

PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 1994

11.30 am The Holy Eucharist at St David's Church, Llanthony with an address by The Reverend Canon David Walker of Swansea.

Canon Walker is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, also author and contributor to many learned publications, including his 'Medieval Wales' and 'A Guide to the Church in Wales'.

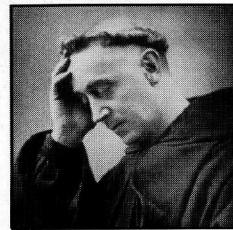
2.30 pm Procession from Capel-y-ffin church to The Monastery with halts for prayer at the Wayside Calvary, the statue of Our Lady and on the church level.

Please note that this date falls on the Late Summer Bank Holiday week-end. Car parking will be available both in the official car park at Llanthony for the morning service at St David's church and also in the field at Capel-y-ffin by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Watkins of Chapel Farm. Visitors are asked not to attempt to park their cars at The Monastery itself, please, as this will cause difficulty, congestion and obstruct the pilgrimage arrangements.

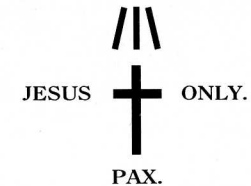


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Pilgrimage 1993. Again, in the customary way, at last year's pilgrimage, the day's devotions began with the Holy Eucharist at the lovely church of St. David's, Llanthony. On this occasion it was with very great pleasure that we welcomed the Right Reverend Rowan Williams, the Bishop of Monmouth, as Celebrant. The sermon, to a full church (which included a coach-load of pilgrims from the Midlands), was preached by the Reverend Thomas Dunn, Vicar of the Parish and Secretary of the Trust.

The pilgrimage to the Monastery at Capel-y-ffin has always found a unifying spiritual significance through its association with Llanthony. Indeed, had Walter Savage Landor agreed to sell the ruin of the great 12th Century Augustinian foundation to Joseph Leycester Lyne in the 1860s, then the new Abbey might well have arisen on the site of the old Priory. Fr Ignatius had remarkable gifts but he was not a practical man with management skills. Neither was he blessed with generous funding support nor sound advice in business matters and architectural design. Indeed, his ambition to build anew at Llanthony might well have ended in a hurried and disastrous amalgam of mediaeval and Victorian building style. So perhaps we should be grateful, at least for aesthetic reasons, that the integrity and grandeur of the ruin of the old Priory is preserved intact and that the new Abbey did, in the end, arise four miles further up the valley.

