



**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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**9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B Psalter Week 3  
PARISH LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Morning Prayers: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri at 9.10am, Sat 9.40am Evening Prayer: Fri 4.40pm.  
Divine Mercy Devotions: Fri 3pm (OLA)

Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Lee Davies (AD)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mel Pearce (AB&DD)	
	11.15am	St David's	Rabiotti Family (PR)	
Monday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Jeeo Tediose (HC)	
Tuesday	9.30am	St David's	John & Patricia Gillette (CG)	St Deiniol, Bishop
Wednesday	11.00am	Our Lady's	Angela Hanlon (AB&DD)	Most Holy Name of Mary
	3.30pm	Crematorium	Funeral Service for Bernard Naughton	
Thursday	9.30am	St David's	Mel Pearce	St John Chrysostom, Bishop
Friday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ints Morgan Family: Maureen & Harold Pritchard: Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
Saturday	10.00am	Our Lady's	Peggy Clack (A&JC)	Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday	5.00pm	St David's	Maurice, Tim & Jack Williams (VL): Mel Pearce (AD)	
Sunday	9.30am	Our Lady's	Angela Hanlon (E&SG): Ints John Kane (PP) 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B	
	11.15am	St David's	The People of the Parish	

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament                      Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
St David's: Tuesday - 10am-11.30am                      Our Lady's: Saturday 11.00am – 11.30am  
Our Lady's: Friday - 8am -9am: 10am-5pm                      St David's: Saturday 4.15-4.45pm

**The Parish Mission Prayer**

**We pray for our parish mission  
that we continue to build a parish community in  
which we recognise,  
Christ with us, before us and behind us.  
Christ in every word that we speak  
and in everyone that we meet.  
May the love of God be among us,  
the life of Jesus guide us  
and the power of the Spirit flow through us. Amen**

**Parish Mission 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**  
Please invite your family and friends to come along with you.

**Today is Education Sunday**

Education Sunday is the special time of year when our Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform.

**Parish Mission Social Evening**

**If you are planning to attend please let us know ASAP as the Caterers need the final numbers  
You can put your name and total number in your party in the baskets in the church porches or ring Carole Morgan 07925813174  
or email [cwmbbranadmin@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbbranadmin@virginmedia.com)  
Buffet, Tea & Coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring your own drinks and glasses but we ask that you please take your bottles with you when you leave.**

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

Gift Aid: £382.70  
Non Gift Aid: £622.45  
Gift Aid Standing Order: £194.38  
Total giving this week : £1199.53  
Mass Count: 356

**Parish Sick List**  
Please pray for the sick and housebound and all who care for them.

**Interested in Becoming a Catholic?  
RCIA Course**

The RCIA course will commence in the Autumn. Please pick up an enrolment form from the church porches and return to Canon John when completed.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

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

**Catholic Papers**

From 7th September there will be an increase in the price of The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times to £1.50 each.

**SPUC - Freedom at Risk**

SPUC is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigils, which have helped many women to choose life for their unborn baby. Postcards are available in the church porches .

**Adoration and Weekly Devotions**

During the mission week there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 10-11.30am and Friday 8-5pm or the weekly prayer group and UCM meeting. Adoration will take place during the planned times of prayer and reflection.

**Requiescant in Pace**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of Bernard Naughton and Hannah Williams who died recently. We extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

**Parish Mission 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

Please say the Mission Prayer with your family at home. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Please ask yourself, how can I be involved to make Christ the Centre of my life and don't be afraid to take part in this Graceful moment in the history of this parish.

**Tea & Coffee Rotas - Can you help?**

Volunteers are needed to make and serve tea/coffee and clear up after the morning and evening sessions.

**Preparing the hall on Friday morning at 9.30am** for the evening social and clear up after the social. If you can help in any way please contact Carole Morgan in the parish office 01633 482346 or email [cwmbbranadmin@virginmedia.com](mailto:cwmbbranadmin@virginmedia.com)

**Discerning Charisms**

Our parishes need to become places where it is normal for adult Catholics to ask, "What is God calling me to do?" Over the years we have discovered that a powerful way to foster a parish culture of discernment is by beginning with a discernment of personal charisms. Charisms are some of the many graces that we receive in baptism and confirmation. A charism is "a favour" or (in St Thomas Aquinas' terminology) a "gratuitous grace" given to a member of the body of Christ to empower him or her to build up the Church and to witness Christ to the world. Charisms are supernaturally empowered ways in which God's mercy, love, healing, truth, beauty, and provision will reach others through us. Most importantly, charisms, unlike natural talents or skills, can never be kept to ourselves or used deliberately for evil.

St Paul and many of the early Church Fathers, and later St Thomas Aquinas, wrote in considerable detail about the existence and significance of charisms in the Church's life and mission. The first discussion of charisms to take place at an ecumenical council occurred in the midst of a discussion of the laity at the Second Vatican Council. This is one reason the *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity* states: Indeed, everyone should diligently prepare himself for the apostolate, this preparation being the more urgent in adulthood. For the advance of age brings with it a more open mind, enabling each person to detect more readily the talents with which God has enriched his soul and to exercise more effectively those charisms which the Holy Spirit has bestowed on him for the good of his brethren  
*The Path to Knowing and following Jesus. Sherry A Weddell*