

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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21st February 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 1 Year B

All Masses are Live Streamed

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 20 th Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B Marian and Gerard Rosser (P&ML)
Sunday 21 st Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; David Bown (TH)
Tuesday 23 rd Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am <u>12.00 noon</u> 6.00 pm	Our Lady's <u>Crematorium</u> Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church) Jose Anthony Marie; Carl Crescenzi (PE) <u>Private Funeral Service for Jose Anthony Marie</u> Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 24 th Feb	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Ints of Jean Cadogan (JC); Helen Lang (RD) Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 25 th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am <u>12.15pm</u> 6.00 pm	Our Lady's <u>St David's</u>	Morning Prayer of the Church Lee Davies (AD); Michael Anthony Walsh <u>Private Funeral service for Michael Anthony Walsh</u> Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 26 th Feb	9.40 am 10.00 am After Mass 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints of Carole Morgan; Anne Webb (Fam) <u>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</u> Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 27 th Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B Ints Pat and Mike Evans (S&AW)
Sunday 28 th Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Richard Hurley (TH)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place by appointment on Saturday mornings between 11.00am -11.30am in St Anne's Room. **Please contact Canon John to arrange a time.**

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Jose Anthony Marie, Michael Walsh and Fr Ray O'Shea** 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 Rose James, Mrs Kopec, Ann Pitchforth, Joyce Coughlan, Tina Cordani, Peter and Isabelle Nash, Tommy Harris, Rosemary Jenkins, Richard Pattimore, Iverna Ward, Michael and Pauline Loughlin, Michael Evans, Philip Short, Chris Mulcahy, Sean Gilgunn, Sr Denise, Brenda Bold, Margaret Kane, Fr Kevin, Canon William Isaacs, Bob French, Amelia Smith, Wendy Fleming and Malcolm Williams.**

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 1st Sunday of Lent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Richard Aziati (Archdiocese of Accra) and parishioners of The Immaculate Conception, Tredegar. Saint Joseph Primary School, Tredegar.



'And so, this is the gift and duty for each one of us during the season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the message of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)



The God Who Speaks Team

The God who speaks has sent this link to several **Stations of the Cross and prayer resources** to aid personal devotions. godwhospeaks.uk/lent-at-home/personal-devotions

Family Fast Day Friday 26 February 2021

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 26 February 2021.**

This Lent in lockdown, our parish can help transform lives!

Abdella has to walk ten hours a day to find water to keep his family alive. Read Abdella's story on our Parish Group Page or at cafod.org.uk/lent

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we are unable to take a collection in the Churches but you can donate directly to Cafod at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10 or send a donation to **Cafod, Romero House, 55, Westminster Bridge Road, London. SE1 7JB**

Cafod Walk for Water challenge

You may have heard about the **Walk for Water** challenge, where people are walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days during Lent. In these difficult times, it's a great way to raise money for the most vulnerable people around the world. If you are currently "walking for water", or sponsoring someone else on their journey, then thank you. But the easiest way most of us can walk alongside Abdella this Lent, to support CAFOD's wider work and help end water poverty, is to give generously to the appeal today. Maria Owen from St David's has signed up for this challenge, and donations can be made online <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water739>

SCRIPTURE TALKS

We are invited to join Menevia's Scripture talks and the link is below. The next talk is on **Saturday, February 20th between 11am and 1pm** and will be given by **Fr. Liam Bradley on 'Creation and the Revelation of the Trinity in Genesis.'**

This is the link to click to see the whole programme.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/our-dioceses/menevias-programme-for-2021/>

How to Access the Online Talks:

The Talks are live streamed on YouTube.

To access the Talk on the day, please go to DOMSEC website domsec.org.uk and click "Livestream" on the top menu bar.

Finding Hope in Scripture Online Lenten Retreat led by Sr Hyacinthe, Portsmouth Diocese – starting Monday, February 22nd at 7.30pm for 6 weeks, a look at the virtue of hope from different Scripture passages, so that we may grow in hope with others. Followed by live-streamed adoration and Compline with the Dominican

Sisters of St. Joseph. Register here to participate:

godwhospeaks.uk/finding-hope-in-scripture

Belmont Abbey – Wednesdays in Lent from 10 am to 1 pm. See the Abbey website for further details – www.belmontabbey.org.uk

The National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **10th- 18th March 2021** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, **Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.**

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

CAFOD South Wales

We have **some excellent resources for teachers, parents and children to use for home learning during school closures and lockdown**

Just to highlight a few:

Cross curricular topics and RE project ideas and activities (Primary):

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primaryteaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

Secondary: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people> (also includes archived resources from 2020)

Family activities and prayers: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families>

Children's liturgy continues every Sunday at 10.00 am: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
(Recording available if the time is not convenient)

Prayer resources: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME - CAFOD's new campaign is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>

Marriage Care

Marriage Preparation: Please encourage any engaged couples that now is a great time to prepare for their married life together! Our live, facilitated, marriage preparation courses continue to be popular with couples who can now easily join these interactive workshops via Zoom. We provide group courses called "[Preparing Together](#)" which have received an Imprimatur from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and [FOCCUS](#) – a tailored questionnaire-based marriage preparation service for couples who wish to explore their own unique relationship in more depth. Both courses are approved for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. You can find out more and book a course [here](#).

Relationship Counselling: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions [here](#).

"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".