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4th WEEK OF ADVENT YEAR B

PSALM WEEK 4

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the character of Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, "the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages". This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has a dwelling place.

ADVENT HYMN (Tune: Away in Manger)

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.
2. A candle is burning, a candle of *Peace*;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.
3. A candle is burning, a candle of *Joy*;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.
4. A candle is burning, a candle of *Love*;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.

Readings and Psalm

1st Reading: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages
my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure,
that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly
established as the heavens. "I have made a covenant
with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I
will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your
throne through all ages." He will say to me: "You are my
father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my
love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£352.00
Non Gift Aid	£717.84
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1191.57
Mass Count: 455	

Christmas Flower Collection

Our Lady's: £309.76

St David's: £233.64

Thank you for your generous donations

Notice for Readers

Christmas Eve: 6pm and 9pm Readings from Mass of Midnight

Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am: Readings from Mass of Dawn

St David's 10.30am: Readings from Mass of the Day

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St David's: Tuesday 23rd December 10-11.30am
N.B. There will not be Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament on Friday 26th December at Our
Lady's

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Monday 22nd December

Fr Cronin will be in Our Lady's Church from 10.30am -11.30 for confessions. This will be the last opportunity for confessions before Christmas.

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 27th December in either church.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

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

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Brian Draisey (D Fam): Patricia & Kenneth Harnett (LA)	4th Sunday of Advent
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Margaret King (BC)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Gordon Worsfold (SW)	
	St David's	11.15am	Brennan Family (BB)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Bryan Kennedy (B&OW): Margaret Gale (BG)	
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday	St David's	11.30am	Funeral Service for Daniel Gerrard Aherne	

ST DAVID'S CHURCH: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM: CWMBRAN RUGBY CLUB HAS KINDLY AGREED WE CAN USE THEIR PREMISES AS AN OVERFLOW CAR PARK FOR THIS MASS

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Note genuflection during the Creed when the incarnation is mentioned

Wednesday 24 th	St David's	6.00pm	Lee Davies (A&SD)	Readings of Midnight Mass
	Our Lady's	9.00pm	Jeremiah Desmond (VW)	Readings of Midnight Mass
Thursday 25 th	Our Lady's	9.00am	The People of the Parish	Readings of the Dawn Mass
	St David's	10.30am	Olwyn Szymanski	Readings of the Mass of the Day
Friday 26 th	Our Lady's	10.00am	Angela Hanlon's Ints (PP)	<i>St Stephen, the First Martyr (Feast) and Patron of Altar Servers</i>
Saturday 27 th	St David's	4.30pm	Fr John Meredith (AD): Margaret Dennehy (KD)	
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Holy Souls (VL)	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday 28 th	Our Lady's	9.30am	Alan Sullivan (AS)	
	St David's	11.15am	The People of the Parish	

Friday 26th December The Feast of St Stephen: St Stephen is the patron Saint of Altar Servers. On this day Altar Servers renew their promises to serve the parish and new Altar Servers are enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. Please could all Altar Servers attend this Mass.

UCM CHRISTMAS DRAW: WINNING TICKETS

Please collect your Prize from St Anne's room

1ST PRIZE	PINK	271-275
2ND PRIZE	PINK	261-265
3RD PRIZE	PINK	696-700
4TH PRIZE	WHITE	341-345
5TH PRIZE	WHITE	656-660
6TH PRIZE	WHITE	346-350
7TH PRIZE	PINK	636-640
8TH PRIZE	WHITE	666-670
9TH PRIZE	PINK	31-35
10TH PRIZE	PINK	596-600
11TH PRIZE	PINK	51-55
12TH PRIZE	WHITE	331-335

St David's: Christmas Flower Collection.

Thank you to all who gave so generously for the Fresh Flowers For Christmas, the collection raised £233.34. The cost of the flowers and plants for Christmas amounts to £134.40p. The remainder of the money will be used for fresh plants and flowers for the Altar. Thank you All

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel Gerrard Aherne who died recently and also for his family.



Wishing everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas