

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

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Third Sunday of Eastertide

Psalter: Week 3

<b>Saturday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b> 10.00am  12.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>Panteg Cemetery</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Monica Mullan (NF) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am Burial of Ashes: Angela Dean
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> 8.00pm <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St David's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.45pm <b>Mass:</b> + Kenneth Woolfall (EW) <b>Mass:</b> + Ricky Mullen (F) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries <b>OLA School Mass:</b> + Fred, Violet and Peter Faulkner (PT) (After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room) <b>Mass:</b> + Peter Brook (JD) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Monday:</b>	5.15pm <b>6.00pm</b> 8.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.45pm <b>Mass:</b> + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
<b>Tuesday: St Mark</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b>  8.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Michael Brocklehurst (KB) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:00am Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00pm	<b>Facebook Live</b>	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.20am <b>9.45am</b> 7.30pm 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> + Martin Connolly (CB) Parish Prayer Group (St Anne's room) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
<b>Friday:</b>	9.10am <b>9.30am</b>  3.00pm 8.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b> <b>Facebook Live</b>	Morning Prayer <b>Mass:</b> Wellbeing of Christopher Gillette (RJ) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:00am (After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room) Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>Saturday: St Catherine of Sienna</b>	10.30am  1.30pm	<b>Llantarnam Abbey</b>  <b>St David's</b>	Celebration of Mass with the Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy Baptism of Amelia-Rose, Freya and Sophie Hughes
<b>Saturday/ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> 8.00pm <b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.15am</b> 5.00pm 8.00pm	<b>St David's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Facebook Live</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>  <b>St David's</b>  <b>Facebook Live</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 5.45pm <b>Mass:</b> + John Williams <b>Mass:</b> + Margaret and Michael Gallagher (SH) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries <b>Mass:</b> + Bryn Woolford (OW) (After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room) <b>SD School Mass:</b> + Vince and May Armstrong (JA) (After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Non's Room) Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

**Parish Notices**

**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, 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, Rose James, John Cullen, Paul Taylor, Michael Keohane, David MacDonald, Doreen Watley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Pauline Loughlin, Jean and Lawrence Crowley and Eileen Roderick

**Requiescant in Pace** - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Cahill, Zbigniew Konieczny, Goff James and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Priest Training Fund Appeal 29/30<sup>th</sup> April**

A retiring collection for The Priest Training Fund Appeal will take place next weekend after all Masses. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porches of both churches.

**Celebrating our Unity – Catholics at the Congress!**

Each Pentecost Sunday, we pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our parishes, our families. Pentecost is a feast which brings us together and creates a beautiful harmony which shines forth in the world. Pope Francis, during his Pentecost homily in 2021, reflects that *"the Holy Spirit 'impels us to unity, to harmony, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another ... 'Let us look to the whole!'"* He goes on to reflect: *"The enemy wants diversity to become opposition and so he makes them become ideologies"*

This Pentecost Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – we have the opportunity to take up the Pope's challenge and *"look to the whole"* in a radical way. This Pentecost Sunday, the parish will have one celebration of the Mass at the Congress Theatre in the centre of town, bringing together the various communities and different Mass groups which make up our parish, into one celebration of praise to Almighty God. More information will be available in the coming weeks. I am grateful to the Congress Theatre for hosting us.

**Llantarnam Abbey**

As we know the Sisters are leaving the Abbey and they have invited us to join them this Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, for Mass at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend. There will be no Mass, Adoration or Confessions next Saturday morning.

**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.

**School Masses**

This weekend, we welcome the staff and pupils of Our Lady's School who are leading the 9:30am Mass. Next week, the staff and pupils of St. David's School will be leading the 11:15am Mass.

**Parish Diary**

**Tuesday Club:** The next meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the theme is Birds, Bears and Butterflies and our guest speaker is Keith Roylance. Everyone welcome.

**SVP Meeting:** The SVP will meet on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May in St Non's room at 6pm.

**Belmont May Procession:** The annual May Procession takes place on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**, beginning at 9:00pm. We are looking to arrange transport for those interested in attending, hopefully stopping to pick up on the way. If you would like to attend, please complete your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

**Change to the Weekend Mass Schedule**

Before I arrived in the parish, Canon John introduced a second Vigil Mass at Our Lady's. This was to provide a safe environment for parishioners to celebrate Mass as we emerged out of the lockdown, so that the-then socially-distancing regulations could be maintained, as well as having to navigate the many changes to the rules and regulations which were happening at the time. Since things have returned to 'normal', I have continued to celebrate this Mass. On average, we welcome between twenty and thirty people to the 6:30pm Mass. After prayer and discernment, and after speaking with Canon Nick James, our Dean, and the 6:30pm Mass community, I have decided to suspend this Mass. As you can often see in the weekly schedule opposite, Saturdays are often very busy days, and this is not something which I can sustain by myself for the long term. The last 6:30pm Vigil Mass to be celebrated will be next **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**. I am very grateful to the parishioners who have supported this Mass, and have provided welcome to parishioners and visitors, as well as supported through the various ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and patience in this matter. God bless, Fr. Daniel.