



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2015

25th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 1

"The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all."

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

PSALM

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: Js 3: 16—4:3

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Marie McLaren (Dr C); Margaret Brown (JG)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Rosemary and Pat Brannigan (JM) 25th Sunday Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sheila Phillips (CJG) Home Mission Sunday
	11.15am	St David's	Sr Joan Ware DHS (M&DP)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (PP) St Matthew, Apostle (Feast)
	<u>12noon</u>	St David's	Funeral Service for Baby Mason Francis Proctor
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Maureen & Harold Pritchard (VW) <i>St Padre Pio</i>
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Marshall & Joseph Desmond (VW) <i>Our Lady Star of the Sea</i>
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Kathleen Sheehy (PP)
	<u>10.30am</u>	St David's	Funeral Service for Patricia Mary Fincham
Saturday	12 noon	St David's	Wedding of Victoria Parsons and Gavin Simmonds
	4.30pm	St David's	Ken Harnett (DS) 26th Sunday Year B
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Annie Denoior (MBM)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints John Gray (PM)
	11.15am	St David's	Ints Diane and Mel Pearce (CR)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's

10am – 11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:

9.30am-5.00pm

RECONCILIATION

Our Lady's:

There will not be Confession at Our Lady's on Saturday 26th September

St David's

3.45pm -4.15pm

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS REPOSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS APPEAL THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO £2045.22

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£394.50
Non Gift Aid	£659.86
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£1203.32
Mass Count:	480

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, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Peggy Wells, Mary Crescenzi, Margaret Gallagher, Mary Cook, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Shelagh Mills, Ian Werrett, Daphne Carter and all who care for them.

Catechesis

Baptism Course

The next baptism course continues on **Wednesday 23rd September 2015** at Our Lady's from 6pm-7pm

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 24th September**, at 8.00pm in St Anne's Room, Our Lady's for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

Theme: PROCLAIM God's Mercy

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and is themed: PROCLAIM God's Mercy. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation and the development of this year's Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes initiative. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations

Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. For more information see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15
God bless you and thank you.

Archdiocesan Initiative: Proclaim 15

- 1. Building Missionary parishes**
- 2. Kindling Faith in Youth**
- 3. Reaching non-churchgoing Catholics**
- 4. Evangelisation through Social Action**
- 5. Evangelisation through Healing**

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. **Please support this fund raising event.** Tickets from the Parish Office, the School and Paddy Landers (868352)

Archdiocesan Family Support Project

Parenting programmes are being run across the diocese. For our deanery, North Gwent they are being held in All Saints Primary, Ebbw Vale on **Wednesday** Mornings starting **October 7th**. They are also being held at St Michael's Primary Newport on Friday mornings starting October 9th. This is open to all parishioners.

Grandparent's week 18th-25th October 3.

Archdiocesan 'Night of Light' Halloween Party October 31st in St Aloysius Parish Hall, Gurnos, MT.

Family Advent Day! This year on Saturday 28th November in OLOA parish Hall Cwmbran

Proclaimers of the Word:

Saturday 17th October, from 10.30am – 3.30pm at Saint David's College, Cardiff CF23 5QD. A diocesan day including workshops for Readers, Cantors, Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, Liturgy and music planners, Music planners and Musicians, Writers of the Prayers of the Faithful, Catechists, and all who break open and share the Word of God. **For further details of the day and a booking form, please contact Vincent Barry or the Parish Office 01633 482346.**

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Victoria and Gavin on their marriage which is taking place next Saturday at 12noon in St David's

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

September is the Awareness Month for the Society, posters and cards are being made available for you as a reminder of the work the Society does.

Friends of St David Lewis

7th Annual Pilgrimage to St. Michael's Mount and Abergaveny. **Tuesday 29th September** at Saint David's car park 10:00am. Please see poster for full details.

Requiescant Pace

Please prayer for the repose of the souls of Vito Tomasula , Funeral Mass on Monday 28th September at 2.45pm in Our Lady's, Patricia Mary Fincham, Funeral Service on Friday 25th September at 10.30am in St David's and Bernadette Catherine Thomas, Funeral Service at the Gwent Crematorium on Monday 28th September at 11am, who died recently and for their families

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