

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DAVID CWMBRAN

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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Saturday:	10.00am	Our Lady's	No Morning Services
Saturday/Sunday	5.00pm	St David's	Mass: + Ann Wilcox (Dr W)
	6.30pm	Our Lady's	Mass: Well being of David MacDonald (TF)
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mass: The People of the Parish
	11.15am	St David's	Mass: + Tom and Doreen Probert (JA)
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus	11.00am	Our Lady's	Mass: Ints of Kathleen Power (AH)
Tuesday: 4th January Mass	11.00am	St David's	Mass: + Stan and Blodwen Mills (S&RM)
Thursday: The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	9.40am	St David's	Morning Prayer
	10.00am		Sung Mass: The People of the Parish
	7.00pm	Our Lady's	Sung Mass: + Sr Denise O'Donnell (PL)
Friday:	9.40am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	10.00am		Mass: + Sr Francis Xavier (RD)
	10:30am		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 12.00pm</i>
Saturday:	9.40am	Our Lady's	Morning Prayer
	10.00am		Mass: + Nora Rogers (PP)
	10.30am		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, <i>until 11.45am</i>
	10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 11:45am</i>
Saturday/Sunday The Baptism of the Lord	4.15pm	St David's	Sacrament of reconciliation, <i>until 4.45pm</i>
	5.00pm		Mass: + John Douglas Cross (BC)
	6.30pm	Our Lady's	Mass: The People of the Parish
	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mass: + The Pinkey family and friends
	11.15am	St David's	Mass: + Robert and Susan Peacock (MP)

PLEASE NOTE: With the rise of the COVID variant, we have been informed by the Archdiocese that restrictions based on level two came into effect last week. This means that we have once again had to put into place a distance of two metres between households/bubbles. As a result of this, numbers at weekend Masses will be restricted for the coming weeks. For the weekend Masses, please pre-book a space until further notice. Thank you. Fr. Daniel

Safety Within the Parish - I would like to thank everyone who continues to ensure that our churches remain a safe space to worship at all times. Coronavirus, and its variants remain an ever-evolving situation. Please continue to consult the parish website and the social media platforms for up-to-date information. Until the new year, the coffee mornings are suspended. More information to follow about resuming will be available in due course.

Please continue to follow all government guidelines: **mask wearing** is essential in our churches, unless exempt; **hand sanitising stations** are available at the entrance to the churches; **Track and Trace** remains in place. If you have any of the symptoms associated with Coronavirus, please stay at home, and follow the appropriate procedures. Live-streaming of Services are available. St. David's livestream will hopefully resume this week.

TO REGISTER AND RESERVE A PLACE TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASSES (from 01/01/22)

Our Lady of the Angels Church

Contact person: Paddy Landers

Mobile (TEXT) 07740543645

email: patricia.landiers@sky.com Paddy will confirm your booking.

St. David's Church

Contact person: Clare Jones

Text: 07748687123

e-mail: jonesc36@sky.com

FOR WEEKDAY MASSES, NO ADVANCED BOOKING IS NECESSARY.

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.

Requiescant in Pace

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently. We remember especially Anthony Downey and Judy Clarke May they rest in peace. Amen.

Crib offering

This year's crib offerings will be shared between the families in our diocese who continue to suffer from food poverty and the Afghan child refugees who have come to Wales without their parents and are being cared for by the local authorities and foster carers.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is this Thursday. Although the obligation to attend Mass has not been reinstated by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, there are two opportunities to participate in Mass: 10.00am at St. David's, and 7.00pm at Our Lady's. During the Masses, it is custom to bless chalk for you to take home to mark your front doors. Instructions will also be available.

Next Week: The Baptism of the Lord

Next weekend we celebrate the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast day is closely connected with Christmas and the Epiphany of the Lord. It closes the season of Christmas. During the Masses next weekend, I will bless Holy Water. I invite you to bring a bottle of water with you to Mass for me to bless to keep and use in your homes. Holy Water is an important sacramental, a sacred sign that bears a resemblance to the sacraments.

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making my first Christmas here in the parish so special. I would like to thank you personally for the cards and gifts that I have received. I am truly moved and humbled by the generosity and support you have shown me. God bless, Fr. Daniel.

Parish Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage, make us more like Christ in our works and actions.

Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today.

Bless the work of our Parish. Guide all that we do so that our church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you

Deepen our love For the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Discipleship to become the Church you are calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Torfaen Food Bank

The next collection will be on **8/9th January**

Synod 2023

Last October, the Holy Father officially launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality. The Holy Father spoke how it is a call to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say". Preaching at the launch Mass, the Pope reflected that this time of consultation is a time for us to open ourselves up to prayer: "... time to devote to prayer and adoration – this prayer that we neglect so much: to adore, to make room for adoration – listening to what the Spirit wants to say to the Church". I am very grateful to our two parish representatives who are working closely with the Archdiocese to facilitate this time of consultation. It has the opportunity of being a graced time for our parish. An initial information meeting about the Synod has been arranged at **Our Lady's Church** on **Monday, 10th January 2022 at 6:00pm**. We are in the Church so that we can also live-stream the meeting to those who are unable to attend in person. If you would like to book a place in the Church, please contact Fr. Daniel directly, either by telephone or by emailing cwmbbran@rcadc.org. You can visit the Synod information page at: www.ourladyoftheangels.org.uk/synod.

Awakening: Rediscovering God and the Life You Were Made For

New years have always been a time for new resolutions, for starting afresh, for looking to the future with renewed vision and confidence. During January, the Gospel readings will help us to awaken and rediscover the excitement of our faith, and the life which we are made for, in the Holy Spirit. During these COVID-times, many people have started questioning again their faith, and its place and value in their lives. As the month of January unfolds, our prayer could appropriately be that of St. Augustine: "You arouse us so that praising you may bring us joy, because you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you". Let us continue to pray the Parish Prayer for a reawakening of faith and discipleship in our parish community.