



**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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28th January 2018

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Psalter Week 4

Racial Justice Sunday

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9.10am & Sat 9.40am

Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Chris Shigley (S&LR)	4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kenneth Williams (MW)	
	11.15am	St David's	Annis Mulgrew (TPH&JS)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sr Denise's ints (Srs NL): Private intention (VW)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	The People of the Parish	
	12.15pm	St David's	Funeral Service for David Lawler	
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Eucharistic Service	St John Bosco
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	John Rainsford (L&PM): Ints of Mel and Diane Pearce (UCM)	
Friday	8.45am	Our Lady's	Funeral Service for Connie Pugh	The Presentation of the Lord
	12.30pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Pauline Duvall	
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Wellbeing of Rosa Jones (PP)	St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Private Intention (BC)	5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Michael McClenchy (PL): Phillip Richards (TS)	
	11.15am	St David's	Clare Joyce (TG)	

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

St David's: Tuesday
10am-11.30am

Our Lady's:
Friday 2nd February,
there will be no
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament today.

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturday
Our Lady's: 11-11.30am

St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Lenten Station Mass

Archbishop George Stack will celebrate his first Station Mass of this Lent in Our Lady's on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm. Priests and parishioners of our Deanery, North Gwent, will be joining us. Please make a note in your diaries.

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

Gift Aid: £366.35
Non Gift Aid: £630.26
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13
Total giving this week: £1254.74
White Flower Collection: £649.73

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, Brian Gingell, Stella Bradley, Meryl Davies, Gaynor Avery, Betty Brennan, Keith Shepherd, Iverna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine, Anthony Osbourne, Rose Jones, John Scott, Michael Egan and all who care for them.

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation classes continue on Monday, Our Lady's pupils will meet in the parish hall at 5pm-5.45pm and on Wednesday St David's pupils will meet in St Non's room, St David's Church at 5pm-5.45pm. It is very important that parents support their children in attending meetings and are reconciled themselves with the Church and attend Mass with their children on either Saturdays or Sundays. "Faith is caught not taught"

RCIA Course

The RCIA course continues in St Anne's room on Monday 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.

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Crowley and Connie Pugh who died recently and we offer our condolences to both families.

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
Tuesday 6th February at 6.30pm in St Non's room**

SPUC

Please call on the Welsh government to reject proposals to use public money to provide abortions to women in Northern Ireland "free of charge" in Wales. Tell the Secretary for Health that abortion is not healthcare. It is an act of lethal violence directed at an unborn child and the impact on women's health can be devastating. Write to: Women and Children's Health Branch, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ. or email to: womenshealth@gov.wales
Please act now Deadline for submission is 9th February 2018

Mass in Welsh

Yr Offeren yn Gymraeg. Mass in Welsh at St Teilo's on Sunday January 28th at 4 30pm; all welcome. Croeso cynnes i bawb. carys@caerdelyn.com

**Wales and the Marches Catholic History
Society**

Our next talk will be at St. David's RC Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff on Sunday February 4th at 3 pm Speaker Dr. Robert Matthews: Roman Catholicism in South Wales at a time of persecution 1559 - 1679 Dr. Robert Matthews lectures in Early Modern History at the Open University, and specialises in 16th and 17th century religious history. His MA and PhD degrees were both on Roman Catholicism in Monmouthshire in the 17th century. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Further details from Tricia Coulthard: 029 2059 5899