

Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran

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Sunday 19th January 2014

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Psalter Week 2

First Reading Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Res: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will



Second Reading 1 Cor 1: 1-3

Gospel Reading: John 1: 29-34

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

Our Liturgy and Devotions for this week

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

Evening prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David’s	Wilf Higgins (TH)
	6.00pm	Our Lady’s	Rosaleen Murray (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Brian Draisey (RD)
	11.15am	St David’s	Robert Peacock (MP)
Monday	9.30am	Abbey	People of the Parish
	<u>12noon</u>	<u>Our Lady’s</u>	<u>Christian Unity Service</u>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David’s	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady’s	Mary Lee (St J Club)
Thursday	9.30am	St David’s	Tom Jordan (MB)
	11.30am	St David’s	Funeral Service for Patricia Purchase
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady’s	Rosarie Lavalle (MN)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David’s	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA)
	6.00pm	Our Lady’s	James Lennon (ML)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady’s	John Stead (PJ)
	11.15am	St David’s	Wellbeing of Carol Cowhig (St D School)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: Our Lady’s Church
9am -5pm

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At St David’s Church will
begin on Tuesday, 28th
January 10.00am -1.00pm

Wedding

Anniversaries

If any parishioners are celebrating a special wedding anniversary i.e. 25th 40th or 50th please inform Canon John a.s.a.p. so that a papal blessing

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday

Our Lady’s at 12noon-12.30pm

St David’s at 3.45pm -4.15pm

The next meeting of **Friends of Saint David Lewis** will be held in Saint Anne’s Room at Our Lady of the Angels on Thursday 30th January 2014. "ALL WELCOME"

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

CATECHESIS

Baptism Course: Tuesday, 21st & 28th January

The course continues this week on Tuesday, 21st January in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels at 7pm. If you would like to have your child baptised before Lent please sign up today. Please note no baptisms will take place during the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March 2014. Easter falls this year on the 20th April 2014.

First Reconciliation: 14th March 2014

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 27th January 2014 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. Forms are available from Our Lady of the Angels School and St David's School and for children who attend Non-Catholic Schools forms are available from Canon John

First Holy Communion

The first class will take place on Monday, 24th March 2014 in St Anne's room, Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.30pm. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Our Lady's on Saturday, 10th May 2014 at 10am and at St David's on Saturday, 17th May at 10am

Confirmation Wednesday, 4th June 2014

The meeting for parents and candidates will take place on Tuesday, 11th February 2014 at 6.00pm at Our Lady's.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 26th October 2015- 2nd November 2015

If you are interested please put your name on the list in the Church porch. Further details are in the church porch, we need the minimum of forty (40) names for it to take place. N.B. the dates are in October half-term 2015

What's on this week in the Parish

Our Lady's

Monday: 12.00noon Christian Unity Service

Tuesday: 2pm Social Club

Wednesday: 2.30pm UCM

St David's

Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday: 10am Choir Practice

Thursday: 10am Legion of Mary

Bill Hopper: Thursday 23rd January

will be playing the piano at the Porto Bar next to the Big Sleep, St Mary's Street Cardiff, on Thursday, 23rd January 2pm-6pm in aid of Cancer Research. The BBC is sponsoring the event. Entrance is free!

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£407.50
Non Gift Aid	£701.25
Gift Aid Standing Order	£117.12
Total giving this week	£1225.87
Mass Count 465	

Second Collection **this week** is for the White Flower Appeal (SPUC)

Second Collection **next week** is for the Mission Appeal

Mission Appeal

"The Missionaries of Africa" a.k.a. (The White Fathers), are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa...and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches."

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Holy Trinity
Monday 20th	12 noon	Our Lady's
Tuesday 21 st	7.00pm	Richmond Road
Wednesday 22 nd	12 noon	Cwmbran URC
Thursday 23 rd	7.00pm	Siloam Baptist Church
Friday 24 th	12 noon	Salvation Army
Saturday 25 th	8.00am	Walk
	9.00am	Breakfast Llanyrafon Methodist

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Purchase and Tom Crowley who died recently and for their family and friends

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