

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent Year A

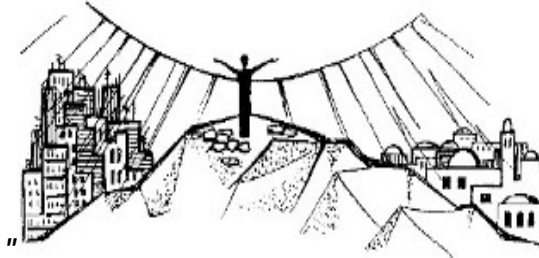
Psalter Week 1

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

First reading:

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7.

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned



Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading: Matt 4: 1-11

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus’ own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week:

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

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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

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)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	Deceased relatives & friends of Sr Ann
Tuesday	9.30am	St David’s	Catherine & John Williams (VL)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady’s	Frank & Bessie Maguire
Thursday	9.30am	St David’s	Diane & Ken Webb (AW)
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady’s	Denis Sheehy (NW)
Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David’s Our Lady’s	Simon & Terry Tun (MT) People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady’s St David’s	Jo Parlow’s intentions (PP) Nuala Rose Dovey (PT)

CAFOD LENT Family Fast Day is on Friday, 14th March. The second collection next weekend will be for **CAFOD**. Envelopes are available in the church porch

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday

Our Lady’s at 12noon-12.30pm

St David’s at 3.45pm -4.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday: Our Lady’s Church 9am -5pm

Growth in the Church

We welcome into our parish family Georgio Bottitieri, who was baptised in Italy and will receive a blessing during Mass (9.30am) at Our Lady's, also during Mass thirteen young parishioners will be enrolled on the confirmation programme. Six adults from the parish RCIA Programme will be attending the Rite of Election in St David's Cathedral Cardiff at 3pm and will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Catechesis

Baptism Course: 11th & 18th March 2014

The course continues on Tuesday, 14th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7.pm.

Confirmation Programme

continues on Tuesday 11th 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

starting Thursday, 13th March at 2.30pm in St Non's room, St David's Church

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 £483.50

Non Gift Aid £723.92

Gift Aid Standing Order £117.12

Total giving this week £1324.54

Mass Count: 493

Next week's second collection will be for CAFOD

St David's Missio Red Boxes

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

St Vincent de Paul Society

A meeting will take place on Monday, 24th March in St Anne's room at Our Lady's time to be advised.

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 continue on Friday 14th March. Lunches will be served at The Salvation Army See poster for details of venues for the studies.

Books by Ambrose Walsh

"Called and Sent" and "Shall I Renew my Baptismal Promises next Easter" available from CTS, Cardiff or Good News Books: orders@goodnewsbooks.net Tel: 01582571011.