



**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*

*Lenten Station Mass  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
at 7pm in Our Lady's*

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*11<sup>th</sup> February 2018      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B      Psalter Week 2  
World Day for the Sick and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed*

**"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."**

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

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

Morning Prayers: Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.10am: Sat 9.40am		Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)	
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	David Lawler (M&PL)      6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Burnett (AB): Michael Kopec (SK)
	11.15am	St David's	Ken, Diane & Tony Webb (AW)
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Peggy Wicket (M&MW): Frank McAllister (RD)
Tuesday	10.45am	Our Lady's	Funeral Mass for Helen Crowley
	2.00pm	St David's	Mass for the Sick and housebound
			<b>THE SEASON OF LENT</b>
Wednesday	9.30am	Our Lady's	John Rainsford (B&JS)      Ash Wednesday: Day of fast and abstinence
	7.00pm	St David's	The People of the Parish
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Christopher Corner (A&MC): Tom & Eileen Fleming (KD)
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Clare Joyce (SVP): Ints of Sr Denise (PL)
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Agnes Kiervan (S&EG)
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Hazel Keohane (MPK): Ints of Ruby and Gerard King (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish      1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
	11.15am	St David's	Mary, Brid & Fred Strutt (MM)

<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
St David's: Tuesday 10am-11.30am	Saturday Our Lady's: 11-11.30am
Our Lady's: Friday 8am-5pm	St David's: 4.15-4.45pm

***Baptism: St David's 11.15am***

We welcome into our parish family Clare Leonora Keenan and congratulate her parents as she begins her Faith journey

**Ash Wednesday: Day of fast and abstinence Mass Times 9.30am OLA and 7pm St David's**

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

Gift Aid: £344.30  
Non Gift Aid: £575.11  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £258.13  
Total giving this week: £1177.54  
Mass count: 369

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

***CATECHESIS  
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.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in Our Lady's**

***The Sacrament of Confirmation***

The first meeting for candidates for Confirmation and their parents/carers will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6pm in Our Lady's Church**. Candidates for confirmation should be year 8 (12) or older. Classes will commence on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm in St Anne's room.

***RCIA Course***

The RCIA course continues in St Anne's room on **Monday from 7pm – 8.30pm. Rite of Election, First Sunday of Lent, 18 February 3pm St. David's Cathedral**

***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.

***Lenten Station Mass***

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

***Pilgrimage to Rome May 2018  
with Fr Kevin's Parish***

The date for the pilgrimage is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Cost £849.00 per person. An extra charge is applicable for single rooms. A bus to and from Bristol airport is available at a cost of £40.00 per person. See notice board for details. Anybody who is interested can contact Mandy Lovell: Telephone 07739902699 Email [mandylovel67@outlook.com](mailto:mandylovel67@outlook.com).

***Churches Together Community Litter pick***

To take place every 1st Saturday (3rd March), meeting at RRBC 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.

***Where are our young people?***

How can we help young people on their journey with Christ? How do we engage with the young people in our parish? What are young people searching for? Ben Aldridge, Youth Chaplain at St Mary's in Hereford, in conjunction with the Evangelisation department will be speaking in Cardiff to address these issues. Ben will be sharing his experiences as a young person, a youth worker and a school Chaplain. Monday February 12th, 7:30pm - 9pm, Pastoral Resources Centre (in the grounds of St Illtyd's High School, CF3 1XQ). Directions: <http://www.tinyurl.com/rcadcprc>  
For more information, please email [madeline.page@rcadc.org](mailto:madeline.page@rcadc.org) or call 029 2036 5965.

***Adoremus Preparation Day***

St David's Catholic College, Cardiff, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 10.30am -15pm. Please see notice on the board for details.

***Lenten Alms***

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

***Divine Mercy Prayer Group***

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

***Pauline Duvall, Funeral donations***

Thank you to the family and friends of Pauline who donated a generous £372 to the Church Restoration Fund