

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 6TH MARCH 2016

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 4

"Your brother here was dead and has come to life."

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Israelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.

PSALM

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
 2nd Reading: 2Cor 5: 17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues: St David's
 10.00am -11.30am

Fri: Our Lady's:
 10.00am-5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
 Our Lady's
 12noon-12.30pm

St David's
 3.45pm-4.15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St David's: After Mass every Thursday.
 Our Lady's: After Mass every Friday.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am

Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Ellen, Pauline & Liam Keating: Francesco & Rosemary Spiteri
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Joseph Boillin (MH) 4th Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Gareth Compton & Arthur & Ethel Smith: Rose & Jack Clifford
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mary MacInnes (JM) <i>Sts Perpetual & Felicity, Martyrs</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Paddy Tracey (MM): George Facknell (M&DP) <i>St John of God</i>
	12noon	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Linda Delyse Davies
Wednesday	2.00pm	Our Lady's	Thanksgiving – Safe Delivery (VW)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Marie McLaren (MB)
Friday	9.00am	Our Lady's	Catherine and John Williams (VL)
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Veronica & Malcolm Southwood (LR): Chris Hume (JC)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Jean Olearczyk Ints (PJ) 5th Sunday of Lent Year C
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sullivan Family (KW): George Epler (BB)
	11.15am	St David's	Cy Jones (MM)

Our Lady's:
Church Cleaning
on Wednesday
23rd March at
9.00am: Can
you spare an
hour to help
make our church
look beautiful
for Easter?

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE HCPT APPEAL OUR DONATIONS AMOUNTED TO £1062.48

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

St David's Church: Missio Red Boxes

The Red Boxes are due to be emptied. Please leave them in the Piety stall.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

During Lent, as a Lenten exercise, Canon John has invited guest speakers to give talks relating to the "Year of Mercy" The next one will take place on Wednesday 9th March at 2.30pm in St Anne's room. The guest speaker is Steve Brookes, Justice of the Peace **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS TALK IN YOUR DIARY**

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

Gift Aid: £371.50
Non Gift Aid: £687.13
Gift Aid Standing Order £148.96
Total giving this week £1207.59
Mass Count: 453
HCPT Collection £1062.48
CAFOD £1458.31

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, 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, Mięczyslan Kopec, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Molly McDonald, Ian Werrett, Josie Mahoney, John and Beryl James, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Mary Evans, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Sr Thecla, Betty Lake, Mike Wickett and all who care for them.

Catechesis

First Confession and Holy Communion Programme

The course continues on Monday 7th March at 5pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's.

The next **Baptism Course** will commence on Wednesday 9th March, 6-7pm in St Anne's room at Our Lady's

GIFT AID SCHEME 2016-2017 Blue Boxes

Some members' numbers have been changed please take the box with **your name** on it. Your box should be in the church you usually attend but if it isn't **please do not** take someone else's but contact Carole Morgan, Parish Office 01633 482346 or Michael Loughlin at St David's

Week of Prayer and Awareness for Dementia

In this Year of Mercy the Annual Mass for people with Dementia and those who care for and minister to them will be celebrated by Archbishop George Stack on Wednesday, 16th March at 12noon in St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend. To book a seat on the coach please put your name on the list in the church porch

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SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Ty Croeso Llantarnam Abbey

Sunday 13th March, 11 am to 2 pm

Enjoy Coffee/Tea & Hot Cross Buns

On sale: Easter goods & Home produce also Raffle

Lenten FRIDAY: Cwmbran Churches Together Talks and Lunch are being held in Fairhill Methodist Church

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Study Leader</u>	<u>Church Providing Soup at 12noon</u>
11 th Mar	Methodist Minister	Richmond Rd
18 th Mar	Rev Harald Thomas	Roman Catholic

Lenten Station Mass

In this Centenary Year, Lenten Station Masses are being celebrated in churches which have Holy Doors. The nearest Station Mass to us is at **St Mary's Stow Hill, Newport** on **Monday, 14th March** at 7pm. The coach will leave St David's at 6pm and Our Lady's at 6.15 prompt. Please write your name and contact number on the list in the church porch.

Penitential Service

Friday 18th March at Our Lady's at 2.30pm -3.30pm
There will be visiting priests for confessions

Confessions during Holy Week

Our Lady's: Mon 21st March 5.30pm-6.30pm

Wed 23rd March 7.30pm -8pm

St David's: Tues 22nd March 10am -11am

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 23rd March** at 11.30am in St David's Cathedral, Charles St Cardiff.

Lent Leading To Easter

Palm Sunday: St David's: 4.30pm (Sat) & 11.15am

Our Lady's: 6.00pm (Sat) and 9.30am

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's

The collection during Mass is for Lenten Alms

Good Friday: 3pm at Our Lady's **and** at St David's

Retiring collection is for Holy Places.

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm at Our Lady's.

A parish celebration for Canon John's 60th birthday will be held in Our Lady's hall on Friday 8th April 7.30pm -11.00pm. If you haven't received your invitation please tell a member of the PAC. or contact the parish office (01633 482346) Please return your acceptance cards by Sunday 20th March 2016

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