

**LORD
THAT I
MAY SEE!**



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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30th SUNDAY OF YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 2

"Master, let me see again."

All of Jesus miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message almost a parable behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus "love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

PSALM

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 46-52

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Teresa Young (HY): Marie McLaren (DC)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Paul Daly (B&JS) 30th Sunday of Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Jimmy Meaney (L&PM)The People of the Parish
Monday	<u>10.00am</u>	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Mary Kiely
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Alan Cook (L&PM)
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (SVP) Sts Simon and Jude
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Fr John Meredith (PP)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Mary Keany (E&SG)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	The People of the Parish ALL SAINTS
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (BL)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Paul Daly (BD)
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Jay Schumacher (D&MP)

WELCOME

We welcome Canon Eddie O'Connell who will be looking after the parish while Canon John is on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Canon Eddie can be contacted on 01633 482346. Deacon Peter will also be on pilgrimage.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Whitfield who died recently. Please pray also for his family and friends. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tues: St David's
10am -11.30am**

**Fri: Our Lady's:
9.30am-5.00pm**

RECONCILIATION

**Our Lady's
Sat 12.00-12.30pm**

**St David's
Sat 3.45-4.15pm**

Tea, coffee and a chat in St Anne's room after Mass every Sunday

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£424.60
Non Gift Aid	£720.71
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£ 1294.27
Mass Count:	493
World Mission Sunday	£583.04

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially George Whitfield, Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Phillip & Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Lilian Cody, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, Doreen Tubb, Mieczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Peggy Wells, Mary Crescenzi, Margaret Gallagher, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John James, Beryl James, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. and all who care for them.

Year of Mercy 2015-16: A Pilgrimage Companion

Booklets are available in the church porch at £1 each

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

On the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April 2015) the Holy Father, Pope Francis, published a Papal Bull entitled "Misericordiarum Vultus" (The Face of Mercy) declaring that from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this year until 20th November 2016 the Church will keep an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.

In the document the Pope Francis highlights that is mercy that makes God all-powerful and perfect. He says: ***"If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected."*** (MV21)

The Holy Year of Mercy is the perfect opportunity to heal such wounds and to reach out to those in need of reassurance and the loving Mercy that only God can provide through Reconciliation.

Pope Francis asked that all dioceses around the world designate a "Door of Mercy" at their cathedral, as more news becomes available regarding our cathedral we will make it available. In the meantime resources regarding this extraordinary Holy Year will be found on this page as the time draws closer.

Service of Memories:

Wednesday 11th November at 7pm in Our Lady's Church. We remember especially at this service parishioners who have died during the past year, and if you are a parishioner who has suffered from a bereavement in the past 12 months and the deceased lives outside of the parish please give their names to Beth Smith or the parish office (01633 482346)

World Mission Sunday -Thank you

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755

Archdiocesan Family Support Project

Archdiocesan 'Night of Light' Halloween Party October 31st

in St Aloysius Parish Hall, Gurnos, MT.

Family Advent Day! This year on **Saturday 28th November** in OLA parish Hall Cwmbran

Gen Verde

Gen Verde is an international performing Arts Group touring Great Britain and coming to South Wales in November. Their 'Start Now' Project is offered to young people of all abilities, cultural and social backgrounds to promote a culture of peace and solidarity in which every person is valued. This unique project is coming to Torfaen and the group will be working with Students St Alban's, West Mon and Croesyceiliog secondary schools who will be taking part in 3 days of workshops culminating in a 2 hour performance with the Group

Date: **November 12th** Time: **7:30**

Venue **The Newport Centre.**

Please take a flyer from the back of the Church for information about tickets. All are welcome

Piety Stalls at Our Lady's and St David's

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now on sale

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"The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. Against the background of the words Ave Maria the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul.... At the same time our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind: our personal concerns and those of our neighbour, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life.

Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)