

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN**

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Pentecost Sunday Psalter: 2

<b>Saturday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am 10.00am 1.30pm 9.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>     <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + The People of the Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.15am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11.15am</i> Baptism: Ryan Jones Parish Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Saturday/ Sunday Pentecost Sunday</b>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm 9.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St. David's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Margaret and Bill Gale (LR) <b>Mass:</b> + Ann Cassidy (MK) <b>Mass:</b> + Margaret and Michael Gallagher (SH) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) <b>Mass:</b> + Mary Carrigan (EW) Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction Parish Rosary for Ukraine
<b>ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 10 (YEAR 2)</b>			
<b>Monday:</b> <i>The B.V.M. Mother of the Church</i>	9.40am <b>10.00am</b> 6.30pm 9.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St. David's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Sr Josephine Egan (PA) Parish Alpha Course Parish Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.40am <b>10.00am</b> 10.30am 9.00pm	<b>St David's</b>   <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Peggy and John Clack (J&A) <i>After Mass:</i> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.00am</i> Parish Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.00pm	<b>Facebook Live</b>	Holy Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Thursday:</b> <i>Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	9.40am <b>10.00am</b> 9.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Rees Parlow (AB) Holy Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Friday:</b>	9.40am <b>10.00am</b> 3.00pm 9.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> + Mary Williams (PL) Three O'clock Prayer & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Holy Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am 10.00am 9.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>    <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Holy Mass:</b> The People of the Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.15am</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11.15am</i> Holy Rosary for Ukraine
<b>Saturday/ Sunday</b> <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b>  <b>2:00pm</b>	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St. David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b>	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i> <b>Mass:</b> + Lee Daniels (PC) <b>Mass:</b> + Peggy Wickett (MW&PG) <b>Mass:</b> + Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) <i>After Mass:</i> Coffee Morning (St. Anne's Room) <b>Mass:</b> + Derek Miller (MM) <i>Including First Holy Communion</i> <b>OLA School:</b> First Holy Communion Mass

N.B. - Please note changes to weekday Mass times this week.

	5.00pm 9.00pm	<b>St David's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction Holy Rosary for Ukraine
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**PARISH NOTICES**

**Prayer & Worship**

**Parish Sick**  
We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially: Keri Williams, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Tina Cordani, Joyce Coughlan, Tommy Harris, Iverna Ward, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Hazel McCarthy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm and Cecelia Williams, Sam McCausland, Terry Mahoney, Shelagh & Ray Mills, Jill Hudd, Shaun Worsfold, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Margaret Lennon, Goff and Rose James, John Cullen, Paul Taylor, Rachael James, Michael Keohane, David MacDonald, Cheryl Brown, Doreen Watley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Rita Draisey and Daniel Hughes

**Requiescant in Pace**  
Of your charity please pray for the souls of Betty Cross, Bernadette Davies, Joyce Sheehy and Teresa Hurley, and all those who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Baptisms**  
Every celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is a huge blessing for our parish community. We welcome into our parish family Mila Rose Money, Oliver Ratajczak and Ryan Jones and congratulate their families as the children begin their faith journeys. Please continue to pray for our families.

**First Holy Communions**  
Next weekend, some of our young parishioners will receive Holy Communion for the very first time. This is an important milestone in their faith journey. Please pray for them and their families. The young people from St. David's School will receive their First Holy Communion during the 11:15am Mass, and our young people from Our Lady's School will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass in the afternoon.

**Holy Rosary for Ukraine**  
The Holy Rosary has resumed on Facebook Live at 9.00pm every evening. You do not need Facebook to join in – go to the parish website and click the live-stream page. If you would like to join the rota and lead the Rosary, please speak to Fr. Daniel and we can sort it out.

**June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the start of Adoration during June, we will pray together the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

**Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction**  
Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction takes place every Sunday evening at St. David, beginning at 5:00pm. It is a peaceful way to conclude Sunday. Please note that there will be no Vespers on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Parish Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage, make us more like Christ in our works and actions.  
Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.  
Bless the work of our Parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you.  
Deepen our love For the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Discipleship to become the Church you are calling us to be.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Please will the Eucharistic Ministers give Fr Daniel the names and addresses of the housebound and sick people they visited in the parish. Are there any parishioners who will take Holy Communion to the sick parishioners in their areas? Thank you to those who have come forward. If you are able to help bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in your area, please give your name to Fr Daniel. Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place shortly.

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**Stewardship & Formation**

**Alpha**  
The parish Alpha Course continues every Monday in St. Non's Room of St. David's Church. There is more information on the parish website.

**The Food Bank**  
The next collection is on **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June**. For the first time outside of the first year of the pandemic, food banks in the Trussell Trust network have distributed over 2.1 million food parcels in 2021-22. Please support if you can.

**The Tuesday Club**  
The Tuesday Club meet this week at 1.30pm in St Anne's room for their Jubilee Tea Party. New members welcome.

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**An Invitation to Return to Mass at Pentecost**

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have re-established the obligation to attend Mass. This takes effect this weekend. The return of the Sunday obligation offers us an opportunity for us to rediscover the beauty and centrality of the Mass in our lives, and gives us a chance to personally invite back to Mass members of our families and friendship groups who have kept faith at a distance. Please be aware that the "virtual viewing of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation". The full letter of the Bishops' Conference is available on the parish website.

