

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

(Registered Charity no 242380)

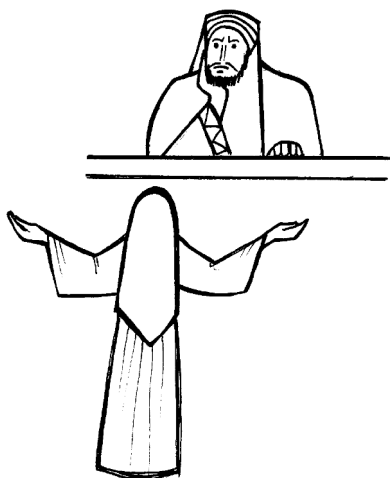
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Sunday 20th October 2013

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter week 1

Mass attendance count week 3



First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

**Res: Our help is in the name of the
Lord who made heaven and earth**

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

The Word This Week

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

Second reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

OCTOBER COUNT- during this month a count will be taken at every week-end Mass

TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS and a CHAT in St Anne's room after 9.30am Mass today and every Sunday

BAPTISM AND WEDDING APPOINTMENTS

Please contact Canon John on 01633482346 or email cwmbranparish@virginmedia.com

CONFIRMATION

If any adult who has not been confirmed and would like to be confirmed please contact Canon John

Our Parish Liturgy and Devotions

Monday Mass is at Llantarnam Abbey at 9.30am

Morning Prayer – Tues & Thurs 9.10am, Fri 9.40am

Evening Prayer – Wed 7.10pm, Fri 6.40pm

The Rosary: During the month of October the Rosary will be recited after morning and evening Mass.

Tuesday – Divine Mercy Group, Wednesday – U.C.M., Thursday – Legion of Mary, Friday – Canon John or Deacon Peter.

Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Katherine and Timothy Hurley (TH) Gordon Worsfold
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Angela Hanlon's Intentions (CM) Diane and Ken Webb (AW)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Special Intention (JC)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Our Lady's	Veronica Kent (J.R.C.L)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Margaret Gale (MT)
Friday	8am-7pm 10.00am	Our Lady's Our Lady's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am-7pm Denis Sheehy (PP)
Saturday	12-12.30pm 3.45 – 4.15 4.30pm 6.00pm	Our Lady's St David's St David's Our Lady's	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Olwyn & Jack Reynolds (TH) Margaret Metcalfe (JM)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Sylvia Kennedy (BK) Pat Forward's Intentions (Sr C)

MINISTRIES

A big thank you to Father Nick James for his talk and thanks to the parishioners who came on Tuesday evening, we all went home thirsting for more knowledge about The Church. Please make a note in your diaries for the following dates and please will ALL Eucharistic Ministers attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (For new ministers as well as those already commissioned)

Father John Kelly will give a talk on the role of the Eucharistic Minister in the Church today on Tuesday, 22nd October and 29th October at 7pm in St Anne's room. Deacon Peter McLaren will give a talk on Tuesday, 5th November at 7pm in St Anne's room on taking Holy Communion to the housebound.

READING MINISTRY

Father John Meredith will give a talk on the role of the Reading Ministry in the Church today on Tuesday, 29th October at 7pm in St Non's room at St David's Church

For all other ministries the co-ordinators will be in touch with you.

Church Cleaning Ministry – Our Lady's: Co-ordinator Veronica Williams

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 24th October at 2pm in St Anne's room for old and new volunteers.

What's on this week at Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 8pm UCM

8pm Choir Practice

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The group continues to meet in **St Anne's room at Our Lady's Church on Thursdays at 8.00pm** for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Please come along if you want to know more about the Faith

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £477.91

Non Gift Aid £704.34

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

CAFOD FAST DAY £1088.14

Second Collection this week is for Mission Sunday

Holy Father's Intentions for October

People in Despair: That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.

World Mission Day: That the celebration of **World Mission Day** may help all Christians realise that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word

SHOPPING TRIP SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
CLARKS VILLAGE, STREET, SOMERSET

Coach will leave Our Lady's Church at 9.30am stopping for coffee on the way, arriving at Street 12pm approx. and leaving at 16.30pm. The fare will be £10 p.p. (non-refundable) and to reserve a seat must be paid by 31st October. Please sign the list in the church porch, there are 8 seats available.

Contact: Carole Morgan 01633 863048

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's
Christmas cards and calendars are now on sale

What's on this week at St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Operation Christmas Child 2013

I am running this campaign again this year and would love to have your support. Operation Christmas Child is a campaign organised by Samaritan's Purse who are a Christian Charity bringing joy to disadvantaged children all over the world. Getting involved is really easy. There are three ways in which you can help: purchase a Christmas Shoe Box from Sheila Spokes (Our Lady and St David's parish) for just 50 pence and fill it with the items set out in the leaflet provided, or, bring items on the list (provided in the leaflet) and place in the boxes provided at the rear of both churches, alternatively, you can fill your own empty shoebox (it must be wrapped in Christmas paper with the lid covered separately from the box as it needs to be opened for customs purposes), with items listed in the leaflet. Each box filled will require a donation of £3.00 towards postage and transportation. If you do not wish to fill a box, you can donate money to help with costs.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact Sheila Spokes on 07817 544036 or 01633 489122.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support

PARISH DAY OF REFLECTION

will place on Saturday, 16th November at Llantarnam Abbey 10am-3pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is welcome

Helping to build confidence to share our faith

Remember to join us for a series of evening talks by Fr. Gareth Leyshon at the Cornerstone at St David's Cathedral for a top-up in understanding our faith.

Sunday 20 October 2013 – Today is World Mission

Sunday

Today the Pope asks Catholics all over the world to join together at Mass to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church. A big part of our Church (40%) still needs our help to survive and grow to self-sufficiency. Even more challenging is the fact that more than 50% of the world's people has never heard of Jesus and so don't know that they are loved unconditionally by God.

Through Missio, your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, so that all may know God's love and live a life of dignity. The money collected today will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided. Thank you for all your help.

S.P.U.C.

It is with much regret that we have had to close down our local S.P.U.C. Branch here in Torfaen which has been in existence for approximately 40 years.

Nobody is willing to replace our Secretary and the lack of support at our meetings by parishioners have caused this to happen. This is a very sad day for S.P.U.C. and the Unborn Child. It is an even sadder day for the people of Cwmbran, Pontypool and Usk Parishes.

M. McDonald

A Quite Light

Perhaps the best way of learning how to live in humility is to study Mary, the mother of Jesus. She shows us how to be attentive, open and receptive to God. The longer we ponder on Mary, the more we will learn from her. She said "yes" to God and never looked back. Nothing in her mind was an obstacle to the living out of God's will for her. She was tranquil when she pondered what had happened to her, and she was quietly anonymous in her home at Nazareth. She did not boast, make speeches or hold conferences about being the mother of God! Mary saw herself in relation to God. She was like a quite light, warm and welcoming to God and to others.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2013

A Huge THANK YOU! This Fast Day you have helped to make a place at our table for our hungry sisters and brothers around the world. The Parish raised £1088.14

All items for inclusion should be emailed or posted through the presbytery letterbox no later than Wednesday evening please

Parish Directory

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Head teacher: Mr. John Healey

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