



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2015

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

PSALTER WEEK 4

The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

This great feast is a twin to the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Then, if you recall, the preface of the Mass contained these words: "Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following our Lord into heaven. She is the first to follow him - but not the last: this feast should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So this feast pushes us right back to Easter, to thoughts of death and resurrection: it is the second reading which underlines all this. It talks of the "gradual" resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then "those who belong to him". Of these, the first is Mary, she who was without stain of original sin, she who was "most blessed of all women." In her, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the first reading: the end of death and the victory of life in Christ.

PSALM

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. So will kings desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

First Reading: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10

Second Reading: 1Cor 15: 20-26

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39-56

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sr Joan Ware DHS (KB): Ada Ricci (BFAM)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jan Jakubowski (JJ): Dianna Kopec (S&MK)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eileen Watts (PW) Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Bryan William (VW): Darryl Pugh
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	<u>9.30am</u>	Our Lady's	Valerie Daly & Patricia Glazier (DD)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Ints Amy Brennen
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (VW)
	1.30pm	St David's	Funeral Service for Elaine Beirne
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Chris & Martin Gormley & Anthony Gillespie (CG)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Bill and Ethel Haggerty (MW) 21st Sunday Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Margaret Brown (F&M Fam)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm

RECONCILIATION
Our Lady's:
12noon -12.30pm
St David's:
3.45pm -4.15pm

BAPTISM AT ST DAVID'S 11.15am: We welcome Lewis Tomasz Cook into our Parish family and congratulate his parents as he begins his Faith journey

PRAYER TO THE HOLY VIRGIN

O Most Holy Virgin, do not – in the midst of thy greatness – forget our earthly sorrows. Cast down thy tender look upon those who suffer, who struggle against difficulties, and who cease not wetting their lips in the bitter droughts of this life.
Have pity – I beseech thee – on those who, although united in love, have cruelly parted, and take pity on the lonely hearted.
Grant us thy help in our unbelief, and have compassion on those most dear to us.
Compassionate those who mourn, who pray, who tremble, and grant all Hope and Peace.

Abbe Perreyve

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN ST DAVID'S THIS WEEK

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£409.49
Non Gift Aid	£645.39
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£1203.84
Mass Count: 387	

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially George Whitfield, Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Reg & Mary Leigh, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Phillip & Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Lilian Cody, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Chris Bowditch, Mavis Thomas, Peggy Wells, Mary Crescenzi, Margaret Gallagher, Mary Cook, Bernard Coughlin, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Lawrence Crowley, Shelagh Mills and all who care for them.

Dementia & Spirituality: Prayer Service

with hymns and the Sacrament of the Sick for people with dementia and their carers on **Thursday 27th August** at 2:00pm to 3:30pm in Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, NP44 3YJ. Light refreshments provided. Let us come together and pray for & with all who experience the effects of Dementia

A date for your diary.

New Harmony Singers and Our Lady of the Angels School Choir will present a Grand Concert on **Saturday October 3rd at 7 pm** in the Catholic Hall. All proceeds to go to Parish Funds. Tickets £5 Tickets from the Parish Office, the School and Paddy Landers (868352)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND MEETING **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7PM** **IN ST ANNE'S ROOM AT OUR LADY'S.**

We have to pay the outstanding balances to the Travel Agent by 12th September.

Requiescant Pace

Please prayer for the repose of the souls of Elaine Beirne and Gerard Francis Davies who died recently and for their families.

Local Pilgrimages

Annual Pilgrimage to the Grave of St John Kemble

Sunday 23 August 2015. See poster for details.
Coach list in OLA

Annual Pilgrimage in Honour of St David Lewis S.J.

Sunday 30th August 2015. See poster for details
Coach list in OLA

Tintern Abbey Sung Vespers 6th September 2015

see poster for details

A NEW SAFEGUARDING E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is possibly the first Church in the UK, or indeed the world, to offer safeguarding e-learning to every parishioner free of charge. Do you work with children, young people or adults who may be vulnerable? Are you a parent who wants to learn about online safety?

Then take a look at the safeguarding e-learning programme which includes:

Child Protection, Child Protection in Education
Safeguarding Adults, Child Exploitation & Online Safety,
Mental Capacity

To find out more take a look on the diocesan website or www.catholicnews.org.uk where you will find a brochure giving details on how to access the programmes. The e-learning programme is an integral part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding. We all have a role to play in creating a safe environment.

The Assumption of Mary: "This mystery is given to us so that ...a divine light might be shed on our death."

Romano Guardini (1885-1968)

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

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