



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

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SUNDAY 25th MAY 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY)

Psalter week 4

"The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth."

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves

The Psalm

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find joy in the Lord.

First Reading: Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: Gal 5:16-25

Gospel Reading: John 15: 26-27, 16:12-15

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon 9.40am, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Eileen Keating (PK): Yvonne Cameron (PM)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill & Ethel Haggerty (MW): Margaret Boland (MH)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Michael O'Brien (CO'B) Pentecost Sunday
	11.15am	St David's	Penny James (K&JD)
			<u>Weekdays in Ordinary Time, Year 1 Week 8</u>
Monday	<u>10.00am</u>	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Gerry Harper (JC) <i>St Phillip Neri, Priest</i>
	4.00pm	Our Lady's	Vigil for Penny James
Wednesday	<u>12.45pm</u>	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Penny James
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Frank Sheridan: Special Int.
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Tom & Annie Pinkey
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Theresa Boyle (MK) Trinity Sunday Year B
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maureen O'Neill (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Patrick Crowley (J&LC)
	11.15am	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski (F)

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 THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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

"In Jesus Christ, God himself was made man and allowed us, so to speak, to cast a glance at the intimacy of God himself. And there we see something totally unexpected:.....The mysterious God is not infinite loneliness, he is an event of love.... The Son who speaks to the Father exists, and they are both one in the Spirit, who constitutes, so to speak, the atmosphere of giving and loving which makes them one God

Pope Benedict XVI, Vigil of Pentecost 2006

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£370.40
Non Gift Aid	£674.17
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1166.30
Priest Training Fund	£1878.73

A big thank you for your generosity

Mass Count: 475

Catechesis

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation classes for the Candidates continue on Tuesday, 2nd June at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, 11th 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, Hugh Williams, 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, Chris 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 1st 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.

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 –15th 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

24th October 2015 -31st October 2015

Travel insurance with Options Travel:

18-65yrs £45, 66-75yrs £65, 76-79yrs £90, 80+ £120
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 19th June 7-9pm St Michaels Centre Abergavenny, Sat 20th June 10am-12noon St Mary's Parish Hall Bridgend and Sat 20th 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 8th & 15th 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

SPUC'S ANNUAL WALK

This will take place on 28th June. Tina Davies and Molly McDonald will be attending Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to collect names of people wishing to sponsor our walkers. We thank you, in anticipation, for your continued generosity.

Requiescant in Pace

The funeral of Philip Isgrove who died recently will take place on Wednesday, 27th May at 1pm in the Gwent Crematorium. The Family have invited parishioners to join them after the service at the Green Meadow Golf Club.

Parish Directory

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

Parish Diary this Week

Tues	10.00am 11.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	St David's: Divine Mercy Group St David's: church cleaning Our Lady's: Social Club Our Lady's: Confirmation Class
Wed	10.00am 2.30pm	St David's: Choir Practice Our Lady's: UCM

