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SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015

5th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

PSALTER WEEK 1

Third Scrutiny

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds – what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

<p>1st Reading : Ezekiel 37: 12-14</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8-11</p> <p>Gospel Reading: John 11: 1-45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm</p> <p>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.</p>	<p>Lenten Devotions Stations of the Cross: St David's: Thurs at 10.00am Our Lady's: Friday at 9.30am</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Our Lady's: 12noon -12.30pm St David's: 3.45pm-4.15pm</p> <p>Your giving to your Parish: many thanks</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Gift Aid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£313.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Gift Aid</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£696.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gift Aid Standing Order</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£121.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total giving this week</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1132.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mass Count: 429</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Gift Aid	£313.50	Non Gift Aid	£696.93	Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73	Total giving this week	£1132.16	Mass Count: 429	
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PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Patricia Pay (A&BW)	5th Sunday of Lent Year A
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving Mass (MV)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Friends of Angela Hanlon (AH)	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jim & Fay Desmond (RJ&VW)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Danny Aherne (J&Fam): Gerald Price (PP)	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Peppino Galosi (TC): Safe Journey (MV)	<u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u>
	4.30pm	St David's	Vigil for Margaret Mary Boland	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Betty Fitzgerald (JF): Michael O'Callaghan (VR)	
	1.00pm	St David's	Funeral Service for Margaret Mary Boland	
Friday	12noon	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for George Epler	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Margaret Gale(LR): Reg Burton (KB)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL)	<u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kath Crowley (PL): George Epler (BB)	
	11.15am	St David's	Thanksgiving (CG)	

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

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Parish Diary this Week

Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP
Wed	2.30pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	10.00am	St David's: Stations of the Cross
	4.30pm	Our Lady's: Choir Practice
	6.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course's
Fri	9.30am	Our Lady's: Stations of the Cross

HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sitting by someone who is unable to walk to the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion please stand to indicate where they are for a Eucharistic Minister to bring Holy Communion to them.

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course continues on Monday 23rd March at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. **It is expected that parents bring their children to a weekend Mass.**

Lent Bible Studies 2015

This year's theme is "**When Love Speaks**" words from the Cross.

All studies at 11am at Cwmbran URC and lunch at The Salvation and Army, Wesley Street. Last study group and lunch is on Friday 27th March

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION THIS WEEK END

On Saturday and Sunday the 21st/22nd there will be a collection for fresh flowers for Easter. Donations may be given to the flower arrangers at any time. At Our Lady's to Eileen Gilgunn or Veronica Williams and at St David's Geraldine Barry and Angela Ryan

Admittance into Hospital

If you know of anyone who has been admitted into hospital please inform Canon John of their name, which hospital and ward name/number.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Mary Boland, Mrs Keating who died recently and also for their families. **N.B. Funeral service for George Epler will be at the Crematorium at 9.30am followed by Mass at 12noon at Our Lady's.**

WELSH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015

The Welsh National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26-31 July 2015 and will be organised by Joe Walsh Tours with return flights from Cardiff airport. The cost will be £689. Pilgrims are invited to join in parish groups or individually. Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304). Bookings can be made through:

Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street
Dublin 2 IRELAND Tel: 00 353 1 241 0800

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 1st April** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff.

Lent Leading To Easter

Palm Sunday: St David's: 4.30pm (Sat) & 11.15am
Our Lady's: 6.00pm (Sat) and 9.30am

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's

The collection during Mass is for Lenten Alms

Good Friday: 3pm at Our Lady's **and** at St David's
Retiring collection is for Holy Places.

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

Easter offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches

Have you made your Easter Duties?

Extra Confessions

Friday 27th March: Our Lady's 3pm – 4.30pm

Mond 30th March : Our Lady's 10.30am – 11.30am

Tuesday 31st March: St David's 10.30am -11.30am

Wednesday 1st April: Our Lady's 7.30pm – 8.30pm

When was the last time you went to confession?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Good Friday**. It will **resume** on Tuesday 14th April in St David's and Friday 17th April in Our Lady's

Rosaries Abroad

The Catenian Rosary Group has appealed to the parish for rosaries to send abroad. Please see poster on the notice board.

Parish Directory

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"Draw your strength simply from your joy in Jesus. Be happy and peaceful. Accept whatever he gives. And give whatever he takes, with a big smile.

Bl. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

Foot note:

Clocks go FORWARD next weekend for the start of British Summer Time.