



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

*Tea, coffee  
and a chat in St  
Anne's Room  
after Mass  
every  
Sunday*

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18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

Psalter Week 1

*"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest"*

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am: Sat 9.40am      Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

Day	Time	Location	Minister	Notes
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Connie Pugh(J&HG)	5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose & Jack Clifford (MW)	
	11.15am	St David's	Clare Joyce (MJ)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish	St Joseph (Solemnity)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Barbara Stephens (SA): Thomas Jones (CB)	
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Fr Jimmy Thomas	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Carmel Boggan (UR): John Slavin (AR)	
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jim & Fay Desmond (VW)	National Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse
	2.30pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for John Berry	
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	John Martin (P&LMc)	
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Rose & Herbert Williams (JK)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kath Crowley (PL): George Powell (SVP)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

St David's: Tuesday  
10.00am-11.30am  
Our Lady's: Friday  
No Adoration on  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday  
Our Lady's: 11-11.30am  
St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER THE MASS ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS**

**Confirmation Programme: Rite of Enrolment**

The Rite of Enrolment for the Candidates who are being confirmed will take place today at the 9.30am Mass. Please pray for our young people, their families and Catechists.

**Your giving to your Parish:**

*many thanks*

Gift Aid: £ 565.85  
Non Gift Aid: £ 756.25  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13  
Total giving this week : £1508.23  
Mass count: 379

**Parish 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, Barbara Berger, Trevor Jenkins, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Derek Miller, Sean Gilgunn, Anne Savoury, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Robert Davies, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis & Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Sabina Fisher, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Betty Brennan, Keith Shepherd, Iverna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine, Anthony Osbourne, John Scott, Michael Egan, Lisa Melody, Philomena McCarrferty and all who care for them.

**CATECHESIS**

**First Holy Communion**

The First Holy Communion classes for Our Lady's pupils will be held in the parish hall on **Mondays** from 5pm-5.45pm and on **Wednesdays** for St David's pupils in St Non's room, St David's Church from 5pm-5.45pm.

**RCIA Course**

The course continues on **Monday** in St Anne's room **from 7pm – 8.30pm.**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

The course continues on **Tuesday from 6-7pm** in St Anne's room.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

The prayer group meet on **Tuesday mornings** after Mass in St David's.

**Prayer Group**

You are invited to St Anne's room on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** for the weekly prayer meeting. Please bring a bible.

**THANK YOU**

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL OUR DONATIONS AMOUNTED TO £1026.07**

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

The postponed service will now be held on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Cwmbran URC starting at 7pm

**Chrism Mass**

Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am in the Cathedral, Cardiff

**Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**Holy Thursday:** 7.00pm at Our Lady's  
The collection taken 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)  
**2.30pm** in Our Lady's  
and in St David's at **4.00pm**

The retiring collection today is for Holy Places.

**Holy Saturday:** 10am Morning Prayer (OLA)  
**Our Lady's: 7.00pm. The Easter Vigil.**

***This Easter we have four Candidates being received into Full Communion with the Church, Hannah, Jess, Margaret and Joseph. We ask for your prayers and support for them as they enter this new stage of their life.***

**Afternoon Tea**

There will be Afternoon Tea in Our Lady's Church Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm until 5pm  
All proceeds go to HCPT Group 97 for the Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. Tickets available from Sheila Spokes or Rosie O'Donnell £7.50 per person.

**"THE STATIONS"**

"THE STATIONS" (as seen on the BBC) are on display in Saint Helen's church, Caerphilly, for the next two weeks: 14 intimate photos of refugees at different stops and stages on their journey, with text linking their plight to the moments of Christ's passion. 'The Stations' give us an opportunity to 'share the journey', Pope Francis has called and challenged us to do. The church will be open from 10.30am to 6.00pm each day (Sundays from 11.30am). All are welcome to view, follow, and pray the Way of the Cross with our brothers and sisters who are still living it.

**St John Lloyd RC Primary school Cardiff**

Calling all ex staff members and Parish Priests of St John Lloyd RC Primary school Cardiff. To help celebrate St John Lloyd RC Primary school Cardiff 50th Anniversary, you are cordially invited to join us for Mass at the school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 11 am. Also we would like you to take a trip down memory lane and come along to an Afternoon Tea and showcase on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 1.15 pm also at the school. RSVP [cchambers@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cchambers@cardiff.gov.uk).

**P.S.**

**Clocks go forward for the start of British Summer Time next weekend 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**