



**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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9<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Psalter Week 2

***PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A***

***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 the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

***PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK***

Morning Prayer: Mon & Tues, at 9.10am		Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10am	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Pat & Ken Harnett (DS): Margaret Gale (LR)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Megan Donnelly (SVP) <b><i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i></b>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Joan & Kat O'Brien (DO'B)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	<b>9.15am</b>	Our Lady's	Gordon Worsfold (SW)
	<b>10.15am</b>	Our Lady's	<b>FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PATRICIA ROBINS</b>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Tom & Marian Saulters (GS)
Wednesday	<b>11.30am</b>	Cathedral	<b>CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL, CARDIFF</b>
<b>THE SACRED TRIDUUM</b>			
Thursday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper The People of the Parish
	9.45pm	Our Lady's	Night Prayer
Friday	3.00pm	Our Lady's	Good Friday Of The Passion of The Lord
Saturday	3.00pm	St David's	Good Friday Of The Passion of The Lord
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil</b> The People of the Parish (Psalter Week 1)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (AH) <b><i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i></b>
	11.15am	St David's	Val Tew (MM)

**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.

<b><i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i></b> St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am Our Lady's: No Adoration in Our Lady's on Friday	<b><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i></b> Our Lady's: Monday 7pm St David's: Tuesday 10.00am -11.00am <b>NO CONFESSION NEXT SATURDAY</b>
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***Your giving to your Parish: many thanks***

Gift Aid:	£557.00
Non Gift Aid:	£777.50
Gift Aid Standing Order	£168.13
<b>Total giving this week</b>	<b>£1502.63</b>
Mass Count:	455

***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, Lilian Watley & all who care for them.

**CATECHESIS**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes will resume after the holidays.

***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

**Traditionally the Easter offering is a gift from us to our priest. Easter offering envelopes are available in the back of the church or please use the envelope in your boxes**



***LENT 2017***

**Monday at 2.30pm in St Anne's Room**

Lenten Talks with Sr Bridget SSJ

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April** 7pm at Our Lady's (Deanery Priests)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** 10.00am -11.00am at St David's

**Chrism Mass**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am in the Cathedral, Cardiff

***Sacred Paschal Triduum***

**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.**

Watching until 10pm

**Good Friday:** 10am Morning Prayer(OLA)

3pm at Our Lady's **and** at St David's

The retiring collection is for Holy Places.

**Holy Saturday:** 10am Morning Prayer (OLA)

**Our Lady's: 7.30pm. The Easter Vigil.**

***This Easter we have three Candidates being received into Full Communion with the Church Kevin, Nicola and Gemma. We ask for your prayers and support for them as they enter this new stage of their life.***

**Divine Mercy Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2pm-4pm

2pm.: Adoration and confession.

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet,

Homily - Canon John

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image