

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th – 15th April 2017



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PALM SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. Family Service
at St James, Devauden
- 10 a.m. Blessing of Palms,
Procession & Sung
Eucharist at St Arvans
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
at St Deiniol's, Itton

For Your Prayers

For our parishes: that this Holy Week we may so walk along the Way of the Cross that we may share the life of Christ's Resurrection.

For the Church:

For the bishops of the Church: Richard, Bishop of Monmouth,
Philip, Episcopal Visitor of the Society of the Holy Cross in Wales,
Jonathan, Bishop of Ebbsfleet;
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury.
For all who hold and teach the Catholic faith that comes to us from the Apostles.
For the reunion of all Christians: for Pope Francis, for Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew & for the leaders of the Reformed traditions.

For the Sick:

Roy Staples, Ruth White, Ralph Hamilton, Patricia Hamilton; Natalie; Sylvia; Ann Morgan; Jan; Jessica; Pamela Davies; Prue Williams; Marion Evans

For the Departed:

The recently departed; Alec Davies, Margaret Johnson; our own departed relatives and friends and those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Joe Dunn; Evelyn Price; Audrey Sherwood; Roger Colthart; Barzil Jenkins

Parish Priest (Vicar/Rector):
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Please help to keep the clergy informed of anyone who is sick. Home Communion (from the Reserved Sacrament), the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) and the Anointing of the Sick are administered on request in time of need. Baptisms & Weddings are celebrated by arrangement with the clergy. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved at St Arvans and at St James', Devauden.



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2017

Sunday 9th April: PALM SUNDAY

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10 am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Deiniol, Itton

The Eucharistic liturgy today begins with the Gospel reading & blessing of palms, recalling the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

At St Arvans there is a procession and the Passion Gospel is read in a dramatised form.

On Monday of Holy Week (10th) there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at St Arvans Church at 7.p.m.

On **Tuesday (11th)** The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.p.m.

On **Wednesday (12th)** the Eucharist will be celebrated at 7. p.m.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (13th March)

7.30 p.m.: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Arvans Church

The liturgy this evening consists of the Sung Eucharist, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, stripping of the altars and Watch until midnight.

Today we commemorate both with celebration and with an increasing sense of foreboding the celebration of the Last Supper. At the end of the Eucharist, the Sacrament is carried to the altar in the Lady Chapel where a watch is kept with the Lord as his disciples did in the garden of Gethsemane. As a psalm is read, the sanctuary of the Church is stripped

bare to remind us of the Lord's coming dereliction and agony, abandoned by all his friends and disciples. The watch ends at midnight with a simple recitation of Night Prayer by those present.

Good Friday (14th April)

9.30 a.m. Mattins, Litany & Antecommunion at St Deiniol's, Itton: The traditional service of Morning Prayer for Good Friday – psalms, readings and prayers on the Passion of our Lord

11 a.m. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in St Arvans Church

3 p.m. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Arvans Church This starkly simple, ancient ceremony includes the Passion Gospel according to St John, an address, the Proclamation of the Cross and which ends with reception of Holy Communion from the Blessed Sacrament reserved on Maundy Thursday. At this service as throughout the day, the Cross is central, as in prayers, readings, and hymns and in the visual action of the Liturgy itself we reflect upon our Lord's offering of himself for our sake.

Today is the only day in the western tradition when the Eucharist cannot be celebrated, but the Good Friday Liturgy ends with our receiving of Holy Communion reserved at the commemoration of the Last Supper the night before in order to emphasise the Life Christ has won for us by his Passion and Resurrection. We leave in silence, taking our meditations on the Lord's death on the cross with us as we go to our homes...

Throughout Holy Week (and as usual) St Arvan's Church will be open during the day for private prayer and devotion.

Easter Eve or Holy Saturday (15th April)

St Arvans Church is closed after decoration for Easter this afternoon until 6 p.m.

7.30 p.m. The Easter Vigil at St Arvans Church

The celebration of Eastertide begins on Easter Eve. The Vigil is one of the most ancient Christian liturgies which includes the lighting of the New Fire, the blessing of the Easter Candle, a series of Bible readings and prayers telling the story of our redemption from Genesis to the Resurrection of Christ, the blessing of the Baptismal Waters and ends in the most appropriate way possible with the offering of the First Eucharist of Easter and our reception of the gift of the Lord's resurrection life in Holy Communion.

EASTER SUNDAY (16th April)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Devauden
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
10.30 a.m. Easter Liturgy at Itton
11.15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Kilgwrrwg

