



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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23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Psalter Week 3

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions

This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really "hate" our family to be the Lord's disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, "who can know the intentions of God?"

PSALM

You turn men back into dust and say "Go back, sons of men."

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.10am : Wed 9.40am : Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm

Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Carol Cowhig (A & BW) Francesco & Rosemary Spiteri
Sunday	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Pauline Scantlebury (B & JS)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Monday	11.15am	St David's	Bridie Strutt (MM)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	D C Matthew (JM)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Mary Lee (PL)
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Special Intentions (S & EG)
Thursday	2.00 pm	St David's	Sick & Housebound of the Parish Kathleen Powell (D & KF)
Friday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass Dennis Joseph Britton
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Lee Davies (AD)
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	D & DB Spencer (DS)
	11.15am	St David's	D & M Pearce Diamond Wedding

<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u>
St David's
10.00am – 11.30am
Our Lady's
9.30am – 5.00pm
<u>Confessions</u>
Our Lady's
12noon – 12.30pm
St David's
3.45pm – 4.15pm

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks
(Two Weeks)

Gift Aid:	£605.00
Non Gift Aid:	£1,444.24
Gift Aid Standing Order	-
Total giving two weeks	£2,049.24
Mass Count:	
21/8	422
28/8	451

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Tom and Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Lee, Peter Lee, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Margaret Gallagher, Doreen Hayton, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, Megan Donnelly, Peggy Wickett, Kathleen Eyre, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Patricia Robins, Mavis Thomas, Mel Pearce, Francis Connelly, Ian Werrett, Michael Williams, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Rev Anthony Tumulty O.S.B. Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John and Bridie Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Peggy Wells, Anne Savoury, Mary Ralph, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Fr Cronin and all who care for them.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA course starts on **Wednesday 12th October at 7pm** in St Anne's room at Our Lady's. Enrolment forms are in the church porches, when completed please give them to Canon John

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Anyone wishing to get married should give six (6) months' notice and must see the Parish Priest. It is advisable to ensure the church is available before booking a reception venue.

UCM

The UCM restarts after 10am Mass on Wednesday.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club restarts at 2.30pm from next Tuesday.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Please give your Mass intentions to Canon John. Please could you use the brown Mass intention envelopes which are available in the church porches.

If you know of anyone in the parish who is ill, in hospital or would appreciate a home visit at any time, please let Canon John know. Please do not assume he already knows.

Centenary Prayer Intention: 3RD/4TH September

We pray for the intention of the parish of Saint Patrick, Newport and Revd. Brian Cuddihy I.C., and Revd Eric Willett I.C., Rosminian Fathers also the Provincialate of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy

PARISH MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

A Mass for the Sick will be celebrated at St David's Church at 2pm on Thursday 8th September. Canon John will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass. Everyone is invited especially the housebound and sick. Light refreshments will be served in St Non's room after the Mass

Knights of St Columba Clergy/Laity Golf Tournament

This year's tournament will be held at Radyr Golf Club, Cardiff on 15th September 2016. Entry and sponsor forms can be obtained from the parish office.

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Quarterly Mass on Wednesday, 21st September 2016 at 7.30pm in Our Lady of the Angels Church, Cwmbran Main Celebrant: Rev Dom James Norris OSB, Chaplain to the UCM. Everyone welcome

SPUC 50th Anniversary Pro-Life Conference

23-25 September at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. See poster for details

Catholic Bible School - Autumn Dates

The Catholic Bible School has a fantastic line-up for the autumn.

The first event will be on **Saturday, 17th September** from 10am to 3pm at *St Philip Evans RC Church, Llanederyn Drive, Cardiff, CF23 9UL*. Directions to St Philip Evans can be found here.

Please see notice boards for further information.

Meeting for New Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a meeting for the new Eucharistic Ministers in St Anne's Room at 7pm on Monday 12th September.

Bon Voyage Deacon Peter

We say bon voyage to Deacon Peter as he begins his studies for the Priesthood at Allen Hall Seminary in London. He leaves us on 8th September and our prayers and good wishes go with him. We look forward, God willing, to his ordination to the Priesthood next summer.