



**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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*31<sup>st</sup> December 2017    The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B    Psalter Week 1*

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)*

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more "dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called "hidden years" - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 9.40am

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tom & Doreen Probert (JA): Teddy Murphy
	11.15am	St David's	Sr Pauline (Srs NL): Frank McAllister (PJ)
Monday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Sarah Williams (TG)
Tuesday	10.00am	St David's	<u>The People of the Parish</u> <u>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</u>
Wednesday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Sr Canisius (SrsMJ&S)                      St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops
Thursday	10.00am	St David's	Ints Sr Denise (PL)
Friday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Chris Shigley (L&SR)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Ida Lanza (M&VN)
			John Rainsford (BFam)
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	<u>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Vincent & May Armstrong (JA): Danny Aherne (J&MH)
	11.15am	St David's	Kath Powell & Christopher Drury (K&DF)
			Robert Peacock

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in St David's on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and in Our Lady's on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Our Lady's at 11.00am-11.30am, St David's at 4.15pm-4.45pm

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK IS FOR RETIRED CLERGY FUND  
AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MORNING IN OUR LADY'S AND ST DAVID'S**

Your giving to your Parish:  
many thanks

Gift Aid:	£265.55
Non Gift Aid:	£538.46
Gift Aid Standing Order:	£198.13
Total giving this week :	£1002.14

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, Derek Miller, Sean Gilgunn, Barbara Pold, Eileen Dickens, Anne Savoury, Pat Parfitt, Sr Celsus, Carolyn Gallagher, Christopher Mulcahy, Sr Mary James, Angela Hanlon, Gerry Scully, Robert Davies, John Martin, Nora MacDonnell, Ann Pitchforth, Phyllis & Reg Whatley, Phoebe Dunn, Sabina Fisher, John & Beryl James, Luke Smith, Becky James, Kay Donavon, Joan Sweeney, Joyce & Jim Sheehy, Sam Spokes, John Adams, Helen Crowley, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Betty Brennan, Keith Shepherd, Iverna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine and all who care for them.

First Reconciliation

The first class for parents and children will take place on Monday, 15th January 2018 in St Anne's room at Our Lady of the Angels Church at 5.00pm. Forms are available from Our Lady of the Angels School and St David's School and for children who attend Non-Catholic Schools forms are available from Canon John. Please indicate on your form in which church your child will be making his/her First Holy Communion.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January:	RCIA Course 7pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January:	Tuesday Club 2pm
" " :	SVP (St Non's room) 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January:	UCM 11.30am
" " :	Prayer Group 7.30am

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND  
6/7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Due to the inclement weather, we were unable to take this collection at Our Lady's and St David's on Sunday morning. The collection will be taken at both Masses on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Christmas Crib Offerings

The offerings at the crib this year will be given to support Welfare Charities for Children in Wales which help children at risk and in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support.

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all who prepared and celebrated Christmas: - The Church Cleaners and Flower Arrangers; Musicians and Singers; the Welcomers and Altar Servers; Sacristans and Linen-washers; Ministers of the Word and of Communion; and all who in many ways prepared, participated, and joyfully celebrated the Feast.

A big thank you from Canon John for the very generous Christmas offerings, and the numerous gifts, Christmas cards and kind wishes. Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes for the New Year.

New Year's Day 2018

Mass is at 11am, can I encourage as many of you as possible to come and pray for God's Blessing for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you and praying with you on this day.  
Canon John

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Claire Joyce who died recently and we offer our condolences to her family.

*Wishing everyone a very Happy and a  
Peaceful New Year  
From  
Canon John*