



**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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25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* *Psalter Week 2*

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 THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues 9.10am: Good Friday and Holy Saturday 10.00am			
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Rose & Herbert Williams (JK) <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kath Crowley (PL): George Powell (SVP)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Helen Crowley (B&JS)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Mavis Thomas (SVP)
Wednesday	11.30am	<b>Cathedral</b>	<b>Chrism Mass</b>
	1.45pm	St David's	Funeral Service for Alfred Ormond
			<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>
Holy Thursday	7.00pm	Our Lady's	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Joan & Catherine O'Brien
Good Friday	2.30pm	Our Lady's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	4.00pm	St David's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	7.00pm	Our Lady's	The Easter Vigil. Brian Draisey
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Tues: 10-11.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
 Our Lady's: 11-11.30am  
 St David's: 4.15-4.45pm  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
 St David's: 10am (After Mass)

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

TAKE CARE!

The South Wales Police have received a number of reports from people after they have been contacted by phone by someone purporting to be a police officer who then attempts to get the victim to hand over significant amounts of money and/or bank cards/details. In Cardiff, at least eight reports were received in two days. Never provide any details of cards, account numbers or personal details to any caller, even if they ask you to ring another number to prove their identity. All calls of this nature are a scam. Hang up ASAP! If you think you may have been duped report it via 101, or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Your giving to your Parish:  
many thanks

Gift Aid: £ 268.01  
 Non Gift Aid: £ 364.29  
 Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13  
 Total giving this week : £890.43  
 Mass count: 179

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, 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 meet on **Mondays** from 5pm-5.45pm and on **Wednesdays** for St David's from 5pm-5.45pm.

RCIA Course

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm Penitential Service for candidates. Parents/Carers/Sponsors are expected to avail themselves of the Sacrament.

GIFT AID SCHEME 2018-2019  
Yellow Boxes

Your box should be in the church you usually attend but if it isn't **please do not** take someone else's but contact Carole Morgan, Parish Office 01633 482346, or Michael Loughlin at St David's

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Traditionally, the Easter Offering is our gift to our Parish Priest. There are envelopes at the back of the church and in your boxes of envelopes.

SVP Coffee Morning  
 St Non's room Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am (after Mass)

"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.

Chrism Mass  
**Wednesday 28th March at 11.30am** in the Cathedral, Cardiff  
Sacred Paschal Triduum  
**Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 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)  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**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.*

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.