



**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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21st January 2018

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Psalter Week 3

"Repent and believe the good news!"

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Fri 9.10am Thurs & Sat 9.40am		Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)	
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Margaret, Teresa & John Lynch
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Teodora Delasas Barabag (BD)
	11.15am	St David's	Joe Hennessey (TD)
	6.00pm	Holy Trinity	Christian Unity Service at Holy Trinity Pontnewydd.
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Rainsford (RD) <i>St Vincent, Deacon</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	O'Donoghue Family (SH)
	7.00pm	Our Lady's	Christian Unity Service led by Fr Peter McLaren
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Frank McAllister (B&JS) <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor</i>
Thursday	10.00am	St David's	Sarah Williams <i>The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)</i>
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Helen Crowley (MC): Private Intentions PP: <i>Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Pam Symonds (CM) <i>St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Chris Shigley (S&LR)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kenneth Williams (MW)
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tuesday
10am-11.30am

Our Lady's: Friday
8.am -5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
Our Lady's: 11-11.30am

St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **this weekend**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SPUC'S WHITE
FLOWER APPEAL**

Your giving to your Parish:
many thanks

Gift Aid: £393.00
Non Gift Aid: £660.63
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13
Total giving this week : £1311.76
Mass Count: 422

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, Barbara Berger, Trevor Jenkins, Mavis Thomas, Joan Lawrence, Mel Pearce, Ian Werrett, Pat Mulligan, Violet Thomas, Frances Brown, Fr Michael Cronin, Derek Miller, Sean Gilgunn, 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, Anthony Osbourne, Rose Jones and all who care for them.

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation classes continue on **Monday 22nd January**: Our Lady's pupils will meet in the parish hall at 5pm-5.45pm and on **Wednesday 24th January** St David's pupils will meet in St Non's room, St David's Church at 5pm-5.45pm.

RCIA Course

The RCIA course continues in St Anne's room on **Monday 22nd January from 7pm – 8.30pm**.

Prayer Group

You are invited to St Anne's room on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** for the weekly prayer meeting. Please bring a bible.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The prayer group meet on **Thursday mornings** after Mass in St David's.

Requiescat in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of George Powell who died recently and we offer our condolences to Kath, Derek and the family. George's Funeral Mass will be on **Friday 9th February at 12.15pm In Our Lady's**

Spirituality & Dementia Project

The Catholic Bishops of England & Wales (Mental Health Fund) have awarded funding to the Cardiff Archdiocese's **Spirituality & Dementia Project** to help raise awareness of Dementia and the spiritual needs of those living with it. The two-year project aims to make the Cardiff Archdiocese a Dementia Friendly Community; for the benefit of all our parishes, parishioners and communities. It is for the deaneries, and consequently individual parishes, to experience the Dementia Friends Awareness session (2018) and to gain an appreciation of the Spiritual needs of those living with dementia (2018-19); including the provision of resources. Sr Susan Armond (Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy) and Joanne White (Archdiocesan Family Life Worker) are working collaboratively on this project with the support of His Grace, Archbishop Stack. As trained Dementia Friends Champions, Joanne and Sr Susan are offering free one-hour Dementia Friends information sessions across the archdiocese during 2018; these sessions are for anyone interested in finding out more about dementia and are open to anyone living within our archdiocese (whether Catholic or not). If you are living with dementia or working with those who are, would like to attend and or host a session or are a Dementia Friend/Champion we would love to hear from you; please contact Joanne White at parenting@rcadc.org

Scheduled 1-hour Dementia Friends sessions in the parish

Wednesday 24th January 11.30am in St Anne's room or Tuesday 6th February at 6.30pm in St Non's room

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January

Sunday	6pm	Holy Trinity
Monday	12pm	Richmond Road Baptist
Tuesday	7pm	Our Lady's
Wednesday	12noon	Fairhill Methodist Church
Thursday	7pm	Salvation Army

See poster on the noticeboard for further information

The service to be held in Our Lady's at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd January will be led by Father Peter McLaren.

Please make a note in your diaries. Please make every effort to come along to this service.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Aid to the Church in Need extend their thanks for your support to the Appeal made on 19th November. £670.83 was received in donations, £122.50 from the sale of goods and a further £35.47 will be claimed from Gift Aid. **Therefore a grand total of £828.80.** 13 Children's Bibles were sold which means another 39 children will receive their free Bible for the first time. **May God bless you all in the Parish of Our Lady and St David, Cwmbran**