



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

Stations of the Cross
After Mass on Thursdays
and Fridays during Lent.

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

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18th February 2018

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Psalter Week 1

"Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him."

We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this "new and eternal Covenant in his blood". He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite "having been tempted in every way that we are".

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

Stations of the Cross: Fri 10.00am

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Hazel Keohane (MPK): Ints of Ruby and Gerard King (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kevin Moran (BB) <u>1st Sunday of Lent</u>
	11.15am	St David's	Mary, Brid & Fred Strutt (MM)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Rita McElhatron (MB): Austin & Mary Pearse (UR)
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	Stephen Healey (M&JH): John Werret (BW)
Wednesday	<u>7.00pm</u>	<u>Our Lady's</u>	<u>Lenten Station Mass</u>
Thursday	12.15pm	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Rosa Jones <u>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</u>
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Pauline Duvall (SVP): George Powell (AO'D)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Helen Crowley (PJ)
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Lee Davies (AD): Whatley Family (W) <u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u>
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Clare Joyce (CJ)
	11.15am	St David's	Luigi & Bice Bragazza (MB)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St David's: Tuesday
10am-11.30am
Our Lady's: Friday
8am-5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.

Parish Lenten Talk: Tuesday 20th February

Canon John has invited Fr Nick James to give a talk on St Mark's Gospel, which is the Gospel of Liturgical Year B, on Tuesday 20th February at 2.30pm in St Anne's room. Please make a note in your diaries.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

Your giving to your Parish:
many thanks

Gift Aid: £378.50
Non Gift Aid: £592.49
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13
Total giving this week: £1229.12
Mass count: 448

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, 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, Ivorna Ward, Fr Kevin Paine, Anthony Osbourne, John Scott, Michael Egan and all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion classes continue after half-term

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes will commence on Tuesday 27th February 6-7pm in St Anne's room.

RCIA Course

Would the candidates and catechumens please meet at Our Lady's Presbytery at 1.15pm on Sunday, 18th February to travel to the Cathedral in Cardiff. The course continues on Monday in St Anne's room from 7pm - 8.30pm.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

Lenten Alms

This year the Lenten Alms will be directed towards the Archdiocesan Syrian Families Refugee Fund.

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of John Martin and Mavis Thomas who died recently and we offer our condolences to their families

TY CROESO CENTRE, LLANTARNAM ABBEV

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection as we begin our **LENTEN JOURNEY** on **Saturday 24th February 2018**
Arrivals for Coffee 10.00 - 3.30 pm **£10.00 for the day**
All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch!
To book please confirm: **by phone 01633 867317** or
e mail: tycroeso@talktalk.net

Churches Together Community Litter pick
Pontnewydd Area

To take place every 1st Saturday (3rd March), meeting at Richmond Road Baptist Church to start 10am, after a short prayer we go out for just 1 hour meeting back for Tea/Coffee and biscuits at 11am. Churches Together Hi Viz jackets, pickers, bags, "bag rings" and gloves are provided. All we ask is for volunteers to wear weather appropriate clothing.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 23 February

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk [and a copy is on our parish noticeboard].

Churches Together Cwmbran: Lent

This year's Lent Study and lunches will be held in Richmond Road Baptist Church, every Friday during Lent. The Bible study will start at 11am and lunch will be served between 12noon and 1.15pm. See poster for details.

Afternoon Tea

There will be Afternoon Tea in Our Lady's Church Hall on Sunday 25th March from 3pm until 5pm
There will be entertainment provided by members of Young Venture Players. All proceeds go to HCPT Group 97 for the Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.
Tickets available from Sheila Spokes or Rosie O'Donnell £7.50 per person.

Dementia Prayer Week March 12th-19th 2018

Here in the Archdiocese of Cardiff an Annual Mass has been celebrated during Dementia Prayer Week for over 5 years now and this year it is to be celebrated in Our Lady & St Michael's church in Abergavenny on Wednesday March 14th at 2pm.