleen Lao and Matthew Lloyd Beer |
| | 4.30pm | St David's | Pat & Ken Harnett (DS): Margaret Gale (LR) |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Megan Donnelly (SVP) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Joan & Kat O'Brien (DO'B) |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am
Our Lady's: Friday 10.30am-5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

No confessions in either church on Saturday 8th April

Food Bank Collection

Takes place this weekend. The organisers of the Food Bank wish to express their thanks for our continual support in helping the people of Torfaen

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

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| Gift Aid: | £411.00 |
| Non Gift Aid: | £692.21 |
| Gift Aid Standing Order | £168.13 |
| Total giving this week | £1271.34 |
| Mass Count: | 433 |

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, Pat Henderson, Gerry Scully, Tom McCarthy & all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion

Classes continue on **Monday 3rd April at 5.30pm** in St Anne's room for children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Sunday **11th June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's**. Candidates for confirmation should be year 8 (12) or older. Confirmation classes for candidates continue on **Tuesday 4th April at 6pm** in St Anne's room.

RCIA Course

The course continues on Wednesdays at 7pm in St Anne's room.

Children's Liturgy

OLA 9.30 Mass and St David's 11.15am Mass

What's on This Week

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| Mon | 2.30pm | OLA | Lenten Talk |
| Tues | 10am | St David's | Divine Mercy Group |
| | 2pm | OLA | Social Club |
| Wed | 11.30am | OLA | UCM Meeting |
| | 7pm | OLA | RCIA Course |
| Thurs | 10am | St David's | Stations of the Cross |
| Friday | 10am | OLA | Stations of the Cross |

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Where? St Mary Street, Cardiff, opposite Elgin House, outside Howell's/Ladbroke's, facing the abortion facility across the street from now until until 9th April (Palm Sunday) EVERY DAY I am asking for volunteers for the hours between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00p.m. Why? To pray for an end to abortion and help especially for women who may be going into the building to seek an abortion. **Contact Janet Thomas** on jelthomas@btinternet.com or **07901713077**

LENT 2017

Mondays at 2.30pm in St Anne's Room

Lenten Talks with Sr Bridget SSJ
3rd March - 7th April: Lenten Talks and soup lunch every Friday at the Salvation Army. Soup served from 12noon - 1.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 7th April 11am-12pm at Our Lady's
Monday 10th April 7pm at Our Lady's (Deanery Priests)
Tuesday 11th April 10.00am -11.00am at St David's

Chrim Mass

Wednesday 12th April 11.30am in the Cathedral, Cardiff

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's
Good Friday: 3pm at Our Lady's **and** at St David's
Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

We congratulate Sophie Kathleen Lao and Matthew Lloyd Beer who are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at 11.30am on Saturday 8th April in St David's Church. We wish them every health and blessing for their future.

Our Lady of the Angels School and Church

Celebrating 150 years of the Church and Catholic education in Cwmbbran

CARNIVAL DAY FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2017

All parishioners and families are invited to meet us outside the Church at 1.30pm to support the procession down to the school playground, where there will be lots of dancing, stalls and fun!

Cancellation of Passion Play 6/4/17

The passion play & social gathering arranged by your SVP for Thursday 6th April is being cancelled due to lack of interest.

Apologies to the few who indicated that they would attend.

We will look to arrange a different social gathering later in the year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANON JOHN

