

From the Curate

In the calendar of the Church, this past Wednesday, March 1st, was St. David's Day – the National Day of Wales.

St. David was born sometime around the year 500 in the southwestern part of what we now call Wales. He is said to have been born into a noble family but chose to enter the priesthood. For a time, he lived a life withdrawn from the community, but later went on to found twelve monasteries in western Britain (including, according to legend, commissioning an addition to the famed Glastonbury Abbey in Somerset, England) before finally settling in Mynyw (Latin: *Menevia*) – now known as St. Davids.

In Mynyw, he established an abbey that became well known for its imposed life of extreme asceticism modelled on the Desert Fathers of Egypt. The Monastic Rule of the community prescribed that the monks had to pull the plough themselves without draught animals; they could only drink water and they only ate bread with salt and herbs. He himself practised this same asceticism and encouraged his students and followers to live a simple life of work, prayer, and basic food.



Although he was already known as a teacher and preacher, his fame is said to have flourished around the year 550, when he attended the Synod of Brefi. David, by this time now a bishop, was outside eloquently preaching against the heresy of Pelagianism when the ground swelled up beneath him and created a small hill. A white dove then was seen sitting on his shoulder. This event bewildered and surprised his listeners, and he was soon, by popular acclaim, declared the primate of the Cambrian church. Later, he is said to have summoned another Synod in 569.

One account of his life writes that shortly before his death, St. David preached a sermon where he said, "*Lords, brothers and sisters, Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. And as for me, I will walk the path that our*

fathers have trod before us." The Welsh phrase for "Do ye the little things in life" remains popular to this day. According to tradition, St. David died on March 1st, 589.

In the steeple of All Saints, Marysville, St. David of Wales is depicted in a window facing the cemetery. In this depiction, St. David is wearing the vestments of a bishop: chasuble with episcopal dalmatic underneath, and liturgical slippers. He is wearing a white pallium around his neck and is holding in his left hand a metropolitan cross, signs of his position as an archbishop. In his right hand, he is grasping a Welsh triple harp. And upon his right shoulder is a white dove, which became his sign after the miraculous rising of a hill in Llanddewi Brefi.

As we remember this confessor St. David, we remember one man whom God literally raised up for defending the faith from heresy. We pray that we ourselves, and our bishops, will have the courage to speak in the defence of our faith in this ever-secularizing world.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that the devout prayers of blessed David, thy Confessor and Bishop, may in such wise succour and defend us, that we which on this day observe his festival, may follow his constancy in the defence of thy true religion. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Parish Notices and Updates

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Many of you have expressed a desire for the resumption of our weekly Coffee and Conversation social time on Sunday mornings. We'd like to get those started as soon as possible but to do that we'll need to reconstitute our volunteer teams. To date, only a few people have spoken to us to volunteer to join one of the teams, so please speak to the Rector or the Curate soon if you'd like to be part of this important Parish ministry.

HOMEOWNER ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT & LOAN PROGRAMS: Those who were not able to attend Andrew Mathis' recent presentation about Loan and Grant programs for home efficiency upgrades are welcome to watch a recording on his Oasis Farmery YouTube Channel. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1HU72qi8V4>

DEACON NICHOLAS WILL BE OFFERING CONFIRMATION preparation to anyone wishing to be confirmed. It is hoped that there will be two programmes; one for those in late elementary and middle school and a

second for those high school age and above. We hope to start in the next few weeks, so please speak to Deacon Nicholas or the Rector if you are interested or have any questions.

SIMNEL CAKE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY: ever thought that you'd like to learn how to make Simnel Cake, one of the traditional customs which the Church has used on Mothering Sunday, which is the Fourth Sunday in Lent (this year on March 19th)? St. Mary's Mothers' Union will be gathering in our renovated Parish Kitchen on **Saturday, March 11th**, at 10:00 a.m. to again make the Simnel Cake for our Parish celebration. They'd be very happy if you'd like to join them. Please speak to Adele Knox or Shirley Hupman if you're interested in learning.

PARISH PARTY FOR LENT: Mark your calendars! We're planning another special parish event for pre-school and school-age kids (and their families!) We're organizing a **PARISH LENTEN PARTY** on **Saturday, March 18th** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be crafts and activities for all ages. Everything will wrap up with a Family Lunch. Plan to join us on the 18th and please feel free to invite a friend. For more information please speak to the Rector or the Curate.

THE DIOCESE IS OFFERING A LENTEN RETREAT starting on Friday, March 31st and ending on Saturday, April 1st at the Villa Madonna Retreat Centre in Rothesay. Archbishop David Edwards will be the retreat leader and will provide teaching to help prepare for the journey of Holy Week. All are welcome but pre-registration is required. The costs are: - overnight: \$125 | couples: \$200 | commuter: \$75 (meals included). The registration deadline is March 23, 2023; spaces are limited and some bursary funding is available. For more information, contact Shawn Branch: 506-459-1801 ext. 1008.

