

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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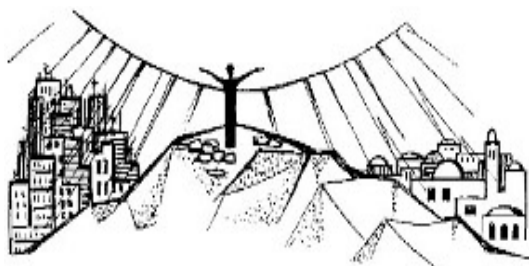
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SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2015

1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

PSALTER WEEK 1

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.

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| <p>1st Reading : Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7</p> <p>2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19</p> <p>Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Psalm</u></p> <p>Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me Do not cast me away from your presence , or deprive me of your holy spirit. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.</p> | <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St David's : Tuesday 10.00am -11.30am Our Lady's: Friday 9.30am-5.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> No Sacrament of Reconciliation in either church on Saturday 28th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Your giving to your Parish: many thanks</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Gift Aid</td> <td>£368.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Gift Aid</td> <td>£585.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gift Aid Standing Order</td> <td>£121.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total giving this week</td> <td>£1076.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mass Count: 432</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Missionary Collection:</td> <td>£903.65</td> </tr> </table> | Gift Aid | £368.97 | Non Gift Aid | £585.50 | Gift Aid Standing Order | £121.73 | Total giving this week | £1076.20 | Mass Count: 432 | | Missionary Collection: | £903.65 |
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PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

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| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Francesca & Rosemary Spiteri | 1st Sunday of Lent Year A |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Michael Bradley (V W) | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Mary Power (PM) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Jim Sheehy's Ints (90 th Birthday): Sheehy & Florence Families (JS) | |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Special Intention (VW): Ints Hugh Williams (PP) | |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | St David's | The People of the Parish | |
| Wednesday | 2.00pm | Our Lady's | Lee Davies (AD): William Joseph Thomas (JT) | |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | Tony Corten Ints (PL): Vera Shea (PL) | |
| Friday | 9.00am | Our Lady's | Thanksgiving (JA): Danny Aherne (JF) | |
| Saturday | 4.30pm | St David's | Olwyn Szymanski: Ints Joan Gallagher (MB) | 2ND Sunday of Lent Year B |
| | 6.00pm | Our Lady's | Thanksgiving (AH) | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Eileen McClenchy (PL) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | The People of the Parish | |

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RETREAT IN ST ANNE'S ROOM AT OUR LADY'S FROM 10.30AM -2.30PM ON SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015. PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH, TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

Parish Diary this Week

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| Tues | 10.00am | St David's: Divine Mercy Group |
| | 6.30pm | St David's: SVP |
| | 2.00pm | Our Lady's: UCM |
| Wed | 10.00am | St David's: Choir Practice |
| Thurs | 10.00am | St David's: Stations of the Cross |
| | 4.30pm | Our Lady's: Choir Practice |
| | 7.00pm | Our Lady's: RCIA Course's |
| Fri | 9.30am | Our Lady's: Stations of the Cross |

First Sunday of Lent

Two adults, Tammy Hale and Kirsty Kennedy, 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.

Lenten Devotions

Stations of the Cross:

St David's: Thursdays at 10.00am

Our Lady's: Fridays at 9.30am

Lent Bible Studies 2015

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

All studies at 11am at Cwmbran 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

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.

The course continues on Monday 23rd February at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

Food Bank Collection

The Food Bank collection will take place **next weekend 28th Feb/1st March**. At the moment they are short of Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Instant Mash, Long Life juice, Long Life Milk. All other contributions are also very welcome as always.

Friends of Saint David Lewis

The next meeting of Friends of Saint David Lewis will be held at Our Lady of the Angels, at 2pm on Thursday 26th February 2015. Please bring a friend, ALL WELCOME.

Deanery Lenten Mass

The Lenten Mass for the our Deanery will be celebrated on Monday 16th March at Our Lady's and St Michael Church in Abergavenny at 7pm.

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 27 February 2015

Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on the poorest communities in the world right now. CAFOD works with local organisations to ensure that people are not only able to survive, but to thrive.

Every £1 donated by supporters this Lent, up to the value of £5million, will be matched by the UK Government! This means that even more of the world's poorest women, men and children will be able to cope with the effects of extreme weather.

Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week, and any donations received between Ash Wednesday and 17 May 2015 will be covered by UK Aid Match.

Thank you for your support.

WOMEN'S WORLD OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in Richmond Road Baptist Church on Friday, 6th March at 7pm. Theme: Praying for the Bahamas. All welcome

The Call, the Journey and the Mission

This short document from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is designed to help the faithful reflect and discern on marriage and family life in the context of our Catholic faith. Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked us to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the Extraordinary meeting of Bishops held in Rome in October 2014. The Call, the Journey and the Mission - An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to Reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life' offers background information, Scripture passages, quotes from Pope Francis and presents a series of questions to stimulate discussion and response on the key issues. More information to follow.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gerry Harper and Katie Price who died recently and also for their families. Katie's Funeral Mass is on Monday, 9th March at 11.15am in St David's and Gerry's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, 11th March at 12noon in Our Lady's

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Sometimes, for a moment

Sometimes, for a moment, I pause, in the midst of the troubles of the day; I close my eyes and ears, and for a moment I am happy; for I am not alone; You are there, my God.