



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID

CWMBRAN

(Registered Charity No. 242380)

Traditionally at Christmas the offerings are our gift to the Parish Priest.

Christmas envelopes are available at the back of both churches or in the box of collection envelopes.

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18th December 2016

4th Week of Advent Year A

Psalter Week 4

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the characters of Mary and Joseph, and hear of the circumstances surrounding the conception of the child Jesus, and the reaction of Joseph. This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the promise that the Messiah would come from that line. The link between the First Reading and the Gospel is quite explicit today, since Matthew actually quotes Isaiah. Joseph, descendant of King David, is invited to take his place in the great story of God's relationship with the Chosen people. There is great sense of a timeless mystery reaching its focal point, as that which was "promised long ago" (Second Reading) now takes flesh in the womb of Mary.

PSALM

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its people.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.
He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

				4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday	4.30pm 6.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Patricia Harnett (LA&DS) Rob MacKay (MAH)	
Sunday	9.30am 11.15am	Our Lady's St David's	Tom & Megan Cahill (JD) Louise & Jack James: Elsie, Jack, Elizabeth and Joe (RJ)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Francis Connolly (SV)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Patrick Devlin (MP)	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Marie Hall (SK)	
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jeremiah Desmond (VW), Brian Draisey (DFam)	
Christmas Eve	6.00pm 9.00pm	St David's Our Lady's	Lee Davies (AD) The People of the Parish	
Christmas Day	9.00am 10.30am	Our Lady's St David's	The Griffiths and McElroy Family The People of the Parish	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There will be no Adoration in either church next week or Christmas week.

Confessions
There will be no confessions on Saturday 24th or 31st December

**Tea, coffee & a chat in St Anne's Room
after Mass every Sunday**

Your giving to your Parish: Many Thanks

Gift Aid:	£387.80
Non Gift Aid:	£756.53
Gift Aid Standing Order:	£184.73
Total giving:	£1329.06
Mass Count :	459

Flower Collection :

OLA	£300.41
St David's	£312.82

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 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, 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, Carolyn Gallagher, Debbie Davies & all who care for them.

UCM Christmas Prize Draw

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas raffle, buying tickets and donating prizes. The amount raised was a fantastic £733.

Message from Sheila Spokes

I would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady and St David for their support and generosity again this year. We managed to send over 70 boxes to Operation Christmas Child and raised over £100 in cash donations. A fantastic effort – Well Done All!

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

'Syrian Families Refugee Fund'

In the light of the suffering being endured not least by children in Aleppo and Mosul, and in support of our attempts to care for Syrian refugee families coming to the Diocese, it is suggested that this year's crib offerings be designated for the 'Syrian Families Refugee Fund'. There will be an article on the Diocesan website shortly reflecting on this important work.

YEAR BOOKS (£3)

2017 Year Books are now available in both churches

Pilgrimage Prayer Intention 17th/18th December

Saint Joseph, Heath (Rosminian Fathers), Revd. Ambrose Maliakkal I.C., Revd. Edward Cody I.C., Brother Brian Butler I.C., Revd. Deacon Mark Howe, Heath University Hospital (Chaplain: Brother Brian Butler I.C.)

Archdiocese of Cardiff's Evangelisation Team

Miss Madeline Page has been appointed as a full-time Evangelisation & Education Officer and will take up her post in January. Madeline will divide her time administering the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies and the Welsh Church School Leadership Programme for two days a week, with three days supporting the Diocesan Evangelisation Team and associated adult education projects.

Vacancy for Temporary Foundation Class Teacher

Required for February 2017 at Our Lady and St Michael's Roman Catholic Primary School, Abergavenny. Please see notice board for full advertisement.

Advent Leading to Christmas

Confessions

Our Lady's

❖ **Monday 19th 2.30pm-3.30pm**

St David's

❖ **Tuesday 20th 10-11am**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

