



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

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION  
THIS WEEKEND**

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

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*7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Year B Psalter Week 2*

*"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."*

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

***PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK***

**Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.10am, Sat 9.40am**

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	<b>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Vincent & May Armstrong (JA): Danny Aherne (J&MH)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kath Powell & Christopher Drury (K&DF): Ints John Kane (JR)
	11.15am	St David's	Robert Peacock
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	<b>The People of the Parish</b> <span style="float:right"><b>The Baptism of the Lord, Feast</b></span>
<b>ORDINARY TIME –WINTER. YEAR II PSALTER WEEK1</b>			
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	K & P Melody (O'B)
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Ints Pat Jones (VW&PJ)
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Ints Jo & Rees Parlow (AB)
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Sr Pauline (PL)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	John Flynn (S&EG)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B</b>			
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Teddy Murphy
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Thomas & Mary Morris (BB)

***Exposition of the  
Blessed  
Sacrament***

St David's: Tuesday  
10.00am-11.30am  
  
Our Lady's: Friday  
8.00am -5.00pm

***Sacrament of  
Reconciliation***

Our Lady's: 11am-11.30am  
  
St David's: 4.15pm-4.45pm

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS  
FOR THE RETIRED CLERGY FUND**

***WELCOME***

We extend a warm welcome to Dale Cutlan who will be on a pastoral placement with Canon John from Monday for a month. Dale is a seminarian of the Archdiocese and is studying for the Priesthood at the Royal English College in Vallalolid, Spain

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

Gift Aid: £395.10  
Non Gift Aid: £642.29  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £198.13  
Total giving this week : £1235.52  
Mass Count:

***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, 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

***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.

***Lay Ministers for Funerals***

A number of parishes have nominated lay people who will be authorised to conduct funerals without Mass having been delegated by the parish priest. These people have undergone an extensive formation and will be commissioned by Archbishop George Stack in their own parishes and a formal communication will be sent to the local Funeral Directors. The latter will not contact the lay people directly, but will make the usual arrangements through the parish. The lay ministers will then be involved in the planning of the funeral and in bereavement ministry. **For our parish, Lynne Roberts, Carole Morgan and Des Robertson will be commissioned during Mass at Our Lady's by Archbishop George Stack on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Everyone welcome**

***The Gospel of Mark***

During Ordinary time we are offered the bulk of the Gospel of Mark during the Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday Eucharist. There are some significant characteristics of Mark's Gospel worth noting. It is the briefest of the Gospels and has few long passages –Jesus is always in action – the phrase "at once" or "immediately" crops up time and again. There is a real lack of understanding of who Jesus is in the gospel. The crowds are simply "amazed" or "astonished", the disciples never really understand and are frequently berated by Jesus for their lack of perception. It is only the evil spirits who know who Jesus is until the centurion confesses it at the crucifixion. It seems likely that Mark's Gospel was written for a community that experienced hardship, perhaps persecution, and the stark nature of the Gospel offers no romantic glow but a severe sense of reality; that is why Mark's Gospel is often the Gospel that addresses most effectively the struggles and difficulties of life for the faithful.

***In Hospital or Moving to a Care home?***

Please inform **Canon John** ASAP if you know of anyone being admitted to hospital, moving into a care home or who has become housebound through illness. Please remember also to update the parish office with new addresses and telephone numbers; it is essential that Canon John has the correct information when called out to a sick person.

***SPUC White Flower Appeal***

The Appeal will take place on 20/21st January

***Epiphany Prayer***

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence,  
where we may see your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**