

PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Arvans with
Penterry, Itton,
Devauden &
Kilgwrrwg

25th - 31st March 2018



25th March PALM SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
at St. James, Devauden
- 10 a.m. Procession & Sung
Eucharist at St Arvans
- 10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy
at St. Deiniol, Itton

*Liturgies begin with the blessing
of Palms and the 'Palm Gospel'*

Readings:

Liturgy of the Palms:

St Mark 11. 1-11

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50. 4-9a ; Psalm 31. 9-16,

Philippians 2. 5-11; St Mark 14.1 -

15.47 - read in dramatised form

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 by arrangement with the clergy. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved at St Arvans and S. James' Devauden.

Thought for the Week

"To know the Cross is not merely to know our own sufferings. For the Cross is the sign of salvation, and no man is saved by his own sufferings. To know the Cross is to know that we are saved by the sufferings of Christ; more, it is to know the love of Christ Who underwent suffering and death in order to save us. It is, then, to know Christ."

Thomas Merton – 'No Man is an Island'

For Your Prayers

That we may encounter our crucified and risen Lord through the events of Holy Week

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.

All bishops, priests and deacons and all baptised Christians
For the reunion of all Christians: for Pope Francis, for Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew, & for the leaders of the Reformed traditions.

For the Sick:

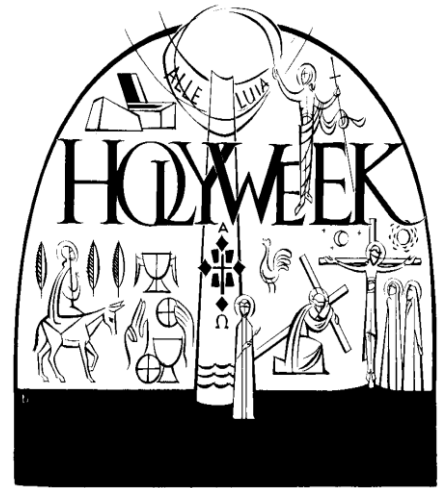
Roy Staples, Ralph Hamilton, Patricia Hamilton; Natalie; Sylvia; Ann Morgan; Pamela Davies; Revd Helen Rodwell; Fr Graham Francis, Alice Unwin; Cerys; Cathy Treharne; Marie-Hilde, Philip Bown; Owen Jones

For the Departed:

The recently departed; our own departed relatives and friends, and those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Alec Davies; Valerie Henderson; Roger Brooks; Elisabeth Davies; Keith Duffield

Daily Masses

See overleaf for Holy Week Services



NEXT SUNDAY 1st April 2018 EASTER SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
at St. James, Devauden
- 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist
at St Arvans
- 10.30 a.m. Easter Liturgy with
Holy Communion
at St. Deiniol, Itton
- 11.15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
St Mary, Penterry

Readings:

*Acts 10. 34-43; Psalm 118. [1, 2,]
14-24; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 St
John 20. 1-18*

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'FIVEWAYS' MAGAZINE
SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due.

'Welsh Evening' at St Arvans
Thursday 19th April at 7 p.m. in the
Meeting Rooms. Tickets now on sale
£12.50 – numbers are limited, so
please buy your ticket early.

Maundy Thursday: the list for the
Watch until midnight before the
Blessed Sacrament is at the back of St
Arvans Church.

HOLY WEEK 2018

Monday of Holy Week (26th) there will be a celebration of the Eucharist at St Arvans Church at 7.p.m.

Tuesday (27th) The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.p.m.

Wednesday (28th) the Eucharist will be celebrated at 7. p.m.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (29th 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 (30th March)

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

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 (31st)

St Arvans Church will be closed today after decoration for Easter 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.