### Parish Levy to the Archdiocese

The parish payment to the Archdiocese for the financial year starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 is £20,919. This amount will be paid in four quarterly instalments from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### Secular Franciscan Order

On Pentecost Sunday, 5th June 2022 after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Angels and after the 11.15am Mass at St. David's, Geraldine Barry OFS will speak to us about what it means to be a Secular Franciscan in the world today. She will also be giving a talk on 11<sup>th</sup> June after the 5pm Mass at St. David's and the 6.30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Angels.

### Fortieth Anniversary of the Papal Visit to Wales

Last Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, was the fortieth anniversary of the Papal Mass at Pontcanna Fields, celebrated by Pope St. John Paul II. There have been some lovely moments remembered by parishioners on the parish Facebook page of those people who were able to go, and help out during the day.



The picture is courtesy of Canon Michael Evans, the Parish Priest of Grangetown, Cardiff. It shows him and Fr. Alan Davies-Hale as young clerics, deaconing the Mass with the Holy Father. Canon Evans has wonderful memories of the day.

### New Archbishop of Cardiff

On Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 11am UK Time, Pope Francis named Bishop Mark O'Toole of Plymouth the Archbishop-elect of Cardiff and Bishop-elect of Menevia *'in persona Episcopi'*. This means that moving forward the Diocese of Menevia will remain a separate Diocese but the Archbishop of Cardiff will also be the Bishop of Menevia. This will be quite a task for Archbishop-elect O'Toole. Please remember the Archbishop-Elect in your prayers.

Solemn Vespers will be celebrated on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, the eve of Archbishop-Elect Mark's installation. Solemn Vespers begins at 3:00pm.

The Solemn Mass of Installation will take place on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the feast of the Martyrs Ss. Alban, Julius and Aaron, beginning at midday.

Both events are ticketed events due to the numbers. You will be able to watch these Services on the Cathedral's live-stream.

### Works at Our Lady's

Workmen are scheduled to begin at Our Lady's tomorrow, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, with the first phase of the restoration. The focus of this phase of works will be on the back wall, near the organ loft, which has been left bare for the last year in order for the stonework to dry.

The second phase of the restoration work has been planned, including the stripping away, re-plastering and painting the body of the church and new lighting.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you are able to support the building project, there are envelopes at the back of the church. If you would like to plan a fundraising event, please speak with Fr. Daniel.

### A Reflection on Pentecost Pope Francis, Homily 2021

Dear sister, dear brother, if you feel the darkness of solitude, if you feel that an obstacle within you blocks the way to hope, if your heart has a festering wound, if you can see no way out, then open your heart to the Holy Spirit. Saint Bonaventure tells us that, "where the trials are greater, he brings greater comfort, not like the world, which comforts and flatters us when things go well, but derides and condemns us when they do not" (Homily in the Octave of the Ascension). That is what the world does, that is especially what the hostile spirit, the devil, does. First, he flatters us and makes us feel invincible (for the blandishments of the devil feed our vanity); then he flings us down and makes us feel that we are failures. He toys with us. He does everything to cast us down, whereas the Spirit of the risen Lord wants to raise us up. Look at the apostles: they were alone that morning, alone and bewildered, cowering behind closed doors, living in fear and overwhelmed by their weaknesses, failings and their sins, for they had denied Christ. The years they had spent with Jesus had not changed them: they were no different than they had been. Then, they received the Spirit and everything changed: the problems and failings remained, yet they were no longer afraid of them, nor of any who would be hostile to them. They sensed comfort within and they wanted to overflow with the comfort of God. Before, they were fearful; now their only fear was that of not testifying to the love they had received. Jesus had foretold this: "[The Spirit] will testify on my behalf; you also are to testify" (Jn 15:26-27).

*Franciscus*

## Serving in the Parish

The Second Vatican Document *Lumen Gentium* tells us that, "every layperson in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon them is, at the same time, a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the Church." In short, because of our baptism, we are all called to be committed disciples of Christ and to use our gifts – our time, talents and treasure – for the greater glory of God.

On this great Solemnity of Pentecost, let us reflect on our gifts and talents and how we can use them to build up our parish community. We may want to reflect upon:

- What gifts or talents has God given me?
- How can I use these talents to build up the community in a helpful and useful way?
- What is holding me back from sharing my gifts or talents?

### Administration & Catechesis

- Collection counter
- Catechist accompanying those preparing for the sacraments
- Adult Faith Formation
- Children's Liturgy
- Social Media Outreach Strategy
- Family Life Outreach
- Parish Outreach/Evangelisation
- Church cleaner
- Flower arranging
- Increasing my monetary contribution to the parish/Gift aid

### Hospitality & Fundraising

- Developing the Ministry of Hospitality in our churches
- Helping to provide refreshments after Mass
- Fundraising ideas
- Helping to co-ordinate parish events
- Offering practical help at social events

### Liturgy

- Cantor/singer/willing to help enhance the Music Ministry
- Reader at Mass
- Ministry of Hospitality – Welcoming Parishioners to Mass
- Altar Server

### Spirituality

- Be part of the prayer ministry in the parish
- Help to facilitate parish missions and retreat days
- Advent & Lent projects

These are but a few ideas of how you could help to build up our parish community. If you have any other ideas or gifts you would like to share please note them below:

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Please complete and return this sheet to either Fr. Daniel or directly to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Community where you usually attend Mass:

Our Lady's    St. David's    Both

*Please note your personal details will remain strictly confidential and will only be used to discuss your responses to this survey.*