

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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Parish News

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, Ivorna Ward, Chris Mulcahy, Fr Kevin Paine and Caroline Paine, Imelda Smith, Malcolm Williams, Terry and Janet Mahoney, Ray Mills, Michael Barry, Diane Pearce, Rose James, Paul Taylor, Doreen Whatley, Robert Hayton, Jim Sheehy, Pat Price, Teresa Bruce, Josie and David Woods, Sheila Fotheringham, John Jordan, Christine O'Shea, Teddy, Lois Terry, Joan Gallagher, Josie Mahoney, Christine, Lily Farr, Peter Anslow, Derek Powell, George Batterick, Veronica Lloyd, Veronica Williams, Monica James, Mary Peacock, Maureen Van de Meer, Rev Philip Manghan and Charlie Davies

Requiescant in Pace - Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Shelagh Mills, Jill Hudd and all those who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage - October 5th 2024

ALL married (and engaged) couples in **St David's Cathedral on Saturday 5th October at 12 noon**, and you are all invited; the widowed are also invited and will be included in the prayers of intercession.

You might also consider having your anniversary date included in the Mass booklet and share photographs to form part of a reflective presentation. For more details, to share information and to express your wish to attend, please contact Joanne White via flc@rcadc.org; you can still be included even if you are unable to attend in person as the Mass will be livestreamed via the Cathedral website.

Parish Meeting

During our Pentecost Mass at the Parkway, I invited us, as a parish, to enter into a time of discernment, in the Spirit. As part of this discernment, I would like to invite all parishioners to a parish meeting on **Monday, 2nd September 2024**, beginning at **6:00pm** in the **St. Anne's Room** of Our Lady's Church. I would be grateful if there could be representation from each group within the parish, including our schools. This is a chance for us to get together in a more informal way than we could during Mass time.

If you would like to attend, but cannot make the journey, I am happy to offer a Zoom link, so you can watch online. If you would like to register for a Zoom link, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation (15th August) the times of Masses are as follows:

St David's 9:10am Morning Prayer

9:30 am Holy Mass

Our Lady's 6:00pm Holy Mass

6:45pm Holy Rosary

Followed by a glass of wine in St Anne's Room.

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

Sunday, 18th August - Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Penrhys: Pilgrim Mass of the Assumption of Our Lady at 11am at the foot of the statue

Sunday 18th August - Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble

Saturday, 7th September - Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St David Archbishop Mark will be leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St David on Saturday 7th September. Those wishing to travel on the coach, the cost will be £25 per person you can now book online via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT> (a booking charge applies to online bookings)

Saturday 5th October - Outreach Training, free course 9.30am to 12.30pm at Fairhill Methodist Church, Cwmbran, for all who would like to reach out in faith to people, but don't feel they have the know-how, time or ability. Could that be you?

Our Lady's Community – Other Languages During the Liturgy of the Word

Lots of people have mentioned that one of the great blessings at this year's Pentecost Mass was to be able to hear parts of the Liturgy of the Word in different languages. I would like to continue this throughout the year, on a monthly basis. On the third Sunday of the month, one of the readings will be offered in a different language:
 Sunday, 15th September: First Reading (Polish OLA)
 Sunday, 20th October: Second Reading (Available)
 Sunday, 17th November: First Reading (Available)
 If you would like to sign up to proclaim the reading in your mother tongue, please speak to Carole.

Journey of Faith

The Journey of Faith initiative is a time of preparation for those seeking to be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church. If you are considering becoming Catholic, and would like to find out more information, please speak with Fr. Daniel directly, to arrange an opportunity to meet together. The time of preparation for the sacraments will begin in September with the Alpha course.

4th August 2024

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 2

Saturday: St Germanus of Auxerre	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Mass: Mass for the Bereaved <i>After Mass please join us in St Anne's Room for light refreshments.</i>
Saturday/Sunday 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 8.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's Livestream Our Lady's St David's	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Baby Sims (ES) First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima Holy Mass: + Myra McGrath (KM) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + Denis Donoghue (VD) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Non's Room</i>
Monday- Friday			No Service this week
Saturday:	9.10am 9:30am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer Holy Mass: Thanksgiving (M&CM)
Saturday/Sunday 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4.15pm 5.00pm 9.30am 11.15am	St David's Our Lady's St David's	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Holy Mass: + Mary Carrigan (EW) Holy Mass: + Rose and Jack Clifford (MW) <i>After Mass tea and coffee morning in St Anne's Room</i> Holy Mass: + Antonio Antunes (CM)

Advance Notice: The Saturday evening Vigil Mass on **Saturday, 24th August** will be celebrated at **Our Lady's Church**. During the Mass we will celebrate with the Celtic Club for their centenary. Followed by BBQ. More information soon.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will shortly begin in the parish for those who are in Year Eight and above. Registration opens in September.

Join us for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year the Archdiocese of Cardiff and The Diocese of Menevia are organising a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome between 16th and 20th June 2025. The Archbishop will be leading the Pilgrimage and the programme consists of pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica and Catacombs, Papal audience, St. Clemente Church, a guided tour of Colosseum and much more. The Pilgrimage takes place from the 16th – 20th June, 2025. Further information can be found online at <https://pilgrimagepeople.com>.

Torchlight Procession

On Thursday 22nd August at 7pm there will be a Torchlight Procession in Our Lady of Peace Newbridge, Canon John Griffiths will be preaching. The address is Ashfield Road Newbridge, NP114RB.

Food Bank Collection

Food Bank Collection will take place on 10th-11th August. Thank you for your continued support