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

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
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) O/L Lamp: Maureen Jensen
Monday 27 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Bernard Clee, Birthday Anniversary, RIP (G C)
Tuesday 28 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Sheila Sullivan, RIP (Family and friends)
Wednesday 29 th <i>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Sr Joan Heffernan, RIP COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 30 th <i>St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	7.00pm	Mary Richards, RIP (J C)
Friday 31 st <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	9.30am	Private Intention (F J)
Saturday 1 st August <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	10.00am	Private Donor, Health
Sunday 2nd August 2026 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm 8.30am 10.30am	Holy Souls Parish Community Respect for Human Life and Dignity

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: Ubong Esien, Sonja Rutegard, Elinor Bailey, Connor Isaac-Clarke.

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: We are grateful and appreciate the generous volunteers who have offered their gardens to host this year's Garden Party coming up next month, **23rd August 2026**. Details on the final venue will be coming up shortly.

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 6th August**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

HOURLY 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 (HOURLY 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, 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. **FOR AUGUST:** For evangelisation in the city, that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £894

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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 (1 Kings 3:5,7-12): Solomon shows himself worthy of God's richer blessings by displaying wisdom, in the first place! En forgerant, forgerons – We forge by forging. His first choice of discernment over wealth reveals one who had, over time, learned and chosen to prize wisdom over all other endowments. Certainly, through repeated practice of valuing God above all, no doubt itself a gift magnanimously bestowed as sought, he became a wise king.

The Church sings her exultation of God, through the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 119), exclaiming: Lord, how I love your law!

The 2nd Reading (Rm 8:28-30), continuing Paul's discourse on God helping us in our weakness from last Sunday's readings (Rm 8:26-27), highlights the place of loving God – valuing Him like Solomon. Our love for God becomes our response to his call to fulfil his divine purpose. (cf. Mt 26:41; Rm 7:19-25). Only thereby do our flaws and weaknesses become celebration worthy, God having joined the party!

Lastly, the Gospel (Mt 13:44-52) with more, but briefer, parables presents the Kingdom of heaven, God Himself, as being the greatest treasure or pearl; the true good to be chosen in the midst of so many contending, but useless, interests which catch our eyes or minds, as a dragnet. That we may be such wise householders, ultimately like Christ. So help us God. Amen... (Fr. Jude A. Akpobasa, OP)