



**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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25th February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Psalter Week 2

"This is my Son, the Beloved."

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

Stations of the Cross: Thurs & Fri 10.00am

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| Saturday | 5.00pm | St David's | Lee Davies (AD): Whatley Family (W) | 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Clare Joyce (CJ) | |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Luigi & Bice Bragazza (MB) | |
| Monday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Ints Morgan Family (CM): Pauline Duvall (TD&KP) | |
| Tuesday | 12.45pm | Our Lady's | Funeral Mass John James Martin | |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Our Lady's | John Rainsford (T Fam): Mike Regan (UCM) | |
| Thursday | 9.30am | St David's | The People of the Parish | St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales |
| | 2.00pm | Our Lady's | Polish Funeral Service for Maria Wojtowicz | |
| Friday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Helen Crowley (CJ): Rosa Jones (Tues C) | |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Our Lady's | Ann Poulson (SVP) | |
| Saturday | 5.00pm | St David's | Gerard & Marian Rosser (M&PL): Veronica & Malcolm Southwood (LR) | |
| Sunday | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Eileen McClenchy (PL): Doris Bashen (FJ) | 3 rd Sunday of Lent |
| | 11.15am | St David's | Clare Joyce (KP&TD) | |

*Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament*

St David's: Tuesday
10.30am-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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MASS
ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

URGENT APPEAL FOR A SACRISTAN

Would anyone in St David's Church take over the role of Sacristan, training will be given. Please see Canon John

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
IS FOR CAFOD LENT

Your giving to your Parish:
many thanks

Gift Aid: £405.50
Non Gift Aid: £646.44
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13
Total giving this week: £1310.07
Mass count: 373

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, 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, John Scott, Michael Egan and all who care for them.

CATECHESIS

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion classes will start this week. **Monday 26th February** for Our Lady's pupils, in the parish hall from 5pm-5.45pm.

Wednesday 28th February for St David's pupils in St Non's room, St David's Church from 5pm-5.45pm.

RCIA Course

The course continues on **Monday** in St Anne's room from **7pm - 8.30pm**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

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

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March 2018 at 7pm in URC. Everyone welcome.

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Wojtowicz and Eileen Dickins who died recently and we offer our condolences to their families

Churches Together Cwmbran: Lent

This year's Lent Study and lunches will be held 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.

Congratulations Canon John V.F.

Canon John has been unanimously elected as Dean by the priests of the North Gwent Deanery and Archbishop George confirmed his appointment on Wednesday. This is due to Fr Kevin Paine relinquishing the post due to ill-health. Please pray for Fr Kevin.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm in Our Lady's
Good Friday the Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Our Lady's at 2.30pm

St David's at 4pm

Please note the times of Good Friday services

Holy Saturday Night: The Easter Vigil at 7pm in Our Lady's

Wales and the Marches Catholic History
Society

Our next talk at St. David's RC Sixth Form College, Tygwyn Rd., Cardiff **Sunday March 4th 2018 at 3pm**

Mary Sullivan and the Newtown Association "Little Ireland" - the story of Newtown and the Newtown Association. This will be a joint presentation by Mary and her Committee and should be of great interest to the many Catholics in Cardiff with Irish roots. ALL ARE WELCOME For further details please contact: Tricia Coulthard - 02920 595 899 or email triciacoulthard@outlook.com

Divine Mercy

On Monday 26th February 2018, two Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which is the religious order to which St. Faustina Kowalska belonged, will be visiting the Diocese on the afternoon/evening of **Monday 26th February** and will visit three parishes to talk about St. Faustina, Divine Mercy, and to join us for a period of prayer. They will be visiting: **St. Mary's, Stow Hill, Newport - 1:00pm-4:30pm**

National Novena to St Joseph

The **National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10-18 March 2018 at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead** and at **Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool**. You are invited to send in your petitions and /or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

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.