



**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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30th July 2017 17th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A Psalter Week 1

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am, Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fri 3pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	NO EVENING MASS
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	NO EVENING MASS 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Emily O'Brien (CO): Michael Kopec (SK)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Gwen Evans (CM) <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	P J Joseph (AJ): Doreen Hayton (SVP) <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Ints of Joyce and Jim Sheehy (NW)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Celia McGinty (MO'D)
	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Kevin John Thomas
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving to Padre Pio (Sr TC) <i>St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	The People of the Parish 18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Eileen Gibbs (MBM): Peggy Wickett (SVP)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW): Phillip and Raymond Richards (TS)
	11.15am	St David's	Denis Donoghue (VD)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am
Our Lady's: Friday 8am-5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Our Lady's: Saturday 12noon-12.30pm
St David's: Saturday 3.45pm-4.15pm

Flower Arrangers for St David's
Flower arrangers are needed in St David's Church.
Please Can You Help?

FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £429.90
Non Gift Aid: £630.35
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13
Total giving this week: £1258.38
Mass Count: 373

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Mary Lee, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Mavis Thomas, Joan Lawrence, 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, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Lilian Whatley, Robert Davies, John Martin, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis and Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Pauline Loughlin, Shelagh Mills, John and Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Sophie Weightman, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce and Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John McGuire, John Adams and all who care for them.

Forth Coming Events for August/September

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble
Sunday 20th August 2017 3pm at Welsh Newton
A list for names will be available shortly.

Annual St David Lewis Pilgrimage
Sunday 27th August 2017 at Usk

Annual Holy Hour for Vocations
Wednesday 30th August, 6pm at the Cathedral. See poster for details.

Sung Vespers at Tintern abbey
Sunday 3rd September 2017, 3pm.

Do you believe in supporting healthy marriages?

Catholic Marriage Care's centre for Newport and the surrounding area is looking for enthusiastic volunteer **Presenter/Facilitators** to run marriage preparation courses (training is provided), **Qualified Relationship Counsellors** (who hold a recognised couples counselling qualification), a **Secretary/Administrator** to provide admin support to the team and a **Parish Liaison** to promote services and volunteering within local parishes. For more information or to apply, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish Pilgrimage: Poland, Autumn half-term 2018

Poland will 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 cwmbbranadmin@virginmedia.com

Thank You

"I'd like to thank everyone for the condolences, love and prayers that you have all given me and my late mum. You are very special people. Thank you, June Ralph".
Mary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th August at 1.15pm in Our Lady's.

SPUC

The SPUC Walk (Pontypool and Cwmbran Parishes) raised a total of £642.00. Tina and Molly would like to thank those who supported this event for their wonderful generosity. An excellent result – well done to all concerned!

Fr Peter McLaren

Our prayers and best wishes to Fr Peter as he completes his long road to Priesthood. We all know Fr Peter's journey of Faith, we think of his belated wife Marie, and all the heartache known to him. We thank God for the joy of his children and grandchildren and for Peter responding and answering the call to the Catholic Priesthood. He has chosen the pearl of great price!

Prayer for Vocations

**LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.
UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.**

— Pope Francis
Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.