



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID  
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*Tea, coffee  
and a chat in St  
Anne's Room  
after Mass every  
Sunday*

29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Psalter Week 1*

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am Sat 9.40am Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)  
 Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm, During the month of May: The Rosary will be recited after weekday Masses

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	William & Florence Culley (JA): Deceased Bown & Hurley Family (TH)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	11.15am	St David's	Mavis Thomas (C&MW)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brain Draisey (RD): Ints Carol Crowley (M&MC)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Helen Crowley (SVP) <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>
Wednesday	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Mary Reilly</b> <i>St Athanasius, Bishop</i>
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Betty Brennan (S&RM) <b>Sts Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Funeral Service for Susan Touhig</b>
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rosa Jones (B&JS)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Mavis Thomas (OW) <i>St Asaph</i>
	5.00pm	St David's	John Scott (BC): Madelene Coyle (JK) <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	George Powell (DP)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**      **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 St David's: Tuesday - 10am-11.30am      Saturday: Our Lady's: 11-11.30am  
 Our Lady's: Friday - 8am-5pm      St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation (9.30 Mass)**  
 We welcome Archbishop George Stack to our parish and congratulate the young parishioners who are being confirmed today in Our Lady's Church. They will become adult witnesses of 'The Faith'.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

**N.B. THE FINANCE MEETING IS CANCELLED**

**UCM Beetle Drive and Coffee Morning**  
 The UCM are having a Beetle Drive and Coffee Morning on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May** in St Anne's room at 11.30am  
 Tickets £3.50

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

Gift Aid: £ 386.10  
 Non Gift Aid: £721.72  
 Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13  
 Total giving this week : £1365.95  
 Mass count: 458  
 Priests' Training Fund £604.74

**Parish Sick List**

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Mary Lee, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Barbara Berger, Trevor Jenkins, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Derek Miller, Sean Gilgunn, Anne Savoury, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Robert Davies, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Sabina Fisher, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Keith Shepherd, Iverna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine, Anthony Osbourne, Michael Egan, Lisa Melody, Philomena McCafferty, Bryn Jones, Tina Cordani, Cath Gormley and all who care for them.

**Mental Health First Aid**

Do you deal with members of the public who may be suffering from mental health issues? Are you unsure how best to respond? The Archdiocese of Cardiff is subsidising a 2-day Mental Health First Aid course which will run **11 am – 5 pm on Fri 15 and Fri 22 June 2018** – the course runs in parallel at two venues on the same dates, in Cardiff at the Pastoral Resources Centre, and in Pontypool at St Alban's High School. You can learn more and [book online](http://bookonline) via the Diocesan Website [RCADC.org](http://RCADC.org); if you don't have web access, call Madeline Page on 029 2036 5965. The course normally costs £120 but the diocese is making it available at £30 per person. There are currently 9 spaces available in Pontypool and 4 in Cardiff, so do book quickly.

**Job Advertisements**

Please check the notice boards for teaching vacancies in the Archdiocese.

**Council of Churches**

**5<sup>th</sup> of May (Saturday) Walk for Christian Aid** from Richmond Road Baptist Church starting at 8.50am with the walk commencing at 9am. Bacon Sandwiches will be served on return to the church.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

The prayer group meet on **Tuesday mornings** after Mass in St David's.

**Prayer Group**

You are invited to St Anne's room on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** for the weekly prayer meeting. Please bring a bible.

**Belmont Abbey Hereford**

Torchlight Procession in honour of Our Lady on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 9pm. A coach has been arranged, fare TBA. **N.B. If your name is on the list you will be expected to pay.** The coach will leave Our Lady's at 7.30pm and at St David's at 7.45pm

**Pentecost Vigil**

**St. Helen's Barry, 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am – 12 midnight.**

The day will be led by Fr. Pat Collins, CM. All are welcome to attend. Tea/Coffee available. Those wishing to attend for a long period of time please bring a packed lunch.

**Pilgrimage to Oberammergau 2020**

The adult education department of the diocese is running a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020, The tour runs Wednesday 16th - Thursday 24th September 2020. The group chaplain will be Cardiff priest Revd Gareth Leyslon; contact him on 029 2073 1061 or email [gareth.leyslon@rcadc.org](mailto:gareth.leyslon@rcadc.org) for details.

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**N.B. The Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have taken the decision to reinstate two of the Holydays of Obligation that were transferred to the nearest Sunday back in 2006. With effect from the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday 3rd December 2017, the following days are reinstated to their proper places in the Liturgical Calendar:–  
 Epiphany – 6th January or the adjacent Sunday if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday.–  
 Ascension – 40 days after the celebration of Easter (**Thursday** after the Sixth Sunday of Easter)

**Fr Jimmy Thomas**

On Thursday (3rd May) at 6:30pm we will be holding a Memorial Mass for Fr Jimmy Thomas at St. David Lewis, Bettws. All are welcome to join us in the church that was his final parish before he retired to pray for the repose of his soul.

**Requiescant in Pace**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill Gale, Susan Touhig, Cllr Bob Jones and Aaron Gouron who died recently and we offer our condolences to their families.

**During the month of May: The Rosary will be recited after weekday Masses**