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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 19th July 2026 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Hywel Rees, RIP Anniversary (B R) Parish Community Holy Souls O/L Lamp: John Fenton, RIP (Fouracre Family)
Monday 20 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Christopher Clee, RIP Anniversary (G C)
Tuesday 21 st <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Maggie Morris, Birthday Thanksgiving (T O'D)
Wednesday 22 nd St Mary Magdalen (Feast)	9.30am 10.00am	Fr Patrick Akunne OP, 20 th Priestly Ordination Anniversary COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 23 rd St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast)	7.00pm	Ann Widdecombe, RIP (T & S M)
Friday 24 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Elizabeth Giwa, RIP (J-B O)
Saturday 25 th St James, Apostle (Feast)	10.00am	Private Intention
Sunday 26th July 2026 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Christiana Akpoghiran, RIP Anniversary Obinna Otuu, Successful PhD Thanksgiving (O & M O)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ian Lamond, Jayne Kelly, Joseph Usoroh, Anne Meredith, Jem Gott, Matteo Michelini, Anne Bowen, Maria Grant, Matthew Maxwell-Carr.

ROAD CLOSURES: For two consecutive weekends, **10am Friday 17th to 8pm Sunday 19th July 2026 (RNLI Raft Race)** and **10am Friday 24th to 8pm Sunday 26th July 2026 (Wales International Air Show)**, the bottom end of Promenade Terrace, adjacent to the park and play area will be closed. Access to the church will not be impeded as there will be a two-way traffic for the rest of Promenade Terrace. Please make alternative arrangements, if necessary and possible, for your Sunday Mass attendance.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF SAINT JOHN KEMBLE: This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 23rd August 2026. It begins with Holy Mass at 9.15am at St Mary's Church, Monmouth, from where pilgrims will walk to Welsh Newton, at 10.15am. Rosary, Readings and Prayers will follow, 3.00pm, at St. John Kemble's Grave in the Churchyard at Welsh Newton. Finally, Benediction follows in St Mary's Church at 4.15pm, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold. Please bring a packed lunch as you come. For further enquiries, please contact the Pilgrimage Secretary: Mrs M Walsh, on 07907 616578.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY: Please we would appreciate it, if one of us would kindly volunteer their garden to host this year's Garden Party coming up next month, **23rd August 2026**. We assure you that all that is required is the garden space and every other arrangement will be handled by the Parish. Please contact Fr Michael or Fr Jude, if you are happy to volunteer.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE - PLEASE SUPPORT: Raffle Tickets are now on sale at the back of church for the SVP Summer Raffle which raises funds for national (England & Wales) and local projects. Half of the proceeds raised will come back to benefit local parish projects. Tickets cost £1 each and are available in books of 5. First Prize is £5000 and the draw takes place on 24th September. Please return ticket stubs by Sunday 6th September. *It could be you!* For further information, please contact **Martin Kearns** on **07738 600069**.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 28th July at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to join our Parish Bible Study on Zoom (recorded for a later review). **Monday 27th July at 7pm.** Text: Acts of the Apostles chap 3. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513. Please contact Fr Michael for an audio recording.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Join us to discuss Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 23rd July**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Hymns, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. Next session will be on **Wednesday 29th July.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Rita Power, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Mark McGaw, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Joshua Lane, Mark McGaw, Judith Adams, Breda Tennant, John Jones, Margaret Joyce-Brown.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), *i.e.* up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £745

SEA SUNDAY: £207.60

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**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2026)**

23 August 2026

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

More information later.

**Saint David's Catholic Primary School
An Exceptionally Successful Year**

It has been an exceptionally successful year for St David's, with many significant milestones, including a positive Estyn inspection, a successful Section 50 Catholic Schools Inspection, achieving School of Sanctuary status, and most recently, being awarded the Siarter Iaith Gold Award. These accomplishments are a testament to the commitment and dedication of our staff, pupils, governors, parents and parish, all working together to live out our mission of *Love God, Love Learning, Love Life*.

REFLECTION

From the 1st Reading (Wisdom 12:13,16-19): No, might is not right! Supernatural and rational (wo)man must not condescend to brutish natural selection – survival of the fittest; the strong trampling down and eliminating the weak. For the Almighty yet leaves room for the meagre but meaningful contributions of little creatures and is just as greatly lenient with them when they fail, as indeed they (or we) do!

The Church, in praise of God's mercy, through the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 86) prays: O Lord, you are good and forgiving!

The 2nd Reading (Rm 8:26-27) reinforces the divine precept of the strong aiding the weak. God Almighty, obviously the Strong, in the Holy Spirit, comes to help us even in our spiritual – and not just fleshly – weakness, however willing we may be to pray or do good (cf. Mt 26:41; Rm 7:19-25).

Lastly, the Gospel (Mt 13:24-43) neatly ties both readings together, parabolically revealing how God deploys his patient leniency till we all prove at last, after his life-long aids, if we are faithful and fruitful, harvestable, heaven-fit wheat, mustard and yeast or, on the contrary, fire-fit weed, darnel.

So help us God. Amen... (Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP)