



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

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SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2015

CHRIST THE KING YEAR B

PSALTER WEEK 2

"It is you who say I am a king."

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father". We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

PSALM

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

				<u>Christ the King Year B</u>
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Lewis John Deidun (SD)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	G Whitfield (J&BS)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW)	
	11.15am	St David's	November Dead Lists	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	November Dead Lists	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Fay & Jim Desmond (VW): Deceased Friends (CJG)	
Wednesday	5.00pm	St David's	Reception of Fr Gerald Cullen followed by Mass	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Maldwyn Lloyd (VL): November Dead List	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (D&MO'B): Jennifer Touhig (CM)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	The People of the Parish	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Anne Martin (MBM)	<u>1st Sunday of Advent Year C</u>
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving (Fraser)	
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Marie McLaren (SM)	

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

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral arrangements of Fr Gerry Cullen who died recently are:-
Wednesday 25th November St David's Church, Pontnewydd at 5pm
Reception of Body followed by Mass

Thursday 26th November
Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St David's Swansea at 12.30pm
followed by burial at Morryston Cemetery at 2.45pm

PAC

The PAC will meet on
Wednesday
25th November
at 7pm in
St Anne's room
at Our Lady's

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you from the UCM for your support for their recent cake, pickle and jam sale.

CHRIST THE KING – YOUTH SUNDAY

We welcome today Mrs Sheelagh McCool, Staff and Pupils of Our Lady's School who are joining us for Mass at 9.30am and Mrs Jaci Bates, Staff and Pupils of St David's School who will be joining us for Mass at 11.15am

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid	£406.50
Non Gift Aid	£768.75
Gift Aid Standing Order	£148.96
Total giving this week	£1324.21
Clergy Retirement Fund	£778.05
Mass Count:	491

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, Jean Olearczyk, Goff James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, 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, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John James, Beryl James, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Patricia Robins, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan and all who care for them.

CATECHESIS: Baptism Course

The Baptism course continues this week on Wednesday 25th November in St Anne's room at 6pm

Walk With Me: ADVENT 2015

This year 'Walk With Me' contemplates the mercy of God. The daily reflections are rooted in the Gospel and in Pope Francis' vision for the Holy Year. Each day is an opportunity to learn more of God's mercy and love, 'that is a wellspring of joy and serenity and peace.' (Pope Francis) In the introduction we read, 'By God's grace we reach out to others. Don't be afraid to share what Christmas means to you. Why not give a copy of *Walk With Me* to a friend, relative or work colleague?' **The booklet costs £1 per copy**

Year of Mercy 2015-16: A Pilgrimage Companion

Booklets are available in the church porch at £1 each

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

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are now on sale

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

This event is to be held in the **Ty Croeso centre (Llantarnam Abbey) on Saturday 12th December, between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm.** Coffee and mince pies or soup and roll included in entrance fee: **£2.50 (adult) £1.00 (child).** There will be home produce, toiletries, handcraft and Christmas goods on sale, plus a raffle. A guided tour of the Abbey will also be available. All are welcome.

Charity Concert

We have received a further £215 the total raised is now £1398.10

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phillip Hayton who died recently and for his family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be announced

Archdiocesan Family Support Project

Family Advent Day!

This year on Saturday 28th November in OLA parish Hall Cwmbran from 12.30pm-3.30pm. It is hoped that families will then join us for vigil Mass at 4.30pm in St David's Cwmbran- including the blessing of our Advent wreaths and presentation of symbols for the Jesse tree, and round the day off with a mince pie and a 'cuppa' in the meeting room at St David's after mass! There is no fee for this event but we are asking that people bring a food item for the food banks and there will also be a raffle!

Volunteers needed to help with the refreshments please.

8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

YEAR OF MERCY

On the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday (11th April 2015) the Holy Father, Pope Francis, published a Papal Bull entitled "Misericordiae 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.

As part of the celebration of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked that all dioceses around the world designate a "Door of Mercy" at their cathedral, and at churches of significance through the diocese. As the Year of Mercy coincides with the centenary of the Archdiocese, Archbishop George has named FIVE churches to house a "Door of Mercy". The locations have been chosen because of their significance to the founding of the Archdiocese of Cardiff:

St David's Cathedral, Cardiff - Mother Church of the Archdiocese

Belmont Abbey - Home to the Benedictine Monks who played a significant role in re-establishing the Faith within this part of Wales and Herefordshire, and pro-cathedral of the Diocese of Newport and Menevia

St. Mary's, Bridgend - One of the first Benedictine foundations in the Diocese

St. Mary's, Merthyr Tydfil - One of the first Benedictine foundations in the Diocese

St. Mary's, Newport - Original Rosminian foundation and intended home for the Bishops of Newport

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