

Bene cantat, bis orat. To sing well is to pray twice.

*The St David of Wales Parish Choir rehearses Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 and Sunday 10:00 for the 11:00 - noon Mass, as well as announced Feast Days (usually 6:00 for 7:00 PM Mass).
Beginners as well as experienced singers are welcome; if interested in joining please contact Richard Mix after a service or at RichardMix@hotmail.com.*

July 9 OT 14 His yoke is easy Vaughn-Williams *O taste and see*+

This setting of Psalm xxxiii:9, the Communion verse for Ordinary Time 14, was composed and first sung for the Coronation of Elizabeth II, 2 June 1953, the year after her Accession.

July 16 OT 15 the sower Mozart: *Ave verum corpus*, K. 618

Written in the last months of Mozart's life, his eucharistic motet *Ave verum* is dated June 17, 1791, one week before Corpus Christi of that year. "Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who suffered and was sacrificed for men on the cross, from whose side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death."

July 23 OT 16 mustard seed A Scarlatti: *Ad te Domine levavi*+

Alessandro Scarlatti (uncle of the equally famous Domenico Scarlatti) wrote *Ad te levavi* (Psalm 24:1-4) for Advent, a season when the organ was silent. In the 1979 Roman Gradual it is now the Offertory for Ordinary Time 15: "Unto you Lord have I lifted up my soul: O God in whom is my trust, let me not be shamed nor let mine enemies laugh at me, for those that await you will not be confounded."

July 30 OT 17 pearl Lassus: *Exaltabo te*+

The Netherlands-born Lassus' *Exaltabo te* (the Offertory for OT 17 in the 1978 Gradual) was printed in 1582. The text is from Psalm 29:2-3: "I will extol you, O Lord, for you lifted me up and not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me: O Lord, I called to you and you healed me.."

Sunday Aug. 6 Transfiguration Philips: *In splendenti nube*+

Peter Philips (1561-1628) was a choirboy at St Paul's in London, later moving to Catholic Flanders. Today's anthem (published in 1612) is a Responsory for Transfiguration: "In a splendid cloud the Holy Spirit was seen; The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him."

Aug. 13 OT 19 walk on water Gombert: *Domine, si tu es* + 4vv

Probably born in the 1490's, Nicolas Gombert is said to have studied with Josquin. He traveled widely as a member of Charles V's Imperial Chapel, but in 1540 was sentenced to hard labor in the galleys for sodomy. His 8 Magnificat settings won him an early release in 1547 but little is known of his later life. *Domine, si tu es* ("Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water") is this Sunday's Gospel.