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Parish Notices

20th August 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 4

Saturday: Votive Memorial of Our Lady	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Wellbeing of M.K. (PL) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am
Saturday/Sunday 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Welsh Newton Facebook Live	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Simon Bradley (FD) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries Holy Mass: + Miles and Bridget Gilgunn (E&SG) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Holy Mass: + Robert French (TF) Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Monday: St Pius X Pope	9.10am 9.30am 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Stuart and Helen White (JW) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday: Queenship of the B.V.M.	9.10am 9.30am 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Jean Price (T&K) Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday:	8.00pm	Facebook Live	Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries
Thursday: St Bartholomew	9.20am 9.45am 8.00am	St David's Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Teresa Bower (CB) Holy Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries
Friday:	9.10am 9.30am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Our Lady's Facebook Live Facebook Live	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Kath and Derek Ford's Intentions Divine Mercy Devotions Holy Rosary: The Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday: St David Lewis, Priest and Martyr	9.10am 9.30am 10.00am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: + Alyson Clare (KC) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:15am Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.15am
Saturday/Sunday 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am 3.00pm 8.00pm	St David's Facebook Live Our Lady's St David's Usk Facebook Live	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm Holy Mass: + Jerome Brocklehurst (CB) Holy Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries Holy Mass: Private Intention (MH) <i>(After Mass: Coffee Morning in St. Anne's Room)</i> Holy Mass: + Frank Brennan (F) Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St David Lewis Holy Rosary: The Glorious Mysteries

August's collection for the Food Bank: Lots of food, and cash and cheques totalling £200 delivered to the Food Bank this week. Thanks again for your generosity. Next collection 9/10th September

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, 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, Lois Terry, Josie Mahoney and Kevin Pinkey

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Philip Short and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

News from the Sisters

by Sr. Anne Rutter

15th June 2023 for the Sisters of St. Joseph was a historic day. In Tanzania, the very first East African young women made their First Vows with the Congregation. They are women full of courage, of fun and above all faith, love and a desire to do God's will for them each day of their lives. I had the privilege of attending the Profession Mass along with Sisters from other parts of the world. The ceremony was held under a simply but strikingly decorated awning in the garden of the novitiate as the chapel was far too small for the congregation. While the music and singing were vibrantly African, the Sisters who have started this 'Mission Territory' are all from India so there was a rich mix of African and Indian traditions at the Mass.

After the celebration day, those of us who had travelled long distances were blessed to be able visit all five communities in Tanzania and Kenya. Each has its own special character, but nursing, teaching and parish work feature strongly in them all. The energy and dedication of the Sisters was striking wherever we went - as was the welcome we received with the traditional kanga being draped over our shoulders. These kanga often depict the wildlife of the area.

What lies ahead of Sisters Gaudensia, Sylvia, Philomena and Angela? God willing, a life getting to know Jesus more deeply and following him more closely through prayer and their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. These vows free religious to be more available to serve the needs of the people they are sent to.

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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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As for the Sisters in South Wales, it is life-giving for us to know that while our own more active days may be giving way to a quieter way of life, the Holy Spirit continues to plant the message of God's great love for everyone in young women in other parts of the world. And who knows? Maybe a new shoot of the Sisters of St. Joseph will spring up one day in the UK. After all, it is, and always has been, God's work, not ours. Please remember Srs. Gaudensia, Angela, Philomena and Sylvia in your prayers as they begin their first ministry ... and all people who are exploring the possibility that God is calling them to the religious life.

Parish Diary

SVP Meeting: The SVP will meet on Thursday, 24th August in St Non's room at 6pm. New members welcome.

Annual Pilgrimage: Grave of St. John Kemble takes place on Sunday, 20th August. The minibus will leave Our Lady's at 1.45pm

Annual Pilgrimage: Shrine of St. David Lewis in Usk takes place on Sunday, 27th August. Pilgrimage includes procession to his grave. Please sign the form at the back of the church to book a seat on the coach

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.

National St Stephen's Mass

Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all Altar Servers to the annual National Mass hosted at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff on Saturday, 14th October 2023 at 12 noon.

Gift Aid Donations Letters

If you have gift aided your offertory to the church in the last Tax Year please collect your gift aid donations letter from the church porch. If your letter is not there please contact Carole in the parish office. 01633 482346 or cwmbbran@rcadc.org.