



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

## CWMBRAN

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SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

Psalter week 3

### World Communications Day

Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

### The Psalm

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

First Reading: Apostles 1: 1- 11

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 15-20

### PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am**

**Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4.30pm        | <b>St David's</b> | Bryan Kennedy (JK): Catherine Price (M)                   |
|                  | 6.00pm        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Sheila and Rosemary (JM) : Maureen O'Neill (P&MM)         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9.30am        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Penny James (CAJ): Sue Hall (JC&AB)                       |
|                  | 11.15am       | <b>St David's</b> | The People of the Parish <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9.30am        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | The Sacred Heart of Jesus (Petition)                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <u>9.15am</u> | <b>St David's</b> | <b>Funeral Mass for Ophelia Dorothy Evelyn McNamara</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 2.00pm        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Eucharistic Service                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9.30am        | <b>St David's</b> | Eucharistic Service                                       |
|                  | <u>1.00pm</u> | <b>Our Lady's</b> | <b>Funeral Service for Sonia Rose Watkins</b>             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.00am        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Eucharistic Service                                       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4.30pm        | <b>St David's</b> | Eileen Keating (PK): Yvonne Cameron (PM)                  |
|                  | 6.00pm        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW): Margaret Boland (MH)          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9.30am        | <b>Our Lady's</b> | Michael O'Brien (CO'B) <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>            |
|                  | 11.15am       | <b>St David's</b> | Penny James (K&JD)  |

### 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**

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

**THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED AFTER WEEK DAY MASSES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

### **BAPTISM at OLA 9.30am**

We welcome Charlie Lee George into our parish family and congratulate his parents as he begins his Faith journey

### 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)

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

Gift Aid £506.70  
Non Gift Aid £765.47  
Gift Aid Standing Order £121.73  
Total giving this week £1393.90  
**Priest Training Fund £1828.73**

**A big thank you for your generosity**

Mass Count: 424

**Catechesis**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation classes for the Candidates continue on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in Our Lady's Church, please make a note of the date in your diaries

**Sick List**

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially 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, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Bill Gale, David Bowditch

Please inform Canon John of any sick parishioners' names you would like included in this list

**Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish council will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June in St Non's room, St David's Church at 7pm. His Grace, Archbishop George Stack will be attending the meeting to discuss further the building of a new church in Cwmbran. N.B. the site of the new building has not yet been determined. The following day Archbishop George will visit both parish primary schools.

**The missionary group from Bethlehem**

Welcome to the Missionary Group from Bethlehem who are visiting us this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families

**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

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

**12th October 2015 –15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Booking forms are in the porches of both churches.

Further details may be obtained from Fr. Kevin Paine at Newbridge (01495 243304).

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 -31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Itinerary and booking forms are available from the Admin office. Cost per person sharing is £1175 and for a single room per person is £1425. Deposit £200 per person. There is still time to book a seat on this pilgrimage.

**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 Bridgend and Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm-4pm Pastoral Resources Centre Cardiff**

**Home is a Holy Place**

Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Parishioners are invited to explore "Home is a Holy Place" together in Our Lady of the Angels RC Primary & Nursery School, Cwmbran on **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2015** 9am for a 9.15 start (2 x 1½ hour sessions) Home is a Holy Place aims to raise greater awareness of God's presence at home not just among families but among all those who serve them in any way within our Catholic community. See notice in the porch for more details

**Requiescant in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Penny James, Philip Isgrove and Sonia Watkins who died recently and also for their family and friends

**Parish Directory**

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

**Parish Diary this Week**

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| Tues | 10.00am<br>2.00pm<br>6.00pm | St David's: Divine Mercy Group<br>Our Lady's: Social Club<br>Our Lady's: Confirmation Class |
| Wed  | 10.00am<br>2.00pm           | St David's: Choir Practice<br>Our Lady's: UCM   |

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.**

**V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.**

**R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

**Let us pray.**

**O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**