



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID
CWMBRAN
(Registered Charity No. 242380)**

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

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*1st October 2017 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
Psalter Week 2*

"He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."

"Once a sinner, always a sinner." That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: "Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.10am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm
Rosary: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri after Mass: Wed BEFORE Mass Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

			26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Saturday	4.30pm	St David's	Margaret Gale (LR):
	6.00pm	Our Lady's	John McGuire (B&JS)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Joachim Spiteri (NW) Fred & Violet Faulkner (PT)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Marie McLaren (PMc) <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>
	11.00am	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Anthony Worthington
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
			27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Patricia & Kenneth Harnett (LA)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Joyce Maguire (P&JM)
Sunday	11.15am	St David's	Diane Hussey (BB)

<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> St David's: There will be no Exposition until October 17th. Our Lady's: Friday 8.00am -5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> Our Lady's: Saturday 11am -11.30am St David's: Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm
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Comboni Missionaries Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr Rafal Leszczynski who will make an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries.
Second Collection this weekend is for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR CAFOD

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

Gift Aid: £358.20
Non Gift Aid: £573.26
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13
Total giving this week : £1129.59
Mass Count: 402

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially Mostyn Crowley, Joyce Thomas, Hazel McCarthy, John Kane, Mary Lee, Jean Olearczyk, Goff & Rose James, Mary Reilly, Bill Gale, Pauline Duval, Barbara Berger, George Powell, Trevor Jenkins, Mavis Thomas, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Betty Lake, Derek Miller, John Rainsford, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Anne Savoury, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Lilian Whatley, Robert Davies, John Martin, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis & Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Pauline Loughlin, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Sophie Weightman, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Helen Crowley, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley and all who care for them.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

RCIA Course

The RCIA course continues in St Anne's room on Monday 2nd October at 7pm – 8.30pm. **Please note change of day.**

RED BOXES

Would all parishioners who subscribe to the Red Box Scheme please return their boxes to Rita Draisey (OLA) and Suzanne Spiteri (St D) so they can be emptied. This is earlier than the normal collection so that all old £1 coins are banked before October when they are to be withdrawn. Thank you for your cooperation.

Poppy Day Appeal

Following the launch of the Poppy Day Appeal, the Royal British Legion Branch in Pontnewydd is seeking volunteers to man various sales stalls set up around the Town centre. The proceeds from the Poppies have supported so many people over the years and continues to do so. If you are willing and able to help please contact the Royal British Legion Secretary Martin Davies on 07887 947177

"When Christ's hands were nailed to the Cross, he also nailed our sins to the Cross

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

SVP AWARENESS MONTH

September is SVP Awareness Month.

Please see the posters in the church porches over the next four weeks. These show a different aspect each week of the society's work. Should you want any further information on the SVP in our parish or the work we do, please do not hesitate to contact a member if you know one, or David, our president on 01633 838542.

400 years of the Charism of St Vincent de Paul

You are invited to celebrate 400 years of the Charism of St Vincent de Paul on Saturday 14th October 2017. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 pm by Archbishop George Stack and Fr Paul Roche CM. At the end of Mass there will be short presentations from some of the 'Vincentian Family' including some of the youngest members. Refreshments will follow opposite at The Cornerstone.

The seeds that grew the golden harvest?

Imagine this. You live on a beautiful mountainside. You have a farm. It's everything to you - your harvest will feed your family, you will sell some of it to buy medicine, you might give some in exchange for clothes for your children. It will also give you the seeds you need to grow crops again next year. So when you are offered special golden seeds that will give you a bigger, better crop that is more beautiful than any before, you are so happy.

You plant your fields with these new seeds. And buy the special feed to make them grow better. And then the special pesticide to keep the bugs away.

The rains come, as expected. And, as can happen, they continue. For weeks. The beautiful golden crop bends and breaks and rots in the field before your eyes. This nightmare isn't a fairytale. Harvest time became a nightmare in El Salvador. It was the reality for Edelmira and Martir in El Salvador. The family invested so much, only for their crop to rot in the field because it couldn't cope with the rain. They were saved, not by a new high-tech seed. But by the seeds that came from their ancestors.

Please make a donation to our Family Fast Day Appeal
How you helped save the harvest

CAFOD's partner in the area knew about the problems with the golden seeds. Their experts knew of native seeds that wouldn't have the same issues. The corn from this seed isn't golden. But it is strong. It can stand up when the rains continue for months. It can withstand the hot tropical sun. It is an unlikely hero, but it will give Edelmira food to feed her children, money to buy them medicine – a future for her family. These seeds were given to people like Edelmira, as well as training on how to make her own fertiliser and natural pesticides. Such work is not possible without your generous donations at Harvest. You helped Edelmira. Will you help more farmers grow a crop that can support their family?

CAFOD Gift Aid envelopes are available in both churches
Second Collection Next Weekend 7/8th October is
CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal

