



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE YEAR B

Psalter week 4

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this name" is that in him we are all God's children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

### The Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust princes. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We will bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

### PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon Tues, Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Margaret Boland (DO'B)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Patricia Gillette (CG)      4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Josephine Scully and Seamus Scully (GS)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Norah Rogers (PP)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Danny Aherne (M FAM)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Gerry Harper (PJ) <i>St Catherine of Sienna, Feast</i>
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Barbara Seaman (MC)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Brian Draisey (RD) <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Gina Basini Gazzi (B): Katie Price (JC)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Chris Searle (HC)      5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Peggy Clack (JC): Kathleen & Patrick Sheehy (PP)
	11.15am	St David's	Margaret Harris (D&MP)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's:

10am -11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:

9.30am -5.00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's:

12noon -12.30pm

St David's:

3.45pm -4.15pm

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND A CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

We welcome Mrs McCool, the Staff and Children of Our Lady's School to the 9.30am Mass today.

### Parish Directory

PAC Chairman: Mrs. Paddy Landers 01633 868352

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Mrs S McCool, Head Teacher, Our Lady of the Angels School Tel: 484673

Mrs J Bates, Head Teacher, St David's School Tel: 482580

**Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

Gift Aid	£395.50
Non Gift Aid	£689.14
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1206.37
First Holy Communion Collection	£191.50
Mass Count:	430

**Catechesis**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation classes for the Confirmandi and parents continue on Tuesday April 28th at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church and for parents in Canon John's office. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Our Lady's Church

**Sick List**

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially Penny James, Marie McLaren, George Whitfield, Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Reg & Mary Leigh, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Phillip & Doreen Hayton Barbara Berger, Mary Brown, Lilian Cody, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Mieczyslan Kopec Please inform Canon John of any sick parishioners' names you would like included in this list

**UCM Coffee Morning at Our Lady's**

The UCM will be holding a coffee morning on **Wednesday, 13th May at 11am**. Spring plants will be on sale. Tickets £2.50.

**Proceeds in aid of HCPT Group 97**

**HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust:** Arranges the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes during Easter week of children who have physical, mental or social needs. There are Groups in South Wales, Hereford and North Wales each consisting of 10 children and 13 helpers. Groups raise funds during the year to pay for the children's expenses

**Belmont Abbey**

The Annual Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at Belmont Abbey on Wednesday, 13th May 2016, beginning at 9pm.

**Our Lady of the Taper**

**Apostleship of the Sea Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May. Mass 12noon. refreshments will be served after Mass. Rosary will be recited from 1.55pm

**The Welsh National Pilgrimage**

will take place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May; it will be led by Rt Rev Peter M Brignall, Bishop of Wrexham. See poster for the Pilgrimage Programme.

**Requiescat in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Virginia Gilmore who died recently and also for her family and friends

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of our souls, You who know Your sheep and know how to reach the human heart. Stir the hearts of those people who would follow You but cannot overcome doubts and fears. You who are the Word of the Father, the Word which enlightens and sustains hearts, conquer with Your Spirit the resistance and delays of indecisive hearts. Awaken in those whom You call the courage of love's answer: "Here I am, send me."**

(Inspired by the writings of St John Paul II)

**Priests Training Fund Appeal**

**This coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter**, is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" after the Gospel of the day. It is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The Archdiocese of Cardiff currently has five men in formation for priesthood. It costs the diocese approximately £27,000 per annum to keep each seminarian in formation. As part of the appeal, the Archbishop has distributed leaflets to each parish. On the back of the leaflet you can find a 'Gift Aid' form. If you are a UK taxpayer and will be making a donation to the Priest Training please use the form and envelopes which are in the church porches.

**Friends of Saint David Lewis**

Invites the Parish to Celebrate our seventh Anniversary as a family in Christ. "Open Day" will take place in Saint Anne's Room, at Our Lady of the Angels. "All Welcome"

**Lay Ministers of Communion**

A Diocesan training day for Lay Ministers will be held at Our Lady's Abergavenny on 9<sup>th</sup> May and St Mary's Bridgend Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. 0.30am -3.30pm. please see poster for further details on how to register.

**Digging into the Bible**

Ever felt you should know more about the Bible than you do? The Catholic Bible School will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May St Phillip Evans Parish Hall, Llanedryn Drive CF23 9UL F 10am -3.30pm. Packed lunch. Suggested donation £10

**Calling all catechists who work with adults**

You are invited to the first annual forum for Adult Catechists in the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The Forum will gather in three locations: - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 7-9pm St Michaels Centre Abergavenny, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12noon St Mary's Parish Hall Abergavenny and Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm Pastoral Resources Centre Cardiff

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEK END**

75.6 tonnes of food have been distributed to date. 6496 adults and 4216 children have been fed. We ask for your continued prayers and support and we for our part continue to be amazed and sincerely grateful for your response. Eastern Valley Food bank