

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

Archdiocese of Cardiff

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28th February 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

Psalter Week 2 Year B

All Masses at Our Lady's 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 27th Feb	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u> Ints Pat and Mike Evans (S&AW)
Sunday 28th Feb	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Richard Hurley (TH)
Tuesday 2nd March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church For the Dead of the Pandemic throughout Europe Evening Prayer of the Church
Wednesday 3rd March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints Joanne Peake; Nancy Jordan (RS) Evening Prayer of the Church
Thursday 4th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Fr Ray O'Shea; Joan Lawrence (G&CB) Evening Prayer of the Church
Friday 5th March	9.40 am 10.00 am 10.40 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church Ints Darren, Sally and Damon Gray Stations of the Cross Holy Hour Evening Prayer of the Church
Saturday 6th March	5.00 pm	Our Lady's	<u>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</u> Terrence Lord (PL); Ted & Catherine Forrest (MJ)
Sunday 7th March	10.00 am	Our Lady's	The People of the Parish; Eileen McClenchy (PL)

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 soul of Fr Ray O'Shea who died recently and we extend our condolences to his family.

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, 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.**

Family Fast Day Friday 26 February 2021.

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Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we are unable to take a collection in the Churches but you can donate directly to Cafod at 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**

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are asked to pray for Rev Bernard Sixtus, (Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham) and parishioners of Saint David Lewis and Saint Francis Xavier, Usk.
Usk Prison, Prescoed Prison. Pilgrimage to Saint David Lewis.



'O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.'
(Collect Second Sunday of Lent)



The Pope's Intention – March 2021

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

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>

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**. 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.

Book of Remembrance - A message from Fr Daniel Stanton

On Monday, 23rd March we reach a significant milestone in the country's fight against Coronavirus. Archbishop George has asked me to send out the following message regarding celebrating a Requiem Mass for those of our families and communities who have died as a consequence of the pandemic. Parishioners, who would like the names of their loved ones to be included in the Book of Remembrance, please send the names to me at cathedral@rcadc.org, and I will ensure that they get included.

CCEE PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR LENT – 02 MARCH 2021

It has requested that for each day of Lent, a designated member country of CCEE should offer a special Mass for the dead of the pandemic throughout Europe. The purpose of this initiative is to express fraternal communion across our continent.

THE DATE REQUESTED FOR ENGLAND AND WALES IS TUESDAY 2ND MARCH 2021.

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio

www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website www.heavensroadfm.com.

Your giving to your Parish: many thanks

JANUARY	
Gift Aid S.O.	£1864.50
Gift Aid Cash/chqs	£201.50
Non G.A. S.O.	£399.50
Non G.A. cash/chqs	£160.00
Total	£2625.50

Headteacher - Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School

Salary Range L31-L37 + Relocation Assistance Package of up to £8,000 for the right candidate

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School in Bridgend are looking for a Headteacher with the energy, and vision to build on their significant achievements, continuing to raise standards within their caring, inclusive Catholic ethos.

They are seeking an experienced and inspiring leader to provide an environment where every single individual matters and where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. They have a strong commitment to ensuring that the learner is at the heart of everything they do. They are looking for a Headteacher who has the vision, skills, and partnership approach to allow all staff to realise their full potential.

Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School is a popular school located on a purpose-built site in Bridgend since 2011. There are 879 learners on roll, including a strong 6th form, with around 50% of learners from Catholic families. The school has positive relationships with the Archdiocese, the local authority, and the regional consortium.

They require a committed and practising Catholic to lead their inclusive school community, with a strong personal faith that will encourage others to live the school's mission and a positive attitude towards supporting the Welsh language, culture and history, and a distinctly Welsh curriculum and assessment strategy in Wales.

For more information about this exciting opportunity please contact our recruitment partner Emma Colvill whose details you will find on the last page of the candidate pack.

In addition, you will need to submit a supporting statement, detailing your track record, relevant experience, skills and competencies.

Please email your application to Emma Colvill

To apply for the position, please follow this link.

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/headteacher-bridgend-1405528>

Closing date: Monday, 15h March 2021

Shortlisting: Tuesday, 16th March 2021

Interviews: Thursday, 25th & Friday, 26th March 2021.

Start Date: September 2021

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/>

"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.