

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 30th March 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A (Laetare Sunday)

Psalter Week 4

He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

First reading:

Samuel 16: 6-7, 10-13



Second Reading:

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-41

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

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

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

We welcome Archbishop George Stack and Fr Liam Hennessy who are celebrating Mass for us this weekend.

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Joe O'Hare (MK)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Christopher Corner (M&AC)
	11.15am	St David's	John and Peggy Clack
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Sue Jenkins' Intentions (PJ)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Elsie and William Desmond (FJ)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr John Meredith (AH)
	11.15am	St David's	Patricia Harnett (DS)

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

SVP Meeting
Will be held on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm in St Non's room, St David's Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: St David's Church 10.00am -12.00pm

Friday: Our Lady's Church 9am -5pm

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April
at Llantarnam Abbey
2pm Confessions & Adoration
3pm Chaplet, Veneration of Image and Benediction

Cafod Fast Day Appeal
Family Fast Day
collection the final total is £1284.14

Food bank collection
next weekend

Gift Aid Envelopes (pink boxes) please collect your envelopes from the back of the church. Gift Aid contacts are Mike Loughlin at St David's and Carole Morgan at OLA. If you are a Tax payer and would like information on how to gift aid your collections please contact us.

Catechesis

First Holy Communion Classes:

The classes on Monday, 31st March and Monday 7th April are for **parents and children** and will be held in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 5.30pm.

Confirmation Programme

The programme continues on Tuesday 1st April at Our Lady's at 6pm

Catholicism

The Fr Robert Barron DVDs will be shown every Monday afternoon in Lent in St Anne's room, Our Lady's Church at 2.30pm

Walking Through Lent with Pope Francis

(Lectio Divina)

Thursday at 2.30pm in St Non's room, St David's Church reflecting on the gospel for next Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent: The Raising of Lazarus

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady's: Wednesday at 2.30pm

St David's: Thursday at 10.00am

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

24th October 2015 -31st October 2015

Itinerary and booking forms are available from the Admin office. Cost per person sharing is £1175 and for a single room per person is £1425. Deposit £200 per person and if paid by 31st May £50 will be deducted from the outstanding balance. Cheques should be made payable to Our Lady and St David's Parish.

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Monday: 2.30pm Catholicism

Tuesday: 2.00pm Social Club

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

2.30pm Stations of the Cross

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

10.00am Stations of the Cross

2.30pm Walk through Lent

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid £421.60

Non Gift Aid £763.24

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1301.96

Mass Count: 436

CAFOD Lent Collection £1284.14

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Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

Parents Protect is a free 2 hour public education session for parents, carers and other adults to raise awareness of child sexual abuse and provide positive messages about what they can do to protect children. The next training session will be held at St Francis Parish Centre, Grand Avenue, Ely, Cardiff on Wednesday 9th April at 9.30am.

For more information contact: **Claire Short - Email: cshort@stopitnow.org.uk or Tel: 07720 590129**

Internet Safety Seminar

A 2 hour presentation for parents, carers & professionals on the dangers posed by the internet, where the risks lie, how to protect children and where to go for advice and information. The next training session will be held at the Pastoral Resources Centre, 910 Newport Road, Rumney, Cardiff CF3 4LL on 10th April at 6.30pm. A further session is planned for Christ the King Parish Hall, Llanishen, Cardiff on May 8th at 6.30pm.

To book places contact: **Martin Mahoney (Safeguarding Coordinator) at 029 20365960 - Email: cpo@rcadc.org OR Joanne White (Parenting Support Worker) at 029 20365964 - Email parenting@rcadc.org**

The Churches together in Cwmbran invite you to a passion play "Impossible God" Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army, Wesley Street. Tickets £2 contributions go towards the work of the Street Pastors in Cwmbran.

Churches Together Lent

Please see poster for the venue for the studies. The lunches are held at the Salvation Army, Wesley Street. Everyone welcome

Deanery Lenten Station Mass

Will be held in All Saints Church, Ebbw Vale on Tuesday, 1st April at 7pm. Archbishop George Stack will be the principal celebrant. Coach will leave Our Lady's at 5.45pm, due to the few numbers on the list a small coach has been hired and it is now full.

Chrism Mass

will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 16th April** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff.

Lent leading to The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Our Lady's
Good Friday	3.00pm	O.L.A. and St David's
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	Our Lady's
Easter Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's
	11.15am	St David's