

**Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran
(Registered Charity No. 242380)**



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SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 1

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.

1st Reading :Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 29-39

Psalm

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles. He heals the broken – hearted, he bind up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 14th February in either church.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£406.50
Non Gift Aid	£683.88
Gift Aid Standing Order	£121.73
Total giving this week	£1212.11
Mass Count: 560	
White Flower Appeal	£906.21
Catholic Education Collection	£286.25

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Canon Bill Redmond (PM): Bryan Kennedy (JK)	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Olwyn Szymanski (A&T)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Special Ints (MH): Stephen Healey (M&JH)	
	St David's	11.15am	The People the Parish: Diane and Ken Webb (AW)	
Monday	Our Lady's	9.30am	The wellbeing of Angela Hanlon (CM)	<i>St Teilo, Bishop</i>
Tuesday	St David's	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>
Wednesday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	St David's	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	
Friday	Our Lady's	9.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Saturday	St David's	4.30pm	Intentions of Katie Price (MP)	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Our Lady's	6.00pm	Deacon Peter and Marie's Ints (AW)	
Sunday	Our Lady's	9.30am	Christopher Corner (M&AC)	
	St David's	11.15am	Danny Aherne (MB)	

N.B. THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY

Parish Diary this Week

Mon	5.00pm	Our Lady's : First Holy Communion
Tues	10.00am	St David's: Divine Mercy Group
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: Social Club
	6.30pm	St David's: SVP
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: Baptism Course
Wed	10.00am	St David's: Choir Practice
	2.00pm	Our Lady's: UCM
Thurs	4.30pm	Our Lady's: Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Our Lady's: RCIA Course

PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Mass for the Sick will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 2pm on Tuesday 17th February. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. Transport will be arranged for those who need it. Light refreshments will be served in St Anne's room after the Mass.

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course continues on Monday 9th February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's for children only. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Friday 13th March at 6pm in Our Lady's

Baptism Course

The baptism course continues on Tuesday, 10th and Tuesday 17th at 7pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

St David 's Church: Weekly Raffle

A big thank you for the donation of £1011.96 from the weekly raffles. Many thanks to those who organised them and to the parishioners who supported them.

Deacon Peter and Marie McLaren

Marie and Deacon Peter wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the Masses and prayers offered on their behalf and for the best wishes which they have received since Marie became unwell.

The Mass in Welsh

On February 22nd, and every Sunday from then on, the Mass will be celebrated in Welsh at 4pm at the chapel of Nazareth House, Colum Road, Cardiff. This is a new opportunity for those learning Welsh and children in Welsh medium education to hear Mass in Welsh – you will be welcome to join the regular congregation or come from time to time. A warm welcome awaits – croeso cynnes i bawb.

St Alban's School Production

From **Feb 11th – 13th** 7pm, at the school 'Children of Eden' written by Stephen Schwartz. It's a beautifully written musical based loosely around the stories of Adam and Eve and Noah's flood. Tickets are £7 each and are available via the school on: 01495 765800.

Ladies Lunch

At The Salvation Army on Saturday 21st February 12.15pm for 12.30pm. **BE CREATIVE** make a hedgehog from a paperback book. Cost £5 See poster for contact detail

Walk With Me

This year's "Walk With Me" reflects on **The Joy of Living the Beatitudes**. The practice of virtue as contained in the Beatitudes will help us to "Judge wisely the things of earth and measure them by the things of heaven" (Roman Missal) What better way to prepare for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of life, death and resurrection of Jesus than to allow his teaching contained in the Beatitudes to sink into our hearts. The booklets cost £1 and are now on sale.

Lent Bible Studies 2015

This year's theme is "**When Love Speaks**" words from the Cross.

All studies at 11am at Cwmbrian URC except for 13th March which will be at Our Lady's. Lunch after each study, Soup and a Roll 12noon at The Salvation and Army, Wesley Street. See poster for details.

245 The Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick imparts consolation, peace, and strength and unites a sick person, in his sufferings, with Christ in a profound way. For the Lord experienced our fears and bore our pains in his body. For many people the Anointing of the Sick brings about physical healing. But if God should decide to call someone home to himself, he gives him in the Anointing of the Sick the strength for all the physical and spiritual battles on his final journey. In any case, the Anointing of the Sick has the effect of forgiving sins. (1520-1523,1532) YOUCAT

Many sick people are afraid of this Sacrament and put it off until the last minute because they think it is a sort of death sentence. But the opposite is true: the Anointing of the Sick is a sort of life insurance. A Christian who is caring for a sick person should relieve him of any false fear. Most people in serious danger sense intuitively that nothing is more important for them at the moment than to embrace immediately and unconditionally the One who overcame death and is life itself: Jesus, the Saviour

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