

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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13th December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

Psalter Week 3

TO REGISTER AND RESERVE A PLACE TO ATTEND MASS

(PLEASE NOTE: YOU NEED TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EACH TIME THAT YOU WISH TO ATTEND)

Parishioners are required to register a place for **WEEKEND MASSES ONLY** with:

Paddy Landers for Our Lady's Church. Mobile (TEXT) 07740543645 email: patricia.landiers@sky.com Paddy will confirm you have been added to the list.

Clare Jones for St David's Church. Text: 07748687123 e-mail: jonesc36@sky.com If you wish to telephone, please do so after 6pm and leave a message. Clare will confirm that you have been added to the list.

Peter Olearczyk for Our Lady's and St David's Churches (**WEEKDAY MASSES ONLY**)

Mobile (TEXT) 07885835866 e-mail: peter@olearczyk.co.uk Peter will confirm you have been added to the list.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL PRIOR TO ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE STAY AT HOME AND DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH. PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON THAT YOU BOOKED YOUR PLACE WITH SO THAT YOUR PLACE CAN BE RELEASED AND REALLOCATED.

Advent to Christmas arrangements – Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Our Lady's 4.00 pm

Contact Paddy to book a place (see above)

St David's 6.00 pm

Contact Clare to book a place ""

Our Lady's 9.00 pm

Contact Paddy to book a place ""

Christmas Day

Our Lady's 9.00 am

Contact Peter to book a place (see above)

St David's 10.30 am

Contact Clare to book a place ""

Boxing Day (St Stephen)

Our Lady's. 10.00 am

Contact Peter to book a place (see above)

Holy Family

Our Lady's 9.30 am

Contact Paddy to book a place (see above)

St David's 11.15 am

Contact Clare to book a place ""

Baptism

We welcome into our Parish family Amelia Popkowska who will be baptised next Saturday at 12noon in St David's. We congratulate her parents as Amelia begins her Faith journey

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Canon John Griffiths VF and parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels, Cwmbran and Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy, Llantarnam Abbey and Our Lady of the Angels Primary School.

Live Stream Camera To view the live streams, you will need to use the link below. All live streams will be live and will not be available to be viewed at a later time. <http://www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/our-lady-live-stream/>

Saturday 12 th Dec	10.00 am Reconciliation 5.00 pm	St David's St David's St David's	First Holy Communion (Private Invitation) 4.15pm – 4.45pm Crying Room <u>3rd Sunday of Advent Year B</u> Trevor & Sue Jenkins (PJ)
Sunday 13 th Dec	9.30 am 11.15 am	Our Lady's St David's	The People of the Parish: Gladys Topliss (VW) Ann Webb (E&SG)
Tuesday 15 th Dec	9.40 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St David's St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Bridie Colville (M O'B); Kathleen Dolores Phillips Private funeral for Kathleen Dolores Phillips Evening Prayer of the Church <i>Live Stream only</i>
Wednesday 16 th Dec	9.40 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's Our Lady's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Sr Mary James (Sr C); Mary Margaret Jameson Private funeral for Mary Margaret Jameson Evening Prayer of the Church <i>Live Stream only</i>
Thursday 17 th Dec	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	St David's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ann, Pat and John McAndrew (ML) Evening Prayer of the Church <i>Live Stream only</i>
Friday 18 th Dec	9.40 am 10.00 am 2.00 pm 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's Our Lady's Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Mike Regan (K&JD); Brian Daley Private funeral for Brian Daley Holy Hour <i>Live Stream only</i> Evening Prayer of the Church <i>Live Stream only</i>
Saturday 19 th Dec	5.00 pm	St David's	<u>4th Sunday of Advent Year B</u> Richard Hurley (TH)
Sunday 20 th Dec	9.30 am 11.15 am	Our Lady's St David's	The People of the Parish Dennehy family (K&JD); Fr Ambrose Walsh (MP)

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Thomas John Dudman, Brian Dayley, Kathleen Dolores Phillips, Mary Margaret Jameson** who died recently and we extend our condolences to their families.

Parish Sick

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish and for those who care for them and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially **John Olearczyk, Philip Short, Joan Compton, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Sr Denise, Brenda Bold, Margaret Kane, Fr Kevin, Canon Issacs, Bob French, Jennifer Woods, Amelia Smith, Wendy Flemming, Keith Shepherd and Malcolm Williams.**

Torfaen Food Bank

Thanks to all who donated food items or money for the food bank over the last few months. If you wish to donate anything more before Christmas, please bring to either of the churches by the weekend 19th /20th December. Thanks again.

Christmas Offerings

Traditionally, the Christmas offering is our gift to our Parish Priest. Christmas envelopes are available from the church porches; if you use another envelope please mark it Christmas Offerings. You can place your envelopes in the collection baskets in the porches or post through the Presbytery door at Our Lady's.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

NOVEMBER	
Gift Aid S.O.	2117.50
Gift Aid Cash/chqs	270.00
Non G.A. S.O.	416.50
Non G.A. cash/chqs	973.80
Total	3777.80

The Year of the God Who Speaks
From Advent 2020 – January 23rd 2022

Christmas Suggestions

Bishop Robert Barron on Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUW-A2qZzWY>

Bishop Robert Barron on Christmas and the Prologue in the Gospel of St. John

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcmGmao-TJA>

"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as 'a witness to speak for the light', by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the 'anointed one' ('Messiah' in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: 'God has called you, and he will not fail you.' This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.