



**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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21st May 2017 6th SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE YEAR A Psalter Week 2

I shall ask the Father, and he shall give you another Advocate

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR EASTERTIDE

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm
Rosary: After Mass except for Wednesday. Wednesday 10.40am Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday 3pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Michael Brennan (BB): Bryan Kennedy (JK)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish 6th Sunday of Year A
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr Evans and Fr John Meredith: Michael O'Brien: Ints Amy
	11.15am	St David's	Bridie Rainsford (CG)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The Abbey Community (SSJ) CJG
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Beryl Stitt (MP) <i>Dedication of the Cathedral Church, Feast</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Kevin Buckle (B&JS)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Jimmy Doyle (K&JD) <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>
Friday	1.15pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Margaret Gallagher <i>St Philip Neri Priest</i>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski (Fam)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW) The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Annie Pinkie
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

**Exposition of
the Blessed
Sacrament**

St David's: Tuesday
10am-11.30am

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Our Lady's: Saturday
12noon-12.30pm

Our Lady's: Friday
(Fri 26/5/17)
10.00am-12noon
2.30pm- 5pm

St David's: Saturday
3.45pm-4.15pm

Deacon Peter's Ordination

Lists are in both churches for parishioner to sign if they want to reserve a seat on the coach to attend the Ordination on **Saturday 29th July 2017** in the Cathedral. **The closing date for names is Monday 5th June 2017.**

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend, to their parents and families and the catechists who prepared them.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £462.90
Non Gift Aid: £793.99
Gift Aid Standing Order £168.13
Total giving this week £1425.02
Mass Count: 412

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, 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, Eileen Tolan, Nora McDonald, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis and Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn and all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

The Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Penitential Service for the Confirmandi will take place on Tuesday **23rd May at 6pm** in Our Lady's Church.

Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to attend with the Confirmandi. Please pray for all our young people. Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Sunday **11th June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's.** Archbishop George Stack will be the main celebrant.

Eucharistic Adoration

CRISIS! The Friday **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** has reached **Crisis Point**, a moment of choice and decision. Some years ago as a parish we committed ourselves to keep the church open and the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration every Friday. Many parishioners committed themselves to one hour "slots" through the day. But as they have grown old, moved on, or been 'called up to glory', they have not been replaced. Now we are hardly able to properly cover the hours between 10am-5pm. Out of devotion and respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and honesty about our abilities and intentions as a parish, we have to decide on the future of this commitment: Are more of us able, ready, and willing to commit ourselves to this prayer and work, or should we close the door? Please contact Beth Smith 01633 868771 or Angela Hanlon 01633 484410 if you are able to help.

Knight of St Columba Golf Tournament

Clergy/Laity Golf Tournament Monday 5th June 2017 Please see poster in the porches. Enrolment and sponsor forms are available from the parish office.

**Parish Pilgrimage:
Poland,
Autumn half-term 2018**

Poland would be our next Pilgrimage destination. **Cost £695 per person. Single room supplement £165 per single. Dates to be confirmed.**

Please give your name ASAP to Carole Morgan 07925813174 or contact the Parish Office on 01633 482346 (Mon. Wed and Fri)

Pilgrimage Meeting

Will be held on **Monday 12th June at 7pm** in St Anne's room. The Travel Agent has sent the booking forms to be completed; they also require passport numbers and a deposit of £200 per person.

THY KINGDOM COME

We have received prayer cards from the Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops inviting us to participate in a Pentecost Novena entitled "Thy Kingdom Come". The origins of this initiative lie with the Archbishop of Canterbury who is inviting people throughout the United Kingdom to set aside ten minutes of prayer each day between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. The key to the novena is a few minutes of stillness at the beginning of prayer, inviting the Spirit of God to touch our minds and hearts. It is true that we can pray anywhere, anytime. The important thing is that we pray somewhere, sometime. "Thy Kingdom Come" gives a short meditative text to follow the stillness, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. Let us allow the "breath of the Spirit" to pray within us, even when we cannot find the words to say.

**Wales and the Marches Catholic
History Society
Annual History Day**

**Saturday June 10th at St. David's College Cardiff
Starts with Mass at 10 am**

**Speakers: 11.15 Rev Dr. Trystan Owain-Hughes
2.15 Prof. Madeleine Gray**

**Cost for the Day: £10 (Members) £12.50 (non-Members)
includes lunch, teas, coffees, pastries and a glass of wine.**

**All are most welcome to join us. For more information
please contact: Tricia Coulthard email:
triciacoulthard@outlook.com phone: 02920595899**

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Josephine Gallagher who died recently. We offer our condolences to her family. Margaret's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 26th May at 1.15pm in Our Lady's.