

HYMN: All Saints of Wales

Can be sung to: *Ar hyd y nos.*

On feasts other than All Saints of Wales, selected verses might be omitted.

Pray for us and for our nation

– *all saints of Wales!*

As we keep this celebration – *all saints...*

At Caerleon, Romans spurning,

Celtic monks, who treasured learning,

After Henry, for Rome yearning – *all saints...*

Julius, who died with Aaron

– *two saints of Wales!*

Both were martyred at Caerleon – *two saints...*

Nothing but their names surviving,

Known to us through English scribing,

Now in heav'n, with angels thriving – *two sts...*

Came an age of saints and scholars

– *great saints of Wales!*

Tending to their people's dolours – *great sts...*

German, David, all great preachers,

Illtud and his band of teachers,

Blessing all God's fragile creatures – *great sts...*

Roman ways were then forbidden

– *six saints of Wales!*

Five good priests and Richard Gwyn – *six sts...*

He caved in for friends' imploring

But his craven ways abhorring

Died the faith of Rome restoring – *six saints...*

We must follow them to glory

– *as saints of Wales!*

Characters in God's great story – *as saints...*

For our gospel is enthralling,

Holiness is our great calling;

Tears at night, but joy at morning

– *as saints of Wales!*

Hymn of the Welsh Reformation Martyrs

Can be sung to: *Hyfrydol* (*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*) or *Blaenwern* (*Love Divine*)

On the feast of St Richard Gwyn, verse 3 might be omitted; on the feast of any of the martyr-priest saints verse 4 could be omitted; for All Saints of Wales, or the Beatified Martyrs, just verses 1, 2 and 5 could be used.

Came a time upon our nation

when the faith of Rome was banned.

Christians found their hearts were broken

torn apart throughout our land.

Thus a traitor to the nation

anyone who loved the Pope!

Christians stood in condemnation;

who could bring them any hope?

Men who trained as priests for Cymru

came from Europe's shores ere long.

Traversed far and wide our nation,

come to keep the Old Faith strong!

Saying Mass and heard confession,

priests of God: their only crime

Was that laws of England's kingdom

made such treason, at that time.

David Lewis, priest of Monmouth

gladly in Usk met his end.

As at Cardiff, Philip Evans,

with John Lloyd, his holy friend.

From the north did Saint John Roberts

die for Christ, a martyr true;

and Franciscan, Saint John Jones

from the noose to heaven flew.

With these priests, to Rome so loyal

one more saint of Wales did die;

Richard Gwyn, the edict royal

did at first its ways comply.

But this man, of Wales a teacher,

taught us now the better way:

He renounced the royal churches,

chose with Rome alone to pray.

Time hath passed upon our nation:

the Old Faith no longer banned.

Other Christians, once oppressive,

now as friends beside us stand.

This is not a day for gloating,

or for raising ancient wrong;

But a day for celebrating

loyal saints whose faith proved strong.

May 4: The Beatified Martyrs of England & Wales

Lectionary: II p. 1332

Office: M&EP p. 1185

June 20: Ss Alban, Julius & Aaron, Martyrs

Lectionary II p. 1348

Office: M&EP p. 1186

July 23 (24): Ss Philip Evans & John Lloyd

Benedictus antiphon (DOPW)

Hail, good cross, receive the disciple of him
who hung upon you, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Magnificat antiphon (DOPW)

Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.

August 26: St David Lewis, Priest & Martyr

Hymn in Honour of St David Lewis

*Sr Canisius SSJA, of Llantarnam Abbey, 2007 or
earlier; to the tune of Alleluia, Sing to Jesus.*

Holy Martyr, David Lewis,
Monmouth County's glorious Saint.
Father of the Poor they named you,
When you lived and toiled in Gwent.
Priestly work was undertaken,
Danger-fraught from dawn till dusk.
Gladly still you served your people,
Till you died for them at Usk.

From your capture at Llantarnam,
Through your time in Monmouth Gaol,
Threats and tortures could not shake you,
For your faith would never fail.
Bravely then you faced the gallows,
Crudely fashioned for your death,
Further torment someone spared you,
Till you drew your latest breath.

Great and glorious David Lewis,
Staunch and steadfast in the strife,
Bless your people here in Monmouth,
Those for whom you gave your life.

Help us to be strong, courageous,
Loyal to our loving God,
To Him then will glory flourish,
In the places you have trod.

Benedictus antiphon (DOPW)

Let none of you suffer as a murderer or a
thief, but if as a Christian, let him not be
ashamed.

Magnificat antiphon (DOPW)

Heap unto yourselves treasures in heaven,
where no thief robs, no moth eats, and no
rust consumes.

October 16: St Richard Gwyn, Educator

Benedictus antiphon (Ps 71: 4; Is 52:7)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of him who brings good tidings!

Magnificat antiphon (DOPW)

A good name is better than precious
ointment, and the day of death then the day
of birth.

**October 25: The Six Welsh Martyrs
and Companions FEAST**

**Ss John Jones, Philip Evans, John Lloyd,
David Lewis, Richard Gwyn, John Roberts.**

Refrain for the Salazar Gloria (LHON 26)

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**PEOPLE'S TEXTS FOR THE
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS OF
THE WELSH MARTYRS**

**May 4: *The Beatified Martyrs
of England & Wales***

**June 20: *Ss Julius & Aaron
(Protomartyrs, in Roman Wales)***

June 30: *Blessed Philip Powell*

July 5: *Blessed Humphrey Pritchard*

July 12: *St John Jones*

**July 22: *Ss Philip Evans & John Lloyd
(kept liturgically on July 23)***

July 27: *Blessed William Davies*

August 12: *Blessed Charles Mahoney*

August 26: *St David Lewis*

August 30: *Blessed Richard Lloyd*

October 16: *St Richard Gwyn*

October 25: *The Six Welsh Martyrs*

December 10: *St John Roberts*