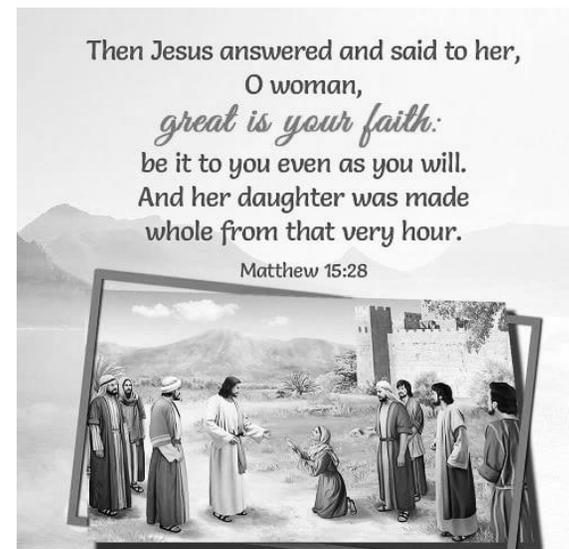


We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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Now, for some of us, God is so busy with the big issues of life that he doesn't have time for my little petty concerns. God is in charge of the laws of nature, the laws of thermodynamics, the laws and physics and God is running around taking care of all the big laws of the world and God does not have time for me and my little problems. That is NOT what Jesus teaches. Jesus teaches that God is concerned about our cancer, that God is concerned about our bankruptcy, that God is concerned about our drug or drinking problem, that God is concerned about our marriage which is having problems, that God is concerned about all these things which for us are not petty at all. God wants us to come and persistently ask him in prayer.

Edward F. Markquart

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2023

*Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up
my soul; my God, I have put my
trust in thee!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 20 & 21 | Exodus 2:11-22 | Colossians 1:21-2:7

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit Psalm 25:1-7:	<i>page 358</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	<i>page 143</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 25:8-15:	<i>page 358</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 144</i>
Gradual Psalm 123:	<i>page 498</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 144</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayers:	<i>page 85</i>

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023

*Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;
my God, I have put my trust in thee!*

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 51 | Genesis 18:1-15 | Luke 15:11-end

10:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	589 (BRESLAU)
The Ten Commandments:	<i>page 68</i>
<i>The Gloria is omitted during Lent</i>	
The Collect:	<i>page 143</i>
The Collect for Ash Wednesday:	<i>page 138</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 123:	<i>page 498</i>
The Epistle:	<i>page 144</i>
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	571 (ALL FOR JESUS)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 144</i>
The Nicene Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
♪♪ HYMN:	221 (UNDE ET MEMORES)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	241 (ALBANO)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH 6: PERPETUA & HER COMPANIONS, Martyrs, 203

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 7: THOMAS AQUINAS, Doctor & Poet, 1274

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

MARCH 8: LENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 9: LENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MARCH 10: LENT FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, *St. Mary's*

MARCH 11: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MARCH 12: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer



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Lent @ St. Mary's

Everyone is encouraged to spend time during the Season of Lent in the traditional Lenten exercises: **prayer, fasting, self-examination, and reading and meditating on God's Word.** Here are a few ways in which parish programmes can help you with that:

✠ **One very helpful exercise that many** choose to 'take on' during the Season of Lent is the reading of a book that will help us to explore our relationship with Christ and his Body more deeply. A book table has been set up at the entrance to the church with lots of excellent choices for your Lenten reading, including this year's edition of '**The Little Black Book**'. Please speak to the Rector or the Curate if there is something else that you'd like to read this Lent.

✠ **St. Mary's Bible Study** is held each Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church. We're looking at a series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus."

✠ The *Stations of the Cross* are prayed each Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. This quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. ***In recognition of our Shared Ministry with the Parish of Marysville, we will be alternating the location between the two churches.*** This coming Friday, March 10th, we'll be walking the Way of the Cross at here at St. Mary's.

✠ **Some take the time during Lent to attend** our Wednesday evening Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

✠ **Or perhaps you might think about arriving a little earlier** than usual when you attend on Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday and attend Morning or Evening Prayer prior to the start of the Holy Eucharist.

✠ **And if you want to learn more about** the very important work being done by the Clewer Initiative in the UK to combat modern slavery, go to <https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/journeys> to look at their Lenten resources, especially their new series called Journeys, which offers short first-person videos that speak of from the perspective of those who have been caught up by this evil.

✠ **And, for a bit of fun** you're invited to follow the saintly 'competition' organised by Forward Movement, an Episcopal ministry in the USA. Go each day to learn about some of God's saints, to cast your votes and to see who wins the golden halo: <https://www.lentmadness.org/>