



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID**

**CWMBRAN**

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

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

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**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**PSALTER WEEK 2**

Again we hear about the coming "Day of Christ", and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way" of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that all mankind shall see the salvation of God

**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 will go out, they will go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they will come back, they will come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

**PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK**

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Special Intentions (VU)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C</b>
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	George Whitfield (SVP)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Stella Smith (GS): Paul Daley (PT): Elsie & William Desmond (FJ)	
	11.15am	St David's	Fr Gerald Cullen (BB)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Margaret Jordan (PP)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish: <b>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM.</b>	
Wednesday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Paul Daley (Flower Arr.)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Frances Brown (sick) (JB&FB) <i>St John Roberts, Priest &amp; Martyr</i>	
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Allan John Cook (GS)	
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Olwyn Szymanski (CJ): Danny Ahern (M&J)	
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Hugh Williams (MW)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C</b>
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rose and Jack Clifford (MW)	<b>Gaudete Sunday</b>
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Elsie & Jack Coombes, Elizabeth & Joe (RJ)	

**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

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK END FOR: Our Lady and St David's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

Making a donation, however small, will enable the SVP to make a difference to the lives of people in real need, facing many forms of disadvantages.

**A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WILL BE TAKEN NEXT WEEKEND**

We welcome Mrs McCool, Staff and Pupils of Our Lady's School who are joining us today for the Advent Mass at 9.30am

**Catechesis**

**First Confession and Holy Communion Programme.**

The course commences on 11th January at 6pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's, the first meeting is for parents only. The child must be a baptised Catholic and the parent(s) Catholics also. If you wish to enrol your child on the programme please contact Canon John after the weekend Masses

The December edition of the Catholic People (free paper) is now available in the porch

**Your giving to your Parish: many thanks**

Gift Aid £381.20  
Non Gift Aid £653.72  
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96  
Total giving this week £ 1183.88  
Mass Count: 421

**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, Mel Pearce,  
Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney,  
John James, Beryl James, Michael Williams,  
Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Pat Mulligan and all who  
care for them.

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**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. All welcome**

**St Alban's R.C. High School Christmas Carol Service.**

This year's concert will be held in Our Lady of the  
Angels Church at 7pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.  
Everyone welcome.

**Advent Leading to Christmas**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve: St David's 6.pm**

**Our Lady's 9pm**

**Christmas Day: Our Lady's 9am**

**St David's 10.30am**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December: Boxing Day**

**Feast of St Stephen's, Patron of Altar Servers, Mass  
at 11.30am. New members will be enrolled in the  
Guild of St Stephen**

**NO EVENING MASSES IN EITHER CHURCH TONIGHT.**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Family**

**Our Lady's 9.30am**

**St David's 11.15am**

**8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016**

**YEAR OF MERCY**

**Invitation to receive and proclaim God's Love and Mercy**

On 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception, Pope Francis will open a Holy Year of Mercy.

**WHICH HOLY DOOR WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO THROUGH?**

**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

**Works to be performed for the Jubilee Year of Mercy Indulgence**

The requirements are as follows:

**For able-bodied Catholics**

Make a Pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors within your  
local area (diocese), or at one of the Papal Basilicas in  
Rome. Crossing through the Holy Door is a spiritual journey  
signifying "the deep desire for true conversion".

Go to Confession.

Receive the Holy Eucharist "with a reflection of mercy".

Make a profession of faith.

Pray for the Pope and his intentions.

**For the elderly, the confined and the sick**

By living their trial in life in a spirit of "faith and joyful  
hope".

Receiving the Eucharist.

Or by attending Mass or Community Prayer "even through  
the various means of communication" eg. on TV, radio,  
Internet

**THANK YOU FROM DEACON PETER**

Thank you for your prayers and best wishes after my recent  
operation.

**A Message of Thanks from the Cullen Family**

Thank you one and all for the many expressions of  
sympathy on the death of our dear brother Fr Gerald Cullen.  
For the priceless and timeless gift of so many Mass offerings  
and personal prayers on his behalf. May God reward you as  
only he knows how. It was heart-warming to have with us  
Archbishop George Stack, Canon John Griffiths and some  
other brother priests. Requiescat In Pace

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