

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 2nd March

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter Week 4

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Res: In God alone is my soul at rest



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matt 6:24-34

"Do not worry about tomorrow."

In these weeks, as we follow the Sermon on the Mount in Saint Matthew's Gospel, it can feel as though we are dealing with some very "obvious" and familiar teachings. Last week we had "Love your neighbour", and this week the extremely simple message that God loves and cares for us. This is because the Sermon on the Mount is a great summary of the most basic teachings of our faith, and we should take this opportunity to renew within ourselves our awareness of these teachings. After a simple, yet beautiful image in the first reading, Jesus elaborates on the idea of the constant care of God for us with some more beautiful images: he invites us to look at the birds and the flowers, which do not have money, mortgages, computers, cars or so many of the things we have and worry about, and yet manage to be beautiful and happy in what God provides. The message is simple, and is expressed right at the beginning of the Gospel: trust God; be the servant of God, relying on God for everything, not on money or the other things of this world.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

Morning Prayer: Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.10am, Fri 9.40am Evening prayer: Wed 7.10pm, Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Diane Banner (M&PL) Alan Sullivan (AS)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Lucia Basini Gazzi (TC) Mary and Fred Strutt (MM)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Private Intention (MH)

Baptism at St David's
Today we welcome Laila Elizabeth Olerenshaw into our parish family and congratulate her parents

The Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday is a day of penance marked by fasting and abstinence

Wednesday	9.30am 7.30pm	St David's Our Lady's	Norah Roberts (PP) Margaret Jordan (MM)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Elizabeth Nevin's Intention
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Malcolm & Veronica Southwood (LR) Tom Jordan (KP)
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Veronica Kent (R&GJ) Clare Coles (D&MP)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: St David's Church 10.00am -12.00pm
Friday: Our Lady's Church 9am -5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday
Our Lady's at 12noon-12.30pm
St David's at 3.45pm -4.15pm

Parish Advisory Council: The next meeting will take place in St Anne's room at 7pm on Thursday March 6th

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

Catechesis

Baptism Course: 4th, 11th, 18th March 2014

The course begins on Tuesday, 4th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm.

Confirmation Programme

continues on Tuesday 4th March at Our Lady's at 6pm

Catholicism

The Fr Robert Barron DVDs will be shown every Monday afternoon in Lent. First meeting will be in **St Anne's room at 2.30pm on Monday March 10th.**

Walking Through Lent with Pope Francis (and Canon John) Starting Thursday, 13th March at 2.30pm in St Non's room, St David's Church

For Pope Francis, the way to recover a missionary spirit in the Church is to rediscover the joy of the Gospel. This course will help us reflect on the Gospel stories we receive on the Sundays of Lent.

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 or if paid before 31st May £150 per person. Cheques should be made payable to Our Lady and St David's Parish.

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Thursday: 7pm Parish Advisory Council

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£350.60
Non Gift Aid	£840.74
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1308.46
Mass Count: 493	

St David's Missio Red Boxes

are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety stall

St Vincent de Paul Society

Canon John would like to re-establish the SVP Society in the parish. If anyone is interested in joining the Society please sign the sheet in the church porch.

Women's World Day of Prayer

on Friday, 7th March at St Michael and All Angels Church Llantarnam at 7pm. Guest speaker: Rev Frieda Evans. All welcome

Church Cleaning

St David's Church: on Tuesday 11th March at 12noon.

All volunteers welcome. If you can spare half an hour to help please come and join us between 12 and 2 o'clock – many hands make light work!

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat

will be held on Saturday, 15th March 2014 at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff. See poster in the porch for further details.

Concert: New Harmony Singers

Our Lady of the Angels Primary School choir will be singing at a Charity concert with New Harmony Singers in the Catholic Hall Cwmbran at 7pm on March 22nd. Money raised will go to St Anne's Hospice, St David's Hospice Care and the Medaille Trust. (Safe housing for trafficked people). Tickets from the school or Paddy Landers tel. 868352.

Pastoral Care Project: Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March

The Archdiocese of Cardiff are supporting the Pastoral Care Project Week of Prayer & Awareness of Dementia 12-19th March.

Archbishop George Stack will concelebrate Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on **Wednesday 19th March 2014** at 12:00 Noon in All Hallows Church, Miskin, CF72 8PG. All who experience the effects of Dementia especially sufferers and their carers are most welcome. There will be an opportunity to remember sufferers and carers who have died during the past year

Churches Together

Lenten Studies and Lunches commence on Friday 7th March until 11th April. Lunches will be served at The Salvation Army
See poster for details of venues for the studies.

40 Days for Life

From March 5 through April 13, you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
See poster for details