

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter: Week 1

Saturday: St Mary Magdalene	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Michael Brocklehurst (E&SG) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am
Saturday/Sunday 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + John Martin and Eileen Gibbs (MBM) Holy Mass: + Philip Richards (TS & PR) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Holy Mass: + Zbigniew Konieczny (TK)
Monday:			No Mass or Devotions
Tuesday			No Mass or Devotions
Wednesday:			No Mass or Devotions
Thursday:			No Mass or Devotions
Friday:			No Mass or Devotions
Saturday:	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Vincenzo Natale (MN) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday/Sunday 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's St David's	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: Ints of the Loughlin Family (SVP) Holy Mass: + Jack and Rose Clifford (MW) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Holy Mass: + Denis Donoghue (VD)

From Fr. Daniel

On Monday I begin my annual retreat. A priest is required to spend time on retreat. If we look at Jesus Himself, our model, He spends time away from His flock; look at the time He spent before the beginning of His public ministry (Cf. Luke 4: 1-3). Priests are called by God to be reservoirs of grace. One of my favourite spiritual books, *The Soul of the Apostolate*, reflects that, in order for a priest to give himself to others, he must be filled with grace. The author reflects: "If you are wise, you will be reservoirs and not channels ... The channels let the water flow away, and do not retain a drop. But the reservoir is first filled, and then, without emptying itself, pours out its overflow, which is ever renewed over the fields which it waters". In the busyness of parish life, there is a real risk of running on empty. The annual retreat is the primary way in which this reservoir is able to be refilled.

Please be assured of my prayers during this coming week.

God bless, Fr. Daniel

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, Iverna Ward, 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 Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Pauline Loughlin, Jean Crowley, Teddy, and Kevin Pinkey

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Lawrence Crowley, Albert Palmer, Eileen Roderick and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Summer Moves and Appointments

Last weekend, Archbishop Mark made the following announcements of moves and appointments in the Archdiocese. Some of these appointments affect this deanery:

Canon Paul Miller moves to Pontypool/ Blaenavon as Parish Priest.

Belmont Abbey assume oversight of Leominster/ Bromyard.

Canon Eddie O'Connell has resigned from Ecclesiastical Office. We give thanks for his generous priestly ministry and wish him well in this next phase of priestly service.

Fr Robert James moves as Parish Priest to Mountain Ash/ Hirwaun/ Aberdare.

Fr Michael Doyle moves to the Cathedral as Parish Priest and Vocations Director. Fr Michael has also kindly agreed to be Diocesan Coordinator for the Jubilee Year.

Fr Nicholas Williams moves to St Albans Royal College, Valladolid as a member of the Formation Staff. I recognise that we are stretched for priests in our Dioceses, but it is important for us to be generous to the wider needs of the Church, too. I am grateful to Fr Nick for taking on this new role.

Fr Elliot Hanson moves to the Cathedral as Assistant and as Chaplain to the University, Cardiff. Fr Elliot has also kindly agreed to become Vocations Promoter in the Archdiocese.

The new appointments will be taken up on 9/10th September 2023. We especially welcome Canon Paul and the Dominican Fathers as our new neighbours in this deanery. Canon Paul Miller was Vocations Director that helped me through seminary.

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.

Parish Diary

SVP Meeting: The SVP will meet on Thursday, 10th August in St Non's room at 6pm. New members welcome.

Men's Group: The next meeting for the men's group is Monday, beginning at 6:30pm.

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys on Sunday, 13th August, beginning at 3:00pm at the foot of the statue. The pilgrim Mass will be for the Assumption of Our Lady. Please bring a chair.

Annual Pilgrimage: Grave of St. John Kemble takes place on Sunday, 20th August. More information to follow.

Annual Pilgrimage: Shrine of St. David Lewis in Usk takes place on Sunday, 27th August. Pilgrimage includes procession to his grave. More information to follow.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: to visit the parish from Friday, 22nd September until Sunday, 24th September. More information to follow.

Parish Carol Service: Friday, 15th December, beginning at 6:00pm at Our Lady's Church.

August – Pilgrimage Month

We are blessed, during the month of August, to be able to take some time out and rest with family and friends. During August, there are a number of pilgrimages taking place around the Archdiocese:

- Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Penrhys on Sunday, 13th August.
- Annual pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble on Sunday, 20th August.
- Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of St. David Lewis in Usk.

We are in the process of booking coaches and mini-busses to the different pilgrimage locations. If you would like to attend any of these pilgrimages, please sign your name and contact number on the form at the back of the Church, and indicate which of the pilgrimages you would like to attend. There will be a small charge for the coach. More information will be available in due course.