



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID  
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**Tea, coffee  
& a chat in St  
Anne's Room  
after Mass**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A  
WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY**

Psalter Week 3

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR EASTERTIDE**

Morning Prayers: Mon 9.40am: Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm  
 Rosary: After Mass except for Wednesday. Wednesday 10.40am Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday 3pm

<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW)	
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Annie Pinkey	
	11.15am	St David's	Gareth Plumb (Sick)	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30am	St David's	Bridie Rainsford (CM)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	11.00am	Our Lady's	Patricia Henderson (SVP)	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	St David's	Jim & Fay Desmond (VW)	<i>St Justin, Martyr</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Myles & Bridget Gilgunn (SG)	
<b>Saturday</b>	4.30pm	St David's	Tom & Margaret Jordan (JJ)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Josephine Campbell (MBM)	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9.30am	Our Lady's	Charles Graham (PL)	
	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  
8.00am-5pm

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

Our Lady's: Saturday  
12noon-12.30pm

St David's: Saturday  
3.45pm-4.15pm

**Deacon Peter's Ordination**

The closing date to put your names on the coach list is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. Ordination cards are available from the piety stalls in both churches.

**Pilgrimage Meeting**

will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR  
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY**

**Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

Gift Aid: £283.00  
 Non Gift Aid: £612.19  
 Gift Aid Standing Order: £168.13  
 Total giving this week: £1063.12  
 Mass Count: 422

**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 next meeting for the Confirmandi will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in Our Lady's Church. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady's. Archbishop George Stack will be the main celebrant. Please come along to the Mass and help to make the celebration a memorable occasion in the life of our parish.

**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. Now we are hardly able to properly cover the hours between 8am-5pm. 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.

**Corpus Christi Procession at  
Llantarnam Abbey**

**Advertisement for Stewards**

The Procession will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Stewards are needed for the event who can help before, during, and/or after the event. **If you can help please give your name to Canon John ASAP.**

**The General Election 2017**

A letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops. Please take a copy from the church porch. [www.catholicnews.org.uk/election17](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/election17)

**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) **or email [cwmbranadmin@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbranadmin@virginmedia.com)**

**World Communications Sunday**

Takes place on 28 May 2017, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. It reflects his mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and seeks to support the Bishops in their role as teachers both of the Catholic community and the wider world. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the collection next Sunday.

**Family Groups.**

Following the meeting on 22nd May, we are about to launch our first Family Group in the parish. If anyone else is interested in joining our first Family Group, please join our launch meeting on Friday 9th June at 7pm, in St Anne's room, with a bring-and-share supper. Bring a plate of food to share, something to drink and just show up! Please bring your diary to plan future family events. People who are new to the parish and those with no local family are especially welcome.

**Churches Together**

Richmond Road Baptist Church has been coordinating a Churches Together community litter pick in Pontnewydd Cwmbran. Our next date is coming up very soon, Saturday 3rd June at 10am, meeting at RRBC. It only lasts an hour and we all meet back for tea coffee and fellowship at 11am. Subsequent events are 1st July, 5th August, the first Saturday of the month ongoing. All equipment is provided, sacks, pickers & Churches Together hi viz jackets, there is little bending or physical effort required.

**Food bank collection next weekend